

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
PARP Quarterly Report: January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019

WMATA's Office of General Counsel submits the following information to the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer in accordance with PARP § 11.1:

**I. Basic Information Regarding the PARP and the Quarterly Reports**

The PARP was enacted in accordance with WMATA's interstate compact and, as such, carries the force of law. See D.C. Code Ann § 9-1107.01(12).

The text of the PARP is available in its entirety on WMATA's web site at <https://www.wmata.com/about/records/public-records.cfm> under the section labelled "Legal Affairs."

All quarterly PARP reports dated from October 1, 2005, to the present are available on WMATA's web site at <https://www.wmata.com/about/records/>, under the section labelled "Public Access to Records Quarterly Reports."

**II. How To Submit a PARP Request**

A. **By mail at:** Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
Office of General Counsel  
600 Fifth Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001

RE: PARP Request

B. **By email at:** PARP@wmata.com

C. **By facsimile (fax) at:** (202) 962-2550

For complete information regarding filing requirements, please see PARP § 7.0, which is available on WMATA's web site as described above.

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III. Key Definitions

1. **Appeal** – A written statement requesting reconsideration of the disposition of a PARP request or a fee waiver decision. Upon exhaustion of the administrative appeal process, a requester may seek judicial review of WMATA's final decision.
2. **Backlogged Request** – A PARP request that has exceeded the prescribed time for a response (for routine requests – 20 business days; for complex requests – 30 business days).
3. **Closed Request** – A PARP request for which WMATA has taken final action.
4. **Complex Request** – A PARP request that generates voluminous records (totaling more than 200 pages) or requires coordination with multiple stakeholders within or outside WMATA.
5. **Denial** – An unfavorable response to a PARP request, which does not culminate in the release of any requested records.
6. **Exemption** – A category of records that is not subject to release under the PARP.
7. **Expedited Request** – A PARP request that is taken out of order for priority processing because of circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could be reasonably expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual, or because of an urgent need to inform the public about an actual or alleged WMATA activity in accordance with PARP § 7.10.2 b (ii).
8. **External Stakeholder** – An entity outside WMATA (generally a requester or third-party contractor) involved in processing PARP requests.
9. **First Quarter (1Q) 2019** – The period from January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019, inclusive.
10. **Full Grant** – A completely favorable response to a PARP request, culminating in the release of all requested records without redaction.
11. **Mean Processing Time** – The mean of the set of relevant processing times.
12. **Median Processing Time** – The middle value of the set of relevant processing times.
13. **Media Request** – A PARP request submitted on behalf of an entity whose primary activity involves publishing or otherwise disseminating information to the general public, to the extent records are requested for a news story.
14. **PARP Request** – A written statement requesting WMATA records under the PARP.
15. **Partial Grant** – A less than completely favorable response to a PARP request, which excludes information determined to fall under one or more prescribed exemptions.
16. **Processing Time** – The duration that a PARP request was pending.
17. **Routine Request** – A PARP request that requires less than two hours of staff time to process.
18. **Working Days** – Excluding weekends and federal holidays.

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**IV. Quarterly Overview:**

**a. Total Requests**

No. of PARP Requests Pending at Start of 1Q 2019	86
No. of PARP Requests Pending at End of 1Q 2019	102
No. of PARP Requests Received in 1Q 2019	107
No. of PARP Requests Closed in 1Q 2019	91
Mean Processing Time of Requests Closed in 1Q 2019 (in Working Days)	58
Median Processing Time of Requests Closed in 1Q 2019 (in Working Days)	25

**b. Requests for Expedited Processing**

No. of Requests for Expedited Processing Received in 1Q 2019	3
No. of Requests for Expedited Processing Granted in 1Q 2019	0
No. of Requests for Expedited Processing Denied in 1Q 2019	3
No. of Requests for Expedited Processing Mooted in 1Q 2019	0
No. of Expedited Requests Pending at Start of 1Q 2019	0
No. of Expedited Requests Pending at End of 1Q 2019	0
No. of Expedited Requests Closed during 1Q 2019	0
Mean Processing Time of Expedited Requests Closed in 1Q 2019 (Working Days)	0
Median Processing Time of Expedited Requests Closed in 1Q 2019 (Working Days)	0

