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Cc: Jose Font/R2/USEPA/US@EPA, Jose Soto/R2/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/30/2011 06:46 PM
Subject: Via Verde - Draft Follow Up Letter

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Re: Fw: Via Verde - Draft Letter
Kevin Bricke to: John Filippelli

03/31/2011 10:00 AM

Please send a copy of the draft letter. It was removed from the version you sent. Thanks.

John Filippelli

Judith,

03/31/2011 09:54:07 AM

From: John Filippelli/R2/USEPA/US
To: Judith Enck/R2/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/31/2011 09:54 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: Via Verde - Draft Letter

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From: Judith Enck/R2/USEPA/US
Date: 03/31/2011 08:04AM
Subject: Fw: Via Verde - Draft Letter

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Carl Soderberg

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To: Judith Enck
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Joann Brennan-McKee to: Judith Enck
Cc: Kevin Bricke, John Filippelli, George Pavlou, Lisa Plevin, Carl Soderberg

03/28/2011 11:49 AM

Judith, regarding the NJ meeting, we recommend only that if the Commissioner asks about the 126 petition, you say that the Agency is on schedule to issue its proposal by the end of the month.

Re the Puerto Rico meeting, we have two items:

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Puerto Rico Solid Waste Regs: It would be good for you to inquire about the status of revisions to the SW program regulations (to make them once again consistent with federal requirements). We reviewed EQB's proposed revisions months ago and sent them our comments. The revised regs looked good with the exception of a couple of minor comments. EQB needs to promulgate the revisions.

Judith Enck

I am mtg with bob martin and pedro nieves. Ema...

03/26/2011 07:13:31 PM

From: Judith Enck/R2/USEPA/US
To: Kevin Bricke/R2/USEPA/US, Joann Brennan-McKee/R2/USEPA/US, Bonnie Bellow/R2/USEPA/US, Walter Mugdan/R2/USEPA/US, Deb Szaro/R2/USEPA/US, Dore LaPosta/R2/USEPA/US, Barbara Finazzo/R2/USEPA/US, Eric Schaaf/R2/USEPA/US, Lisa Plevin/R2/USEPA/US, George Pavlou/R2/USEPA/US, Carl Soderberg/R2/USEPA/US, William Lometti/R2/USEPA/US
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John Filippelli to: Kevin Bricke
Cc: Joann Brennan-McKee

03/28/2011 10:06 AM

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One suggestion of Puerto Rico. None for New Jersey.

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Kevin Bricke

Any suggestions? -----Forwarded by Kevin Brick...

03/27/2011 09:34:42 AM

From: Kevin Bricke/R2/USEPA/US
To: Joann Brennan-McKee/R2/USEPA/US@EPA, John Filippelli/R2/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/27/2011 09:34 AM
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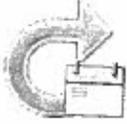
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Subject: Rescheduled: Via Verde Pipeline Meeting with PREPA (Feb 28 02:30 PM EST in DEPP Conference Room
2530/R2-NY@EPA)

Comments



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Attendance is optional for Kevin Bricke

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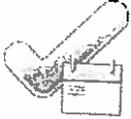
Rooms: **DEPP Conference Room 2530/R2-NY@EPA**

This reschedule notice has been applied to the meeting.

Required: Daniel Montella/R2/USEPA/US@EPA, Grace Musumeci/R2/USEPA/US@EPA, Joann Brennan-McKee/R2/USEPA/US@EPA, Mario DelVicario/R2/USEPA/US@EPA, Phyllis Feinmark/R2/USEPA/US@EPA

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Description



**Via Verde Pre-Meeting (conference call in # 866-299-3188
212-637-3726)**

Thu 02/24/2011 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Attendance is optional for Kevin Bricke

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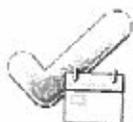
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Fw: Via Verde Meeting Summary

Kevin Bricke

to:

