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To: [Scott, Heidi ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting request: Canadian Standards Association
Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 5:39:17 PM

Hello Heidi,

We can confirm this time. Thanks so much for your help and looking forward to the meeting!

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On Wed, Oct 14, 2015 at 10:59 AM -0700, "Scott, Heidi ENV:EX" <Heidi.Scott@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Rebecca,

Minister Polak and PS Sturdy will be available for a meeting on October 21st, 9:00-9:30am. We are located in the Legislature in Victoria, room 112. Please confirm if this time will work on your end.

Thank you,

Heidi

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Hi Heidi and Martina,

Just checking in on this meeting request. As I mentioned, Greg is available all day on the 21st and can be in Victoria or Vancouver for a short meeting with the Minister and/or PS.

Thank you very much!

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From: Rebecca Scott

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Subject: Meeting request: Canadian Standards Association

Hello Heidi,

I'm writing on behalf of the CSA Group (Canadian Standards Association) to request a meeting with Minister Polak and Parliamentary Secretary Sturdy on Wednesday, October 21st. Greg Orloff, who manages government relations for North America and Europe, will be in both Vancouver and Victoria that day and would appreciate an opportunity to brief the Minister and PS on CSA's carbon registry system, as well as their pipeline certification and attestation programs.

Would it be possible for the Minister and PS to set aside 30 minutes for a meeting?

I've attached the link to CSA's website for reference. In short, they are a global non-profit organization that designs and monitors a wide range of safety and sustainability certifications and standards. Some of their work is very much in line with B.C. government activities on the climate change and spill response files.

<http://www.csagroup.org/>

Thank you very much!

Rebecca

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Background

- The Climate Action Secretariat (CAS), through its Climate Investment Branch, purchases and retires carbon offsets on behalf of all BC public service organizations to meet their legislated carbon neutral commitment.
- To add rigour and transparency to offset transactions, offsets purchased are registered and listed by the Province on a publicly accessible third-party environmental registry.
- Presently, the Markit Environmental Registry is the third-party provider of carbon offset registry services to the Province.
- The Markit Environmental Registry was originally publicly selected by the former provincial Crown Corporation, Pacific Carbon Trust, through Notice of Intent #PCT 2392, dated May 13, 2011.
- The contract was transferred to the Ministry of Environment on July 1, 2014 to coincide with the transition of the Pacific Carbon Trust to the Ministry of Environment.

Change in Legislation

- The legislative authority to issue carbon offsets will change from the *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act* (GGRTA) to the *Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act* (GGIRCA) as of December 31 2015.
- Through regulation, GGIRCA will require the registry to offer different functionality.
- Given the short timeframes until GGIRCA will be in force, the Climate Action Secretariat decided to continue using the Markit Environmental Registry as the interim registry solution.
- The Climate Action Secretariat, through the Corporate Services for the Natural Resource Sector Information Management Branch, posted a public Notice of Intent (NOI #IMB20234) on August 27, 2015 to inform the market the Province intends to contract with Markit as an interim registry solution for two years for no more than \$360,000.
- The Canadian Standards Association (CSA) contested this NOI.
- Staff discussed CSA's objection with CSA and explained the process under way to run a competitive process, and the need for an interim solution. Staff are developing a Request for Information as a first step this winter.

- The permanent registry to be used under GGIRCA will be procured through government's standard competitive process.