



**TO: Board of Directors**

**DATE: October 10, 2024**

**FROM: Jim Derwinski, CEO/Executive Director**

**SUBJECT: Fiber-Optic License Agreement with Commonwealth Edison Company –  
Metra’s Rock Island Line (RI) – Chicago**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Board action is requested to execute a Fiber-Optic License Agreement (“Agreement”) with Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), on Metra’s Rock Island Line at West 103<sup>rd</sup> Street (Milepost 11.89) in Chicago.

**BACKGROUND**

ComEd has requested from Metra permission to install one (1) underground 288-count fiber-optic cable, to be located on the south side of West 103rd Street in Chicago.

After installation ComEd shall maintain, operate, and repair the fiber-optic cable during the term of this perpetual Agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Metra will receive an annual license fee of \$8,000 which will increase 3% annually, during the term of this Agreement. Additionally, Metra shall have the option to increase the fee in accordance with Metra’s scheduled rates or market conditions every five years during the term of this perpetual Agreement.

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