Re: FOIA-2015-00779
Google emails

Dear Mr. Mullins:

This is a supplemental response to your request dated March 23, 2015, under the Freedom of Information Act seeking access to any and all email communications between FTC Commissioner Edith Ramirez and anyone from Google from July 1, 2012 to Jan. 31, 2013. In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records as of March 23, 2015, the date we received your request in our FOIA office.

We located two pages of responsive records. These records were originally produced in our response to your FOIA request 2015-00686 given to you on March 13, 2015. Additionally, these documents are also available on our website: https://www.ftc.gov/about-ftc/foia/foia-reading-rooms/frequently-requested-records. I am granting partial access to the accessible records. Portions of these pages fall within the exemptions to the FOIA’s disclosure requirements, as explained below.

Some responsive records constitute confidential commercial or financial information, which is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). See Critical Mass Energy Project v. NRC, 975 F.2d 871, 879 (D.C. Cir. 1992). Moreover, because Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 46(f), prohibits public disclosure of this type of information, it is also exempt under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), which, as noted above, exempts from disclosure any information that is protected from disclosure under another federal statute.

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may appeal by writing to Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20580, within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please enclose a copy of your original request and a copy of this response. If you believe that we should choose to disclose additional materials beyond what the FOIA requires, please explain why this would be in the public interest.
If you have any questions about the way we handled your request or about the FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Anna Murray at (202) 326-2820.

Sincerely,

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