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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
2016 FOIA 041267

Dear Mr. Richardson and Mr. Horner:

Thank you for writing to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General with your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (West 2014)).

In a facsimile received on April 11, 2016, you submitted a joint FOIA request for the following:

[(1)] [C]opies of all emails, including attachments, sent to or from (including also as cc: or bcc:) employees of the * * * Office of the Attorney General Environmental Divisions, except secretarial/administrative and paralegal staff, which correspondence uses any of the following words or phrases, anywhere in the email, including in the body of the thread or any To, From, cc: and/or bcc: or Subject fields:

- a) "RICO [,]"
- b) "climate denial [,]"

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- c) **"climate denier" (which includes in "climate deniers")**[.]
- d) **"climate risk [.]"**[]
- e) **Gore, or**
- f) **"Whitehouse[.]"**

For the above-described request: responsive records will be dated over the approximately four-month period from January 1, 2016 through the date you process this request. (Bold, underscore, and italics in original.)

[(2)] [C]opies of all correspondence between the Illinois Attorney General, or the Office's Environmental Division's Office except secretarial/administrative and paralegal staff, and employees of the New York Attorney General's Office, dated from March 20, 2016 through March 30, 2016. (Underscore in original.)

Pursuant to section 3(e)(v) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/3(e)(v) (West 2014)), we extended the time to respond to part 1 of your request by five business days on April 18, 2016, because the records required further examination to determine if they were exempt from disclosure or should be released with appropriate redactions.

Pursuant to section 3(e)(iv) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/3(e)(iv) (West 2014)), we extended the time to respond to part 2 of your request by five business days on April 18, 2016, because the requested records had not been located in the course of routine search and additional efforts were being made to locate them.

Per my telephone conversation with Mr. Richardson on April 25, 2016, I explained that this office is still conducting searches for records responsive to your request and will need to review the records to determine if they are exempt from disclosure or should be released with appropriate redactions. Accordingly, we require additional time to respond to this request. I requested that you permit us to provide you with the non-exempt responsive records in a rolling fashion, beginning May 2, 2016, until production is complete. Mr. Richardson asked that I summarize our telephone conversation in a letter and stated that he would discuss a rolling production with his colleagues and get back to me with regard to whether this is acceptable.

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Should you have any questions or if my understanding of our conversation is incorrect, please contact me at (312) 814-1493.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caitlin Q. Knutte', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

CAITLIN Q. KNUTTE
Assistant Attorney General
FOIA Officer

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