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Dear Ms. Chaney:

The Illinois Tollway is in receipt of your FOIA request for:

- “1. Documents and/or records identifying whether Commonwealth Edison (i.e., CornEd) currently receives free passage on the Illinois Tollway;
2. Documents and/or records identifying whether Pace Bus currently receives free passage on the Illinois Tollway; and
3. Documents and/or records identifying whether any other company, entity, or citizen currently receives free passage on the Illinois Tollway.”

We are in the process of reviewing your request.

Item 1. No responsive records. The Illinois Tollway does not grant ComEd free passage.

Item 2. Your request is unclear as to what type of documents or records you are looking for. The Toll Highway Act grants Pace Bus the right not to pay tolls for “a vehicle owned or operated by the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority that is being used to transport passengers for hire may use any toll highway without paying the toll.” 605 ILCS 10/19. However, it is not clear how you want that documented. Please clarify.

Item 3. Your request is unclear as to what type of documents or records you are looking for. The only persons or entities the Tollway does not require to pay tolls are limited to those specifically set forth in the Toll Highway Act, “any law enforcement agency vehicle, fire department vehicle, public or private ambulance service vehicle engaged in the performance of an emergency service or duty that necessitates the use of the toll highway system, or other emergency vehicle that is plainly marked shall not be required to pay a toll to use a toll highway.” 605 ILCS 10/19. The Tollway can provide a list of the entities that qualify if that is what you are requesting. There are no other companies, citizens or persons, other than those listed in the Toll Highway Act which do not have to pay tolls.

If there are record or document types for Pace Bus that you want please describe them in more detail. If there are more detailed records or documents, such as a list of the law enforcement agencies, fire departments or public or private ambulance services, please let us know.

In addition, please note that the Illinois Tollway does have an intergovernmental agreement with River Valley Metro Mass Transit that allows for advertising in lieu of cash toll payments for passage on the Illinois Tollway system.

Respectfully,

Joelle McGinnis
Freedom of Information Officer