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**From:** "Rees, Gareth" <gareth\_rees@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** 2018-05-16T09:14:27-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Deputy Secretary Meeting form for Gareth  
**Received:** 2018-05-16T09:14:27-04:00

Thanks Ed.

I have reached out to obtain a complete list of attendees. Will forward to you as soon as I receive.

Gareth

On Wed, May 16, 2018 at 8:17 AM, McDonnell, Edward <[edward.mcdonnell@sol.doi.gov](mailto:edward.mcdonnell@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hi Gareth and Jean,

David's recusals do not prohibit him from meeting with Abby Hopper; however, her post-Government employment restrictions prohibit her from meeting with David or any employee of DOI who is not employed in one of the following named bureaus: BIA, BLM, BOR, NPS, OSMRE, USFWS, and USGS, on behalf of another. Accordingly, Abby may not meet with David. I will try to contact Abby and inform her as well.

I have attached a list of SEIA's board members as currently identified on SEIA's website. Ray Long of NRG Energy is highlighted as NRG Energy is on both of David's recusal lists. While one might successfully argue that Mr. Long would be representing SEIA, rather than NRG Energy, and/or that it would be permissible for David to meet with him so long as five or more interested stakeholders are present and no party matters are discussed, I think it is best that David not meet with Mr. Long. I believe this may be consistent with David's practice in the past. (E.g., I seem to remember that he chose not to meet with a STATOIL representative even when STATOIL would have been one of a number of attendees.)

To be safe, please get a list of actual attendees so that we can vet that list to determine if David's recusals would prohibit him from meeting with them.

Thanks very much,  
Ed

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On Mon, May 7, 2018 at 2:36 PM, Parrish, Jean <[jean\\_parrish@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jean_parrish@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hello Ed and Margaret, This form was submitted previously for 5/23. Checking to see if it is approved yet.

Thanks, Jean

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Katie Cullen** <[kcullen@scprtnrs.com](mailto:kcullen@scprtnrs.com)>

Date: Mon, May 7, 2018 at 1:54 PM

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Jean,

Again, thank you. Per our discussion, please see the meeting proposal form attached.

*Best,*

*Katie*

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**From:** Katie Cullen

**Sent:** Monday, May 7, 2018 1:37 PM

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Thank you!!

All the best,

Katie

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On May 7, 2018, at 12:35 PM, Parrish, Jean <[jean\\_parrish@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jean_parrish@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Katie, The best I can do is hold the time for 5/23 at 10:00am on David's calendar. I'll let you know when I can confirm the meeting.

Thanks, Jean

On Mon, May 7, 2018 at 11:22 AM, Katie Cullen <[kcullen@scprtnrs.com](mailto:kcullen@scprtnrs.com)> wrote:

Hi Jean,

Cathy informed me that our request on behalf of the Solar Energy Industries Association's board of directors to meet with Deputy Secretary Bernhardt on Wednesday, May 23rd is awaiting ethics office approval. I can't imagine it would have much difficulty. About how long does it usually take to receive clearance from the ethics office?

The Solar Energy Industries Association is also working on several meetings on Capitol Hill for that day, so if we could schedule the meeting with Deputy Secretary Bernhardt for 10 am that would be tremendously helpful for the board members' schedule.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have.

*Best,*

*Katie*

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**From:** Katie Cullen  
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Thank you so much!

Best,

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On May 3, 2018, at 10:26 AM, Gulac, Catherine <[catherine\\_gulac@ios.doi.gov](mailto:catherine_gulac@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hi Katie,

We haven't received approval yet for your request which was sent to the Ethics Office. We'll follow up on it and Jean Parrish (sitting in for Gareth while he's enjoying Disney World and FL for two weeks) will reach out to you.

Thank you.

Cathy

*Catherine Gulac*

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On Thu, May 3, 2018 at 10:16 AM, Katie Cullen  
<[kcullen@scprtnrs.com](mailto:kcullen@scprtnrs.com)> wrote:

Hi Cathy,

Please see the request for the Deputy Secretary that we sent to Gareth last week attached. I thought having the original request in hand would be helpful for you.

The solar industry is trying to schedule meetings and other events on Capitol Hill around this meeting, so it would be very helpful to know in the next couple days if the Deputy Secretary is going to be in DC on May 23rd and able to meet with the SEIA board members. If he is able to meet on the 23rd, we'd also like to get the time set as soon as possible.

Thanks for your help, and please feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

*Best,*

*Katie*

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Gareth,

Please see the Deputy Secretary's form attached and let us know if you have any questions. And thanks for putting this in front of him tomorrow.

*Best,*

*Katie*

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