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From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: December 28, 2018 10:12 PM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: G7G project

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX" <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>
Date: November 7, 2018 at 1:36:39 PM PST
To: "Manuel F. Alvernaz (malvernaz@cswu1611.org)" <malvernaz@cswu1611.org>
Cc: "XT:Barrett, Joe GCPE:IN" <bcytbctc@telus.net>, "Wade, Debbie PREM:EX" <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>, "Wolansky, Allegra PREM:EX" <Allegra.Wolansky@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: G7G project

Good afternoon, Manuel,

Thanks for your reminder about the G7G proposal. Although it is a very exciting idea, I don't think we can do a support letter at this time. The quick review I did of the many issues raised by the proposal produced a pretty daunting list. As you know, we are involved in a very intense agenda on a number of fronts and our ability to engage on new fronts, especially after the success of the LNG Canada FID, is quite limited. Please keep us updated on your progress. When a more detailed proposal is ready, I'm sure Minister Bruce Ralston or Minister Claire Trevena would be happy to hear it.

Best regards

Geoff

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From: Joe Barrett <jbarrett@cswu1611.org>
Sent: April 12, 2018 10:46 AM
To: Clark, Layne PREM:EX
Cc: Manuel Alvernaz
Subject: Re: Geoff Meggs - Meeting request - "The Way Out" - Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska bitumen rail link
Attachments: LiUNA Aug 11 2017.pdf

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Thank you Layne,

There are a few more pieces of information Geoff should be aware of ...

- 1.) The Alberta government provided \$1.8 million for the feasibility study for the project. The Van Horne Institute received the funding in 2015 to study the proposal by G7G proponent.
- 2.) At the end of 2017 a rival proposal appeared and has won the support of one of the indigenous communities, Ft. Nelson First Nation. The new proposal is known as A2A. The A2A also relied on the feasibility study funded by the Province of Alberta.
<http://www.iwnenergy.com/article/2017/12/two-rival-groups-promoting-same-alberta-alaska-oil-rail-proposal/>
- 3.) I spoke with Jim Rutkowski last week about an update meeting by LiUNA on the proposal. Jim was pretty confident that LiUNA would be able to meet with Nathan Rotman.

I've attached a brief summary of the G7G proposal.

On Apr 12, 2018, at 9:09 AM, Clark, Layne PREM:EX <Layne.Clark@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Joe,
I've passed this message on to Geoff directly.
Thanks!

Layne

From: Joe Barrett [<mailto:jbarrett@cswu1611.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 12:29 PM
To: Clark, Layne PREM:EX
Cc: Manuel Alvernaz
Subject: Geoff Meggs - Meeting request - "The Way Out" - Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska bitumen rail link
Hi Layne,

from *'Barrett: A Passionate Political Life'* - Douglas & McIntyre, 1995

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From: Joe Barrett <jbarrett@cswu1611.org>
Sent: April 27, 2018 3:24 PM
To: Clark, Layne PREM:EX
Cc: Mark Olsen; Manuel Alvernaz; Bob Abbott; matt
Subject: Global TV coverage of G7G - Alberta/Alaska rail proposal

Hi Layne,

The G7G project was picked up by two new media outlets yesterday.
Global TV ran a positive two minute story.
The BNN interview, also positive, was more in depth.

Could you please forward these to Geoff Meggs for his information in preparation for Monday's meeting.

<https://globalnews.ca/video/4171436/proposed-alberta-alaska-railway-to-get-oil-to-market>

<https://www.bnn.ca/commodities/video/first-nations-owned-business-proposes-alternate-west-coast-rail-line~1380419>

Thanks so much Layne,

Joe

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From: Joe Barrett <jbarrett@cswu1611.org>
Sent: April 30, 2018 9:21 AM
To: Clark, Layne PREM:EX
Cc: matt; Mark Olsen; Manuel Alvernaz
Subject: G7G Presentation today
Attachments: BC Government - Geoff Meggs April 30 2018 - Final.pdf

Hi Layne,

Matt Vickers has prepared the presentation for our meeting this afternoon. I'm forwarding it now for Geoff's preview.

Thanks so much.

Joe

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From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: June 15, 2018 6:45 AM
To: Clark, Layne PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Phone call request with Geoff Meggs - G7G rail link, Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX" <Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca>
Date: June 14, 2018 at 10:40:21 PM PDT
To: "Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX" <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Phone call request with Geoff Meggs - G7G rail link, Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska

You did send a previous email on this. I asked my staff and this idea has been around for awhile. We have done no due diligence on the idea and quite frankly are tapped out on resources at the moment.
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From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: June 14, 2018 9:50 PM
To: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX <Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX <Melissa.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Phone call request with Geoff Meggs - G7G rail link, Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska
Dave, I don't recall if I asked for your views on this one - have I?
Geoff

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wade, Debbie PREM:EX" <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>
Date: June 14, 2018 at 9:00:45 PM PDT
To: "Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX" <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Phone call request with Geoff Meggs - G7G rail link, Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska

