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Subject: Re: CV Smart Grid filing
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Thanks. Very helpful. Stay in touch.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 27, 2010, at 6:26 AM, "Lofy, Bill" <Bill.Lofy@state.vt.us> wrote:

Thanks Chuck. On point 4, before Jan 3 if possible.

On Dec 27, 2010, at 12:25 AM, "Ross, Chuck (Leahy)" <Chuck_Ross@leahy.senate.gov> wrote:

Bill and Jeb – in an effort to keep you guys abreast of happenings in my world, here are a couple of notes. Not sure how you want to deal with this kind of info flow in the future but here is a first effort.

-) DOE EXTENSION FOR SMART GRID/BROADBAND - Ted Brady is starting to do some checking on the issue relating to the smart grid equipment purchase, CVPS concern about a DOE deadline and integration with broadband. While the justification for the extension may be there we are not yet certain we can get an extension. See email from Ted Brady copied below. Liz and Susan are aware of this issue as are Steve Terry and Karen Marshall.

-) POSSIBLE FDA INSPECTIONS AND MILK LOSS - There appears to be an issue emerging concerning FDA's interest in testing milk for a broader set of drugs and bacteria than is done now and it will take longer. This results from residues found in beef carcasses that have been shipped for slaughter and processing. Depending upon how FDA plays, their testing could result in some milk dumping – dumping that might in the end prove unnecessary and costly. Diane Bothfeld is working with the New York Ag Commissioner to pull together a letter suggesting a different path for FDA. This letter may also serve as the information background for Congressional involvement.

-) At some time in January there will be a request by two of the three former owners of the Bushway Slaughter house in Grand Isle for a new permit. This is the facility is where one of the “hands on” owners is being prosecuted for animal cruelty. It was a pretty ugly story. Now two of the three previous owners (the silent, non operation owners) who were not legally implicated in the animal issues will be looking to open the facility up under a new name and different ownership (how different not sure). This could create a stir within the animal rights community.

-) Peter has asked for some language on Agriculture and the EB5 for his speech. When is it needed and to whom should I send it.

Hope this is helpful. I am working at home on Monday so call me if you need me.

Chuck

From: Brady, Ted (Leahy)
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 1:13 PM
To: Stephen Terry; Ross, Chuck (Leahy)
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Subject: RE: CV Smart Grid filing

Steve –

Thanks for the e-mail – and the time this week.

I think the next step would be preparing a one page white paper for Senator Leahy's staff (with the understanding it may be passed on to Dept. of Energy staff) on exactly why we need to push for an extension from DOE. As I understood the situation – the integration of the Smart Grid effort and the broadband effort will take a few more months than the Smart Grid effort alone. Reflecting on our conversation this week – I believe this relates to some hurdles at CVPS and some technological hurdles. I think we'll need an accurate explanation of exactly what the hurdles are and how a few more months helps overcome them.

Like Chuck said – the justification for an extension seems to be there – a fully integrated smartgrid and broadband system. But even that will be a tough sell with an agency that awarded the grant on the assumption of stated deadline commitments and project scopes. In addition – the Recovery Act deadlines are the equivalent of biblical text to the executive agencies. So we'll need the case made out clearly even to make an initial assessment of the likelihood of success.

Thanks,

Ted

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From: Stephen Terry [mailto:sterry@worthmountainconsulting.com]
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Subject: CV Smart Grid filing

Chuck and Ted- Thanks for your very valuable time yesterday. Your thoughts were very important for our final Report to the Shumlin Administration.

Following our discussion, it appears that CV will file very soon some sort of petition with the Public Service Board to hold a workshop discussion on the "middle mile" telecommunications. Smart Grid intersect, and the possibility for an amended approval order for the CV Smart Grid investment plan.

An important component of that discussion is getting a firm handle on the likely requirement for some sort of DOE extension on the Smart Grid build-out deadline, which I recall is now about April or May 2013.

Karen and I were very encouraged by Chuck's belief that since Vermont's effort is a statewide effort that if we went with a united front to the DOE-- Congressional Delegation, The Shumlin Administration and the utilities-- that the prospects were good for an extension, especially if the end result is a first-in-the-nation marriage of the border-to-border Vermont broadband and cell availability with Smart Grid technology. This would be a very important accomplishment.

I reported your comments Chuck to Liz Miller, PSD- Commissioner Designate.

Karen, Liz Miller and I will be following up soon with Ted to see how we can get some assurance or comfort from the DOE end, as this will be an important consideration for the Vermont PSB and the Vermont Smart Grid players as well.

Have a Good Holiday, and again thanks for your time.

Steve

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