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From: Larry Schafer
Sent: Mon 6/12/2017 3:41:54 PM
Subject: RE: Follow up -- Biodiesel Industry Meeting Request for Tuesday May 23 ...

Samantha, Mandy and Brittany,

I reached out to you a couple of weeks back to see if Administrator Pruitt might be interested in filming a piece with the Discovery Channel about biodiesel.

The Discovery Channel is producing a feature length documentary about biodiesel that will air end of this year. The film follows various aspects of the industry over the course of 2016. It will look at how biodiesel has evolved and the potential the industry has to offer in regards to the environment, national security and our nation's economy. As the film wraps up production the Discovery Channel is hoping to capture where the industry is at the present moment and the outlook for the future.

Next Monday, June 19th, they will be filming with Senator Grassley at 2pm.

They would really like to plan a short discussion with Administrator Pruitt to get his views in a discussion about where we are at today and the outlook for the future. They understand that policy has historically played a key role in the development of biodiesel and will likely do so moving forward.

We have worked with Discovery to get them to create what we believe will be an important story of a small energy sector that has worked hard to be a successful domestic industry and a new fuel for today's marketplace.

Administrator Pruitt is clearly one of the few true policy leaders on biodiesel, they would like to add his sentiments to their film.

Would it be possible to see if we can follow up with the team at the Discovery Channel?

Next week would be best for them, but I would like to get back to them if your team is interested.

Let me know if we can set something up.

Thank you.

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Subject: RE: Follow up -- Biodiesel Industry Meeting Request for Tuesday May 23 ...

Thank you Samantha,

We will send over the materials from the meeting.

One of the other issues we want to discuss with you is that the Discovery Channel is producing a feature length documentary about biodiesel that will air end of this year. The film follows various aspects of the industry over the course of 2016. It will look at how biodiesel has evolved and the potential the industry has to offer in regards to national security and our nation's economy. As the film wraps up production they are hoping to capture where the industry is at the present moment and the outlook for the future.

They would really like to plan a short discussion with Administrator Pruitt to help look at the present moment and outlook for the future. Clearly policy has played a role historically and will likely do so moving forward.

This is not a "gotcha piece" rather we have worked with Discovery to get them to create what we believe will be an important story of a small energy sector that has worked hard to be a successful advanced biofuel - and focus on domestic energy production.

They have would like to meet with Administrator Pruitt and have asked me to help as my clients are working closely with the Discovery Channel team. -- I would like to get your office in contact with the team at the Discovery Channel. Would you be kind enough to direct me to the appropriate person in your office where I can follow up on this opportunity.?

Thanks.

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Subject: RE: Follow up -- Biodiesel Industry Meeting Request for Tuesday May 23 ...

Thank you for the note, Larry. Next Tuesday is rather crowded on the calendar over here and I am not able to meet that day, I'm sorry. I am happy to read any follow up materials you would like to send over. Thanks again.

Samantha

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Subject: Follow up -- Biodiesel Industry Meeting Request for Tuesday May 23 ...

Mandy, Samantha, Brittany:

We really appreciate the time you have all spent with different folks from the biodiesel industry over the past couple of weeks.

On Tuesday May 23rd four leaders from the Biodiesel Industry will be in Washington DC for a meeting with the Office of Management and Budget to discuss the 2018 RVO proposal.

We would like to meet with you that same day.

Do you have availability any time after noon on that day?

Issues: Our industry is unified on what we think are the appropriate volumes of Advanced Biofuels for 2018 and Biomass-based Diesel for 2019.

This RVO process is new to all of us and we have worked hard to give you a realistic view of our industry. As we move through this process we want to be a resource for your team. We would like to continue that discussion with you and our leadership team next week.

Our team:

Kent Engelbrecht, ADM, Chairman of the National Biodiesel Board (NBB)

Gene Gebolys, CEO of World Energy, Co-Chair of NBB's 2018 RVO Working Group

Gary Haer, REG, Co-Chair of NBB's 2018 RVO Working Group

Jonathan Phillips, COO and General Counsel, RBF Port Neches, LLC

Combined these 4 companies own approximately 20 domestic biodiesel and renewable diesel facilities.

Larry Schafer, CEO Playmaker Strategies

Anne Steckel, VP of Federal Affairs, National Biodiesel Board

Thank you.

Please let me know if we can coordinate a meeting for Tuesday afternoon.



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Subject: RE: Biodiesel Meeting Request for week of May 15 --- Biodiesel meeting follow up!

Hi Larry,

Apologize for the delayed response. Robin or Carolyn, can you help set up a call for Brittany and I this Friday (tomorrow). I'm flexible mid-afternoon.

Best,

Mandy

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Mandy and Brittany

Hope you are well

Can we discuss how to make this meeting happen? It's really important to our industry that we have a chance to continue our dialogue with you about the role of biodiesel in the RFS.

Perhaps a call on Friday?

Thank you.

Larry Schafer

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