Hi Geoff
Here is the followup info from Joe Bennett as per my request earlier today.
Thanks!
Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: Joe Barrett <jbarrett@cswu1611.org>

Date: 2018-06-14 8:26 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: "Wade, Debbie PREM:EX" <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Matt Vickers <Matt@mattvickers.com>, Manuel Alvernaz

<malvernaz@cswu1611.org>, Mark Olsen <molsen@liuna-wc.ca>, Ward Kemerer

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Subject: Phone call request with Geoff Meggs - G7G rail link, Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska

Hi Debbie,

Further to your e-mail earlier today, I have worked with Matt Vickers to compose this message for Geoff Meggs. Thanks so much for forwarding this e-mail for Geoff.

Hi Geoff,

We wanted to send you an update on the progress of the G7G Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska Rail Link proposal.

Earlier this week, during a visit to Revelstoke, Premier Horgan had a brief tour before attending an ILMA conference in that city as keynote speaker.

The tour was with the Mayor and Representative from the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Loni Parker. Later, after discussing some local issues, the issue of pipelines came up ... at that point Director Loni Parker asked the Premier;

"Premier Horgan; if you had an opportunity to see a state-of-the-art, purpose built modern railway built,....that would safely carry all-commodities, including bitumen (not dilbit) from Ft MacMurray to Alaska and Pacific tidewater, would you be in favour of that?"

Premier Horgan said; "I'd be in favour of that"

Encouraging words

Now to the meetings with the Alberta government. The relationship is proceeding quickly and very well.

First was the meeting with Premier Rachel Notley's Chief of Staff, your counterpart in Alberta, Nathan Rotman and Jim Rutkowski.

Matt Vickers has summarized the meeting....

1.) Meeting with Nathan Rotman and Jim Rutkowski in Edmonton on May 17th

Meeting began with acknowledgement of traditional territory

- Matt Vickers gave a brief overview of the project followed by the power point presentation
- Round table introductions with representation from LiUNA, AECOM, Funders Representative and G7G
- Following the power-point questions from Nathan and Jim
- There was a discussion on the non-recourse sovereign guarantee (NRSG) which means there will be no liens or encumbrances put on the NRSG and Jeff Wilki explained that he met with Alberta Finance Minister last Friday to explain the instrument.
- Then there was discussion around price differentiation between rail and pipeline. AECOM explained further
- Following the presentation both Nathan and Jim felt there wouldn't be an issue with the Premier supporting this option for getting product to market, however, Nathan felt it was important for the Government Technical people to get together with our (AECOM) technical people to address any other concerns

2.) Nathan Rotman then had Chief of Staff for Energy Minister – Matthew Williamson, respond to us....

Hello Matt.

I've discussed this with our officials and they will be coordinating a technical table between Energy, EDT and Finance. You will hear from Mike Ekelund about this next week. He is away this week but has agreed to help pull it together. Let me know if there is anything else I can do at this point to facilitate.

Matt Williamson

Chief of Staff

Minister of Energy

- 3.) Our funders representative Jeff Wilkie also met with the Minister of Finance for Alberta, Hon. Joe Ceci, to explain the Government Guarantee facility and how it works. The Finance Minister then forwarded Jeff to Treasury Board and Government of Alberta banker (CIBC). Jeff is now in conversation with the right level of people at CIBC in Toronto to further explain the funding instrument and how it works.
- 4.) G7G and Jeff Wilkie also met with the Minister of Energy and her Chief of Staff this week, (June 13) in Calgary to explain the funding instrument. Minister McCuaig-Boyd confirmed her commitment to ensure we are talking to the right level of people with Alberta Government and that Mike Ekelund would be in touch with us next week.

Given the on-going progress from the Province of Alberta we would like to receive an official position of the BC Government from the Premiers office on our project.

Matt Vickers,

We look forward to hearing from you soon,

Regards,

Joe

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On Jun 14, 2018, at 11:02 AM, Wade, Debbie PREM:EX

<Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good morning Joe;

Unfortunately Geoff's schedule is booked solid over the next couple of days, and I am not able to schedule a phone call. He asked if you would be interested in sending your follow up thoughts / Ideas via email through me, and I will forward to Geoff.

Thanks so much!