**c. Routine and Complex Requests**

No. of Routine PARP Requests Closed in 1Q 2019	73
No. of Complex PARP Requests Closed in 1Q 2019	18
Mean Processing Time of Routine PARPs Closed in 1Q 2019 (Working Days)	47
Median Processing Time of Routine PARPs Closed in 1Q 2019 (Working Days)	17
Mean Processing Time of Complex PARPs Closed in 1Q 2019 (Working Days)	101
Median Processing Time of Complex PARPs Closed in 1Q 2019 (Working Days)	40

**d. Media Requests**

No. of Media PARP Requests Received in 1Q 2019	8
No. of Media PARP Requests Closed in 1Q 2019	7
Mean Processing time of Media PARPs Closed in 1Q 2019 (Working Days)	87
Median Processing Time of Media PARPs Closed in 1Q 2019 (Working Days)	37

**e. Backlogged Requests**

No. of Backlogged PARP Requests at start of 1Q 2019	64
No. of Backlogged PARP Requests at close of 1Q 2019	79
Mean Processing Time of Backlogged PARPs Closed in 1Q 2019 (Working Days)	106
Median Processing Time of Backlogged PARPs Closed in 1Q 2019 (Working Days)	85

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V. Status of Oldest PARP Requests:

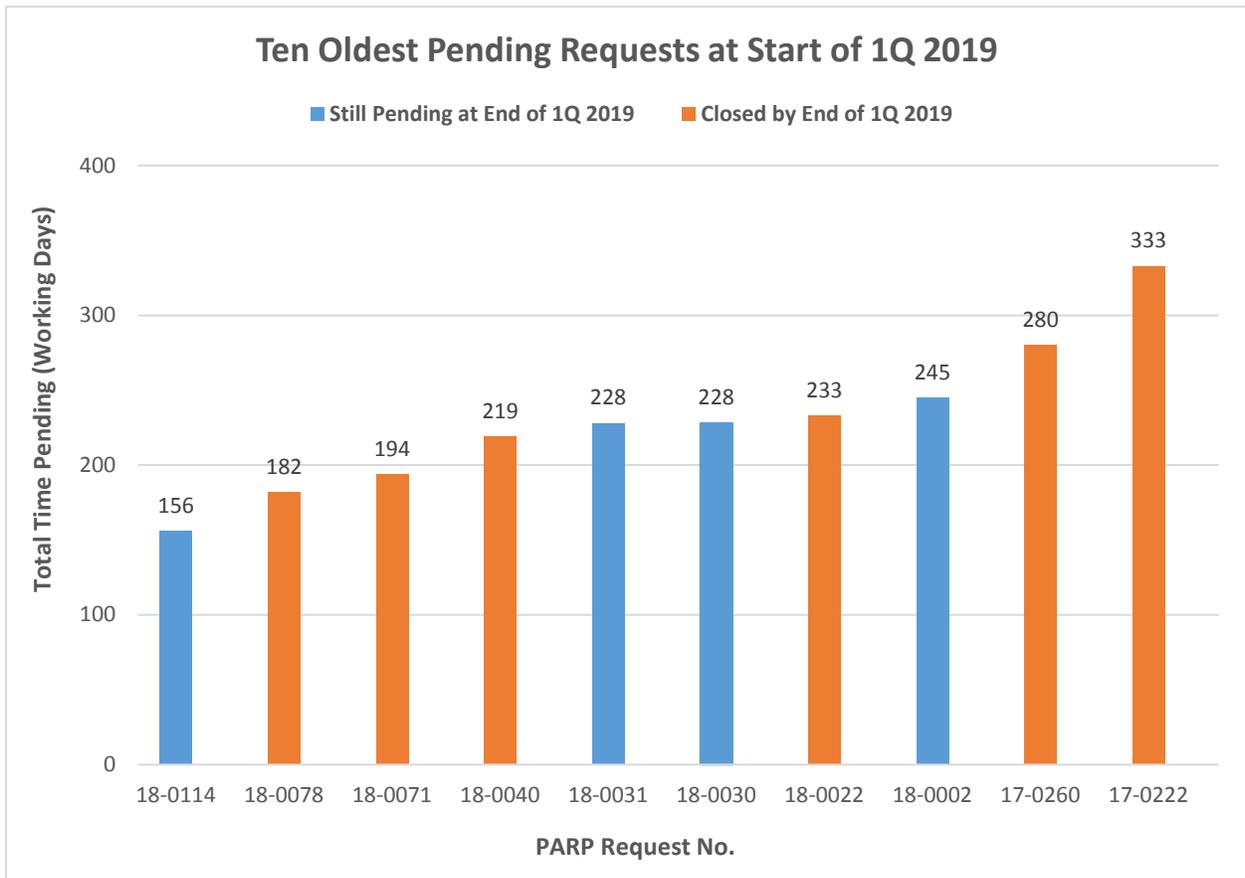
a. Ten Oldest PARP Requests Pending at Start of 1Q 2019

