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David, hope you're doing well.

I am doing some work for AWEA, and a number of their priorities are related to activities underway at DOI. We've spent some time with members of your and Secretary Zinke's team on a variety of issues and would like to connect with you directly as well.

Do you have some time in the coming weeks to meet with AWEA's CEO, Tom Kiernan, their SVP of Government & Public Affairs, Amy Farrell, and me?

Thank you,

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Hi Gareth,

After reviewing the meeting request, we have determined that there is no legal objection under the ethics statutes and regulations, or the administration Ethics Pledge, to the Deputy Secretary accepting this meeting with Colin Hayes of Lot Sixteen and Tom Kiernan, Tom Vinson, Gene Grace, Michael Speerschneider, and Nancy Sopko of the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA). Nor are any of the AWEA member companies listed on the Meeting Proposal Information Form on the Deputy Secretary's recusal lists. I note, however, that a final list of senior representatives from AWEA member companies will be determined after a date/time for the meeting is finalized. Accordingly, please allow us to review the finalized list of proposed attendees prior to the actual meeting.

We recommend that the meeting remain focused on general topics, and that the Deputy Secretary refrain from discussing or making any commitments about any particular matters involving specific parties, such as: litigation, contracts, leases, permits, etc. at this meeting.

If, during the meeting, it becomes apparent that BHFS represents a party to a matter under discussion or that a former client of the Deputy Secretary's is a party to a matter under discussion, he should cease discussion of that matter.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if it would be helpful to discuss further, or if we can be of any additional assistance.

Thanks very much,

Ed

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