

Gummerson Rausch Wand Gray Wombacher, LLC



Rebecca M. Lee

August 27, 2009

Mr. S. Craig Steagall
WOOLF DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, INC.
8550 Ridgefield Road
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Re: Metra Land Issue
Our File No. 30868-130

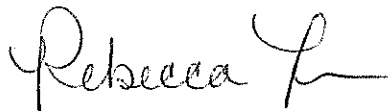
Dear Craig:

This correspondence is in followup to the response received from Metra pursuant to our FOIA request. As you know, in their August 12, 2009 response Metra claimed certain reporting exemptions; specifically, they assert that they are not required to turn over any records, documents or information relating to a real estate purchase until same is consummated. As the subject sale has not been finalized I do not believe an appeal of their denial of our FOIA request would prove fruitful. Accordingly, I do not intend to appeal the denial.

If you would like to pursue an appeal or if you have any questions about this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

GUMMERSON RAUSCH WAND
GRAY WOMBACHER, LLC


Rebecca M. Lee

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cc: R. Mark Gummerson

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Gummerson Rausch Wand Gray Wombacher, LLC



Jamie R. Wombacher

September 16, 2009

Mr. S. Craig Steagall
WOOLF DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, INC.
8550 Ridgefield Road
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Re: Metra Land Issue
Our File No. 30868-130

Dear Craig:

Enclosed please find a copy of a Extension of Time Notice that I received from Metra in response to my Freedom of Information Act request. They anticipate providing the requested documents to us by October 5, 2009.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

GUMMERSON RAUSCH WAND
GRAY WOMBACHER, LLC

Jamie R. Wombacher

JRW:scw
Enclosure

Gummerson Rausch Wand Gray Wombacher, LLC



Jamie R. Wombacher

October 1, 2009

Mr. S. Craig Steagall
WOOLF DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, INC.
8550 Ridgefield Road
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Re: Metra Land Issue
Our File No. 30868-130

Dear Craig:

Enclosed please find copies of the documents that I received pursuant to our FOIA request dated September 14, 2009 to METRA regarding the Steagall/Seegers property. I still have not received the documents I requested and will be appealing METRA's determination.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

GUMMERSON RAUSCH WAND
GRAY WOMBACHER, LLC

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Jamie R. Wombacher

JRW:scw

Enclosures

cc: R. Mark Gummerson

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Public Records Examination - Extension of Time Notice

Requestor	Request No.	Date	
Gummerson Rausch Wand Gray Wombacher	091409A	09/15/09	
Address:	City,	State,	Zip
101 S. Benton St., Ste. 201	Woodstock	IL	60098

On September 15, 2009, we received a written request for access to Metra records. Metra hereby notifies you that it will need additional time to respond to your request. We anticipate providing you a response by October 5, 2009.

The reason(s) for this extension is as follows:

- The requested records are stored in whole or in part at other locations than the office having charge of the requested records;
- The request requires the collection of a substantial number of specified records;
- The request is couched in categorical terms and requires an extensive search for the records responsive to it;
- The requested records have not been located in the course of routine search and additional efforts are being made to locate them;
- The requested records require examination and evaluation by personnel having the necessary competence and discretion to determine if they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7 of this Act or should be revealed only with appropriate deletions;
- The request for records cannot be complied with by the public body within the time limits prescribed by paragraph (c) of this Section without unduly burdening or interfering with the operations of the public body;
- There is a need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another public body or among two or more components of a public body having a substantial interest in the determination or in the subject matter of the request.
- Xerographic copies of public records will be provided by the Corporation upon payment of a fee of ten cents (\$.10) per page to cover the actual cost of reproducing such records.
- Other (specify) _____

Any records you requested which are not listed above will be available at the Metra Offices.

The records for which extension of time is needed will be made available or a denial will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

Law Department

Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors

Karen Lucas, Paralegal Associate

Gummerson Rausch Wand Gray Wombacher, LLC

Jamie R. Wombacher



August 21, 2009

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Craig Steagall
Woolf Distributing, Co.
8550 Ridgefield Road
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request - METRA
Our File #30868-130

Dear Craig:

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence from Elisabeth Murphy dated August 12, 2009. Pursuant to this letter it appears that Ms. Murphy believes certain requested information is exempt from disclosure. We have 15 days in which to appeal her decision. Therefore I will begin work on an appeal immediately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

GUMMERSON RAUSCH
WAND GRAY WOMBACHER, LLC

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Jamie R. Wombacher

JRW/srs

Enclosure

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Memorandum

Elisabeth Murphy
Assistant Secretary
Board of Directors
Direct Dial: 312.322.6966
Facsimile: 312.322.4264
E-mail: imurphy@metrarr.com

August 12, 2009

VIA U.S. MAIL

Ms. Rebecca M. Lee
GUMMERSON RAUSCH
WAND GRAY WOMBACHER
101 S. Benton St., Ste. 201
Woodstock, IL 60098

Re: Response to Freedom of Information Act Request
Information Relative to Locating a Commuter Rail Station in the Area of
the Village of Ridgefield, McHenry County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Lee:

Metra is responding to your request dated July 31, 2009, pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.) ("FOIA" or "Act"). Your request was for "information relative to determining and/or locating a commuter rail station in the area of the Village of Ridgefield, McHenry County, Illinois." Because there is no actual Village of Ridgefield in McHenry County, we assumed you meant the unincorporated McHenry County area adjacent to the City of Crystal Lake and certain property owned by the Union Pacific Railroad. Per Metra attorney Roman Gold, your request is granted in part and denied in part.

In the course of this examination, it was determined that some of the information or documents you requested are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Sections 7(1)(f) and 7(1)(s) of the Act, which state, in pertinent part:

(f) Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body....

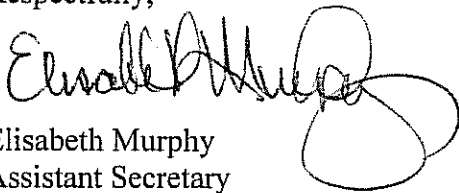
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(s) The records, documents and information relating to real estate purchase negotiations until those negotiations have been completed or otherwise terminated.... The records, documents and information relating to a real estate sale shall be exempt until a sale is consummated.

Attached please find that portion of the information you requested that is subject to disclosure under FOIA. To the extent we have denied any portion of your request, you have the right to appeal by completing the enclosed Notice of Appeal and mailing it within 15 working days to the Executive Director, Philip A. Pagano.

If I can be of further service, please contact me at 312/322.6966.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elisabeth Murphy". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Elisabeth Murphy
Assistant Secretary
Board of Directors

Enclosures

cc: Karen Lucas
Law Department