PARP No.	Date of Receipt	Total Time Pending at start of 1Q
18-0114	5/17/2018	156 working days
18-0078	4/11/2018	182 working days
18-0071	3/26/2018	194 working days
18-0040	2/16/2018	219 working days
18-0031	2/5/2018	228 working days
18-0030	2/5/2018	228 working days
18-0022	1/29/2018	233 working days
18-0002	1/10/2018	245 working days
17-0260	11/17/2017	280 working days
17-0222	8/31/2017	333 working days

b. Ten Oldest PARP Requests Pending at End of 1Q 2019:

PARP No.	Date of Receipt	Total Time Pending at end of 1Q
18-0153	7/11/2018	180 working days
18-0151	7/6/2018	183 working days
18-0145	6/28/2018	188 working days
18-0122	5/29/2018	210 working days
18-0121	5/29/2018	210 working days
18-0115	5/17/2018	217 working days
18-0114	5/17/2018	217 working days
18-0031	2/5/2018	289 working days
18-0030	2/5/2018	289 working days
18-0002	1/10/2018	306 working days

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**VI. Staffing Levels:**

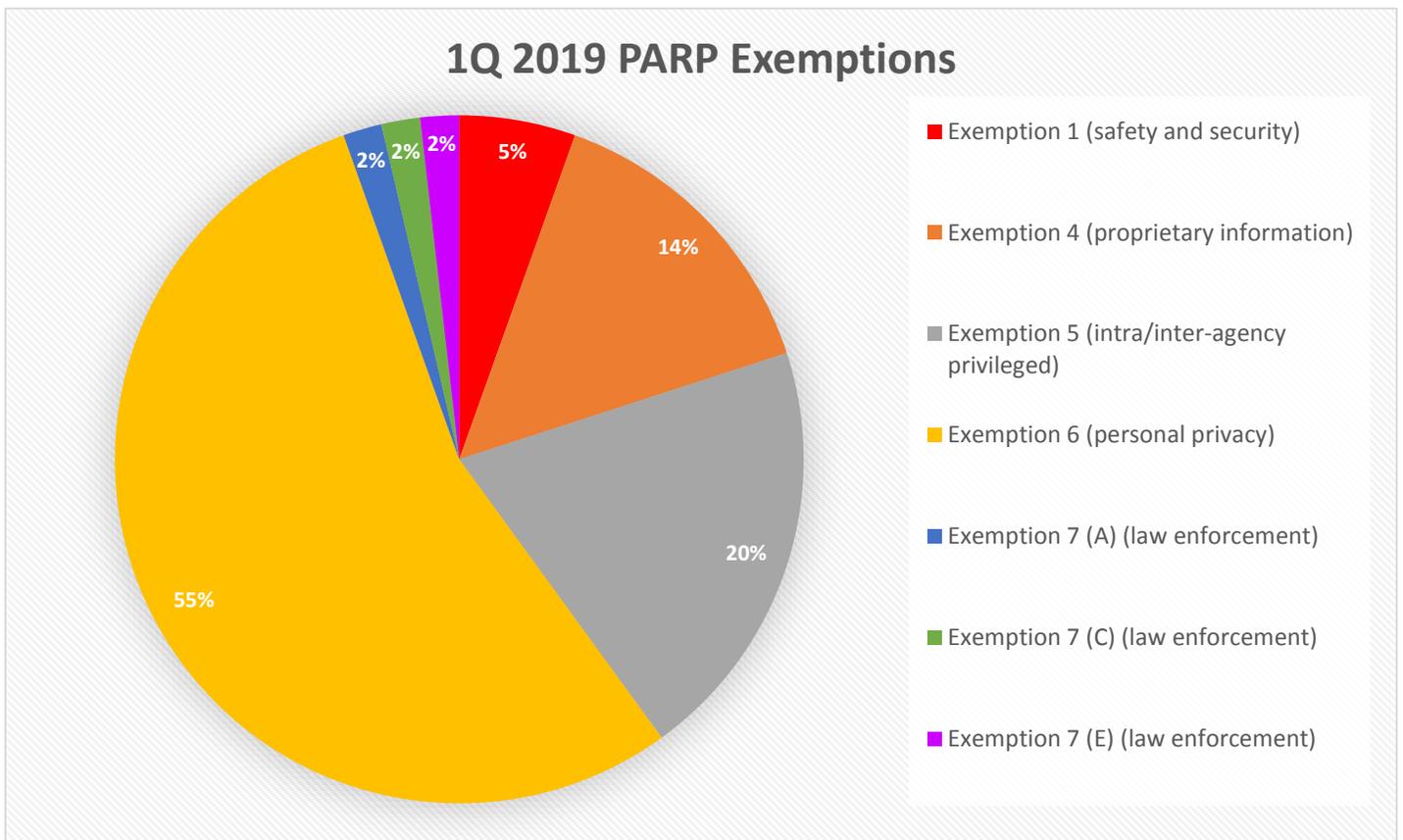
Full-time Personnel	2
Part-time Personnel	2 <sup>1</sup>
Total	4

