

From: Springer, Darren [Darren.Springer@state.vt.us]
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 7:50 PM
To: Johnson, Justin
Subject: Re: PSAPs confidential - Executive Privilege

Thanks

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> On Jul 18, 2015, at 7:01 PM, Johnson, Justin <Justin.Johnson@state.vt.us> wrote:

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> Darren:

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> Nice summary of why we are where we are..

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> Justin

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> Justin Johnson

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>> On Jul 18, 2015, at 6:36 PM, Springer, Darren <Darren.Springer@state.vt.us> wrote:

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>> The agencies executed MOU Friday, Monday was just press announcement. I'll push press announcement off of Monday AM, and we'll get Recchia, Chris Cole, and Trey in to talk.

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>> One of conditions on TDI will be that they have power contract before anything happens on ground, but they chose to file with PSB late last year which set up a year-long litigation process set to conclude later this year. We can't control when they choose to file, and there is no way we can hold up the Board process for next year to eighteen months while we wait to see if Northern Pass happens or not. So choice here was to execute MOU and support project with benefits for VT or to litigate and have uncertain outcome on benefits.

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>> Entire package was negotiated over last seven months knowing what NY did on other side of Lake with TDI for their transmission project there. NY had identical size transmission project proposed, and we ended up negotiating a much larger benefits package than they did. Our folks know if this goes forward it is potentially one of a couple (at most) large transmission projects that get built, so they negotiated with that in mind.

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>> Over 40 year operation of transmission project, if built, would mean over \$100 million for Clean Energy Development Fund, over \$250 million for Lake cleanup, \$136 million that flows to ratepayers through VELCO, tax and AOT right of way lease payments, and ownership of fiber. GMP and utilities also get option for favorable price on up to 200 megawatts of capacity if they need it in future, and VT protected from costs imposed on us if region decides in future to use Order 1000 to allocate costs among all six New England states. We got over \$500 million in benefits (not counting tax benefits if it gets built) on a project that is about \$1.5 billion to build.

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>> Also to note, this is just for CPG, they will still have other environmental permits with ANR to pursue in future before they build.

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>> Give me a call if you want to discuss further. I'll ask Shana to get something on schedule for Monday AM.

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>> From: GPS

>> Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 5:22 PM

>> To: Johnson, Justin

>> Cc: Springer, Darren; Allen, Susan; Coriell, Scott; London, Sarah; Richards, Alyson; Miller, Lawrence

>> Subject: Re: PSAPs confidential - Executive Privilege

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>> Why would we cut deal with TDI now? They have no power source. They will need us more if and when northern pass goes down. I want detailed presentation on any agreement long before it happens. Monday too soon.

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>>> On Jul 18, 2015, at 3:45 PM, Johnson, Justin <Justin.Johnson@state.vt.us> wrote:

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>>> Because of a number of resignations we are getting perilously close to not having enough trained staff for the minimum level of staffing we require to handle dispatch in the PSAPs.

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>>> What are we doing about it?

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>>> Training is underway for some new dispatchers. (This is all focused on building the capacity we will need once Derby and Rutland close).

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>>> Until we get those facilities consolidated - and new people trained, we are looking at offering to cover the commuting costs, and perhaps provide a retention bonus, to encourage Derby and Rutland staff to work in Williston and Rockingham.

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