Debb

Debbie Wade

Executive Coordinator to the Chief of Staff

Office of the Premier

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From: Joe Barrett [<mailto:jbarrett@cswu1611.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 5:23 PM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Meeting request with Geoff Meggs - G7G rail link, Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska
Thanks so much Debbie.
Joe

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On Jun 13, 2018, at 2:24 PM, Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
<Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
Hi Joe;
My apologies, as my voice mail is not working right now! Geoff is booked solid today, however let me see if I can schedule a phone call for the end of the day. I will get back to you asap.
Thanks!
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From: Joe Barrett [<mailto:jbarrett@cswu1611.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 2:02 PM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Meeting request with Geoff Meggs - G7G rail link, Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska
Hi Debbie,
I left a voice-mail with you this morning.
Yesterday, one of the proponents of the G7G; Alberta,BC,Yukon,Alaska rail proposal, spoke briefly with Premier John Horgan in Revelstoke. Would it be possible for Geoff Meggs to give me a quick call to follow-up on the Premier's comments yesterday regarding the proposed rail link.
I look forward to hearing back from you soon.
Respectfully,
Joe

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On Apr 26, 2018, at 4:05 PM, Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
<Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

You are very welcome! See you Monday
Debb

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From: Joe Barrett [<mailto:jbarrett@cswu1611.org>]
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:04 PM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Cc: matt; Ward Kemerer; len.wilson@askienterprises.com; Manuel Alvernaz; Mark Olsen; Bob Abbott; Clark, Layne PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Meeting request with Geoff Meggs - G7G rail link, Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska

Hi Debbie,

I am confirming that Mark Olsen, LiUNA Western Canadian Director and I (on behalf of Manuel Alvernaz, LiUNA 1611) will attend the meeting with Geoff Meggs scheduled for Monday, April 30 at 2:30pm. Thank you so much for arranging this meeting. See you Monday.
Joe

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On Apr 26, 2018, at 1:05 PM, Wade, Debbie PREM:EX

<Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Matt;

Thanks you, I have confirmed this in Geoff's calendar for Monday April 30th from 2:30-3:00pm. Location will be in the West Annex – Parliament Buildings.

If you need any further information, please let me know.

Thanks

Debb

Debbie Wade

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From: matt [<mailto:matt@mattvickers.com>]

Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:55 PM

To: Clark, Layne PREM:EX; 'Joe Barrett'; Ward Kemerer;

len.wilson@askienterprises.com

Cc: Manuel Alvernaz; Mark Olsen; Bob Abbott; Wade, Debbie PREM:EX

Subject: RE: Meeting request with Geoff Meggs - G7G rail link, Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska

I can make adjustments and make that work from our end.

Please excuse brevity and mistakes,

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Clark, Layne PREM:EX" <Layne.Clark@gov.bc.ca>

Date: 4/26/18 12:17 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: 'Joe Barrett' <jbarrett@cswu1611.org>

Cc: Manuel Alvernaz <malvernaz@cswu1611.org>, Mark Olsen

<molsen@liuna-wc.ca>, Bob Abbott <rabbott@liuna.org>,

Matt@mattvickers.com, "Wade, Debbie PREM:EX"

<Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting request with Geoff Meggs - G7G rail link, Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska

Hi Joe,

Thanks for reaching out again. I've CC'd Debbie Wade who is Geoff's Executive Coordinator who can help arrange.

Are you able to meet next Monday, April 30th at 2:30PM in Victoria? He has about half an hour.

Thanks,

Layne

From: Joe Barrett [<mailto:jbarrett@cswu1611.org>]

Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:02 PM

To: Clark, Layne PREM:EX

Cc: Manuel Alvernaz; Mark Olsen; Bob Abbott; Matt@mattvickers.com

Subject: Meeting request with Geoff Meggs - G7G rail link, Alberta/BC/Yukon/Alaska

Hi Layne,

I'm following up on our conversation two weeks ago and request to meet with Premier Horgan's Chief of Staff, Geoff Meggs. Since our conversation there have been new developments regarding the G7G rail-link proposal to move Alberta petroleum products to the Port of Valdez, Alaska.

Coverage this week in Alberta and BC provide an update.

<http://edmontonjournal.com/news/politics/g7g-railway-update>

<http://calgaryherald.com/news/politics/g7g-railway-update/wcm/e1d9026c-8a65-4a6b-b2ef-c79e9814dafa>

<http://vancouver.sun.com/news/politics/g7g-railway-update/wcm/623e7bda-ff8f-45fe-b09b-58113a02b7a2>

The Business in Calgary Magazine will run an interview with the G7G proponent, Matt Vickers, tomorrow.

Global News Edmonton will likely air an interview with Matt Vickers, tomorrow

A BNN interview with Matt Vickers is scheduled for tomorrow.

Additionally, this article ran in the Western Investor in February.

<http://www.westerninvestor.com/news/alberta/oil-by-rail-to-alaska-bid-could-nearly-bypass-b-c-1.23174574>

The Ft. Nelson First Nation is now backing the project.

The proponent has made several important advances in securing financing and partnerships for the project.

In our last conversation you indicated this meeting request would go directly to Geoff Meggs. Our group would include, LiUNA Local 1611 Business Manager, Manuel Alvernaz, Western Canadian Director for LiUNA, Mark Olsen and LiUNA Vice President and Northwest Regional Manager, Bob Abbott as well as G7G CEO Matt Vickers.

I look forward to hearing back from you soon regarding this meeting request.

Sincerely,

Joe



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