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Re: Requesting Carload Waybill Data pertaining to Columbus, Georgia
49 C.F.R. § 1244.9(c)

To Director Monaco:

This firm represents the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the “City”). On behalf of the City, we hereby request one copy each of the year 2022 unmasked confidential Carload Waybill Sample of railroad traffic originating, terminating, or passing through Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia. In addition, we ask that access to the requested data be granted to S&P Global, so that the firm can provide a database connected to the City’s Columbus Rail Yard Relocation Study Update.

This project is intended to update the data which was previously shared with the City as part of a rail yard relocation feasibility study conducted in 2010 by AECOM together with IHS Global Insight (which is currently a S&P Global subsidiary). The confidential waybill data is needed so the City may understand the rail traffic in its jurisdiction. The data requested herein will be used to compare to the data studied in 2010 to understand how local rail traffic has changed in the last decade, and to evaluate the City’s reversionary interest in certain railyard parcels within its jurisdiction. Our objective is to determine whether the City should pursue its reversionary interest through formal proceedings before the Surface Transportation Board.

Those S&P Global and City contractors/employees who will be working with the Carload Waybill Sample information will sign a confidentiality agreement. The requested data will be kept confidential and used only by those persons who need the information for the project, and who will be responsible for the custody of the data and compliance with the terms of the confidentiality agreement. A list of those individuals is attached as Exhibit “A” to this letter.

Any person or entity seeking information concerning the filing of objections to this request are referred to 49 C.F.R. § 1244.9, or the Surface Transportation Board’s Office of Economics. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Exhibit A

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