Judith Enck

02/13/2011 10:18 AM

Cc:

George Pavlou, Lisa Plevin, Bonnie Bellow, Carl Soderberg, Barbara Finazzo, Joann Brennan-McKee, John Filippelli

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To: "Kevin Bricke" <Bricke.Kevin@epamail.epa.gov>
 From: John Filippelli/R2/USEPA/US
 Date: 02/11/2011 04:58PM
 Cc: "Joann Brennan-McKee" <Brennan-McKee.Joann@epamail.epa.gov>
 Subject: Via Verde Meeting Summary

Kevin,

Following is a summary of today's Via Verde meeting in HQ:

Puerto Rico Attendees:

- Miguel Cordero, Exec Dir, PREPA
- Daniel Galan, Secretary, DNER
- Pedro Nieves, EQB
- Jed Bullock, Cong Delegate's staff
- Colleen Newman, Federal Affairs
- Jeffery Berman, Consultant
- Daniel Pagan, Consultant

EPA Attendees:

- Nancy Stoner, Acting AA OW
- Jack Bowles, OCIR
- John Filippelli, Region 2

Daniel Pagan lead the presentation for the project with other members of the group contributing. His key points were:

- The project meets the Corps nationwide permit parameters and does not even need an individual permit, but the Corps has chosen to go that route.
- PREPA has already addressed EPA concerns in the final EIS and its 1/28/11 letter to the Corps.
- The project only has 2 acres of wetlands impacts and those are temporary.
- Trenching, rather than directional drilling will be used in karst terrain. Directional drilling will only be used under roads and other appropriate situations.
- An alternatives analysis was done. Building a new import facility on the north coast is not feasible. Because of the size of the safety exclusion zone and impacts to shipping an appropriate site is not available. Also this alt would cost \$1B vs. \$450M for Via Verde.
- PREPA does have contracts for various alternative energy projects but needs Via Verde for base load.
- Via Verde has major CO2 and other air quality benefits.
- The project will cut electric rates substantially.
- PREPA is in a hurry. It wanted to start the project in January 2011.
- The NEPA-like nature of the Commonwealth's EIS process was defended. The need for a Federal



Re: Important: Call from Congressman Pedro Pierluisi requesting to speak with RA
Kevin Bricke to: Maureen Hickey

02/11/2011 09:27 AM

Hi Maureen

Looks like you got what you requested from Peter. If not, please let me know.

Kevin

Maureen Hickey

Peter/Kevin/Carl, Judith is scheduled for a 4:30...

02/10/2011 06:14:32 PM

From: Maureen Hickey/R2/USEPA/US
To: Peter Brandt/R2/USEPA/US@EPA, Kevin Bricke/R2/USEPA/US@EPA, Carl Soderberg/R2/USEPA/US@EPA
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Maureen
x5035



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Kevin Bricke to: John Filippelli

Cc: Joann Brennan-McKee

02/11/2011 09:24 AM

Hi John

FYI. Also, please send me a brief Blackberry message letting me know the results of today's meeting with Pedro Nieves et al. Thanks

Kevin

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Date: 02/03/2011 09:34 AM
Subject: Re: Via Verde & Pedro Nieves - DC meeting request.

Looks good. Delete reference to the document not being in spanish. We should not expect permit applicants in pr to provide english copies. Peter, please attach tguis to our original letter and send to hq staff that are doing the mtg today. Peter, please talk to george about whether he or barbara are attending the mtg

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Date: 02/01/2011 05:02 PM
Subject: Via Verde & Pedro Nieves - DC meeting request.

Hi,

Pedro Nieves and Daniel Galan of DPNR, through Governor Fortuño's DC office, has requested a meeting with Acting Administrator for Water Nancy Stoner and General Counsel Scott Fulton on Feb. 9. to discuss Puerto Rico's Via Verde project.

Although we all likely know, I've asked OCIR to re-engage the Governor's office on more specifics on what they would like to cover.