<sup>1</sup> Does not include records custodians and subject matter experts from other departments, or personnel who occasionally assist with records retrieval and review for specific requests.

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VII. Breakdown of PARP Exemptions during 1Q 2019:

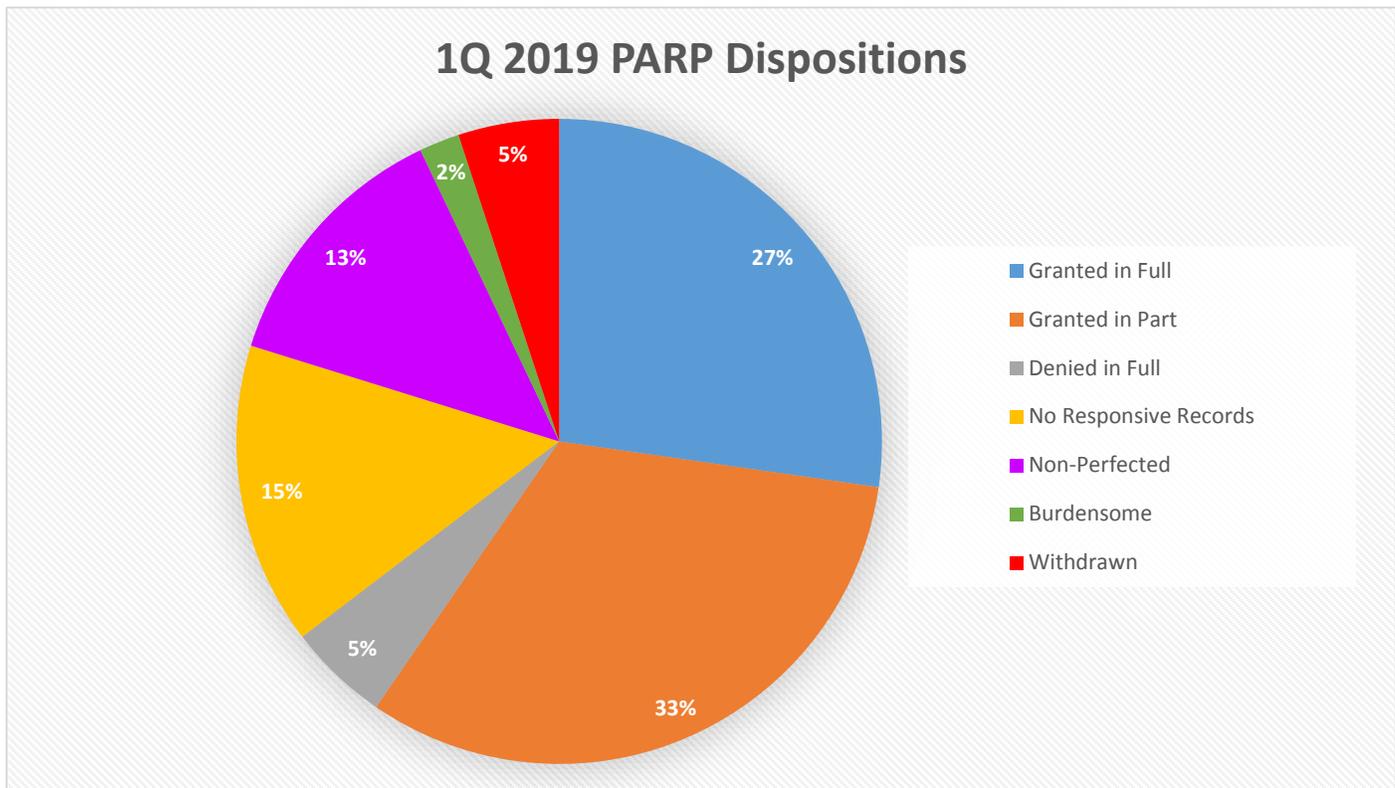
Exemption 1 (safety and security)	3
Exemption 2 (internal personnel rules and practices)	0
Exemption 3 (exempt by statute)	0
Exemption 4 (proprietary information)	8
Exemption 5 (intra/inter-agency privileged)	11
Exemption 6 (personal privacy)	30
Exemption 7 (A) (law enforcement)	1
Exemption 7 (B) (law enforcement)	0
Exemption 7 (C) (law enforcement)	1
Exemption 7 (D) (law enforcement)	0
Exemption 7 (E) (law enforcement)	1
Exemption 7 (F) (law enforcement)	0
Exemption 8 (SmarTrip®)	0
Exemption 9 (customer financial information)	0
Total	55



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VIII. PARP Request Dispositions for 1Q 2019:<sup>2</sup>

Granted in Full (No Exemptions)	27
Granted in Part (With Exemptions)	32
Denied in Full (With Exemptions)	5
No Responsive Records	15
Non-Perfected	13
Burdensome (Requester Declined to Narrow)	2
Withdrawn	5
Duplicate	0
Total	99



