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From: Cindy Smith [csmith@gowanco.com]
Sent: 2/8/2018 5:50:12 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]
Subject: RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Thanks very much Tate --I will circle back with you next week

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 9:49 AM
To: Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com>
Subject: RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Cindy! Unfortunately, we do not have an update yet and are not sure if the Administrator will be in town on those dates. We may be able to accommodate a meeting with senior level staff if that is something your CEO would be interested in. Otherwise, please circle back next week. Thanks! Tate

From: Cindy Smith [mailto:csmith@gowanco.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Tate – sorry to bother you on this again. I fully understand we can't plan on his constantly changing schedule. Because we aren't based in DC but worse on the west coast we simply can't get there quickly. My CEO has to lock in some travel plans for other trips. Is there any way to know that Administrator Pruitt would be in the office for sure on a certain day in March or April due to other meetings and we would then just plan to be in DC that day and as we get closer we can set the time on the particular day? I know that is very hard to do but I was hoping there might be some events for which you might be pretty confident he would be in town we might be able to get 30 min with him. Thanks very much. Cindy

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 6:11 AM
To: Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com>
Cc: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Gowan Group of Companies

We typically don't advise to plan around his constantly changing schedule! We will circle back.

On Jan 31, 2018, at 9:00 AM, Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com> wrote:

Good morning Tate --I talked with our CEO, Juli Jessen – she could be in DC March 19th or 20th if either of those days have any openings for Administrator Pruitt. If those dates don't work – we would make every effort to come when he has availability so please let us know if there are dates you have in mind that might work. Thanks very much. Cindy

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 12:43 PM
To: Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com>
Cc: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley

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Subject: RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Nancy! Haven't forgotten you. Unfortunately, he likely will not make it to Yuma before March, but let us know if your CEO happens to be in the D.C. area soon. Also, can you please fill out this external meeting request form in case he does make it out that direction later this year? Thank you!

From: Cindy Smith [<mailto:csmith@gowanco.com>]

Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 10:22 PM

To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>

Cc: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Tate – I was in a meeting with you and Nancy several months ago on some specific issues related to pesticides and EPA decisions. I have also heard that Administrator Pruitt might be interested in talking directly with CEOs of companies about how EPA actions and policies directly impact our business. Gowan is unique as I believe we may be the only remaining 100% family owned basic registrant of pesticides in the U.S. Our headquarters is in Yuma, Arizona. Our company was started by Jon Jessen about 55 years ago. Today Jon remains active as the Chairman of the Board and his daughter Juli is our CEO. We have businesses that provide crop protection inputs (conventional and organic), seed (primarily vegetables), a pesticide manufacturing facility (in Yuma) and retail operations (Yuma, Imperial Valley and Salinas) with certified pest control advisors that walk fields and make recommendations for growers. A trip to Yuma would allow the Administrator to see our operations and talk with our CEO but also because this happens to be one of the most active seasons in ag production in Yuma so he could also see those operations. A large percentage of winter vegetables (lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, etc.) are grown in Yuma. So if you are eating a salad this time of year –the lettuce was very likely grown in Yuma. We would greatly welcome the opportunity for the Administrator to visit Yuma to see agricultural production and to talk with our CEO and other family members directly involved in our businesses. I know Administrator Pruitt is very busy and I am sure he gets lots of requests to visit locations –but if he can work this in to any of his travel plans, we would be honored to showcase our community, the agriculture and our business so he can get some first-hand knowledge of how EPA actions impact a family owned business and a community in rural America. The winter vegetable production will start winding down in March so there is a window of opportunity if it works with his schedule to come to Yuma sometime in the next 6-8 weeks. If that doesn't work we would be happy to come to his office with our CEO and talk with him as well. We really appreciate the consideration for our request and please let me know if you would like any additional information. Thanks Cindy

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