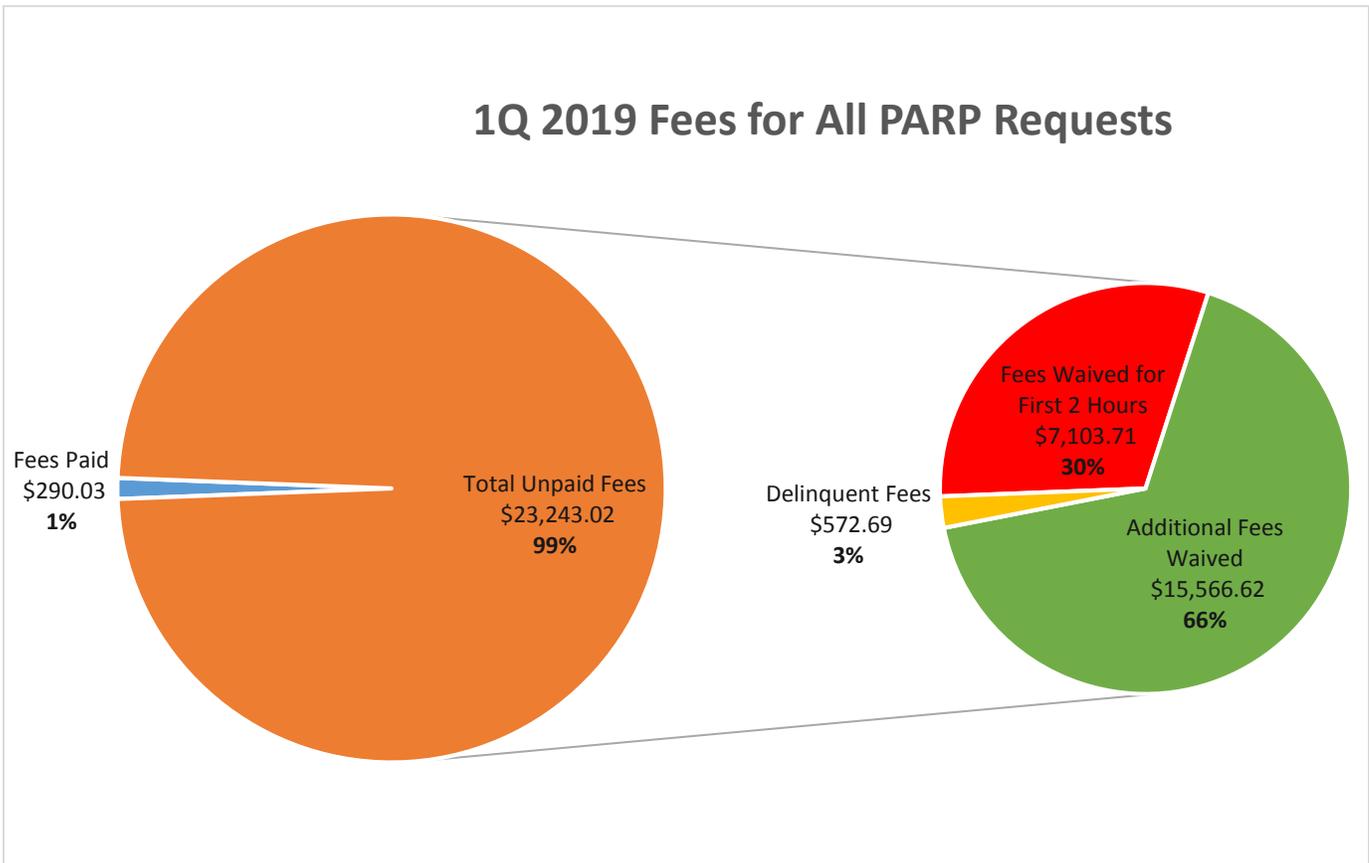
<sup>2</sup> A request may have multiple applicable dispositions.

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IX. Quarterly Fees:<sup>3</sup>

a. All PARP Requests Completed in 1Q 2019

Fees Paid	\$290.03
Delinquent Fees <sup>4</sup>	\$572.69
Fees Waived for First Two Hours of Processing <sup>5</sup>	\$7,103.71
Additional Fees Waived <sup>6</sup>	\$15,566.62
Total Unpaid Fees (Delinquent & Waived)	\$23,243.02
Total Paid and Unpaid Fees	\$23,533.05



<sup>3</sup> Fees are charged for search, review, and duplication of records that are requested for commercial use. See PARP § 8.1.

<sup>4</sup> Refers to fees that have been charged to the requester but remain unpaid.

<sup>5</sup> Fees for the initial two hours of processing are waived pursuant to PARP § 8.5.

<sup>6</sup> Refers to additional costs not charged to the requester beyond the initial two hours of processing.

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X. Appeals:

a. Administrative<sup>7</sup>

Pending at beginning of 1Q 2019	3
Submitted during 1Q 2019	4
Completed during 1Q 2019	1
Pending at end of 1Q 2019	6

b. Judicial<sup>8</sup>

Pending at beginning of 1Q 2019	0
Submitted during 1Q 2019	0
Completed during 1Q 2019	0
Pending at end of 1Q 2019	0

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<sup>7</sup> The partial grant or denial of a PARP request is subject to administrative appeal. See PARP § 9.1.

<sup>8</sup> Similarly, the partial grant or denial of an administrative appeal is subject to judicial review. See PARP §§ 9.1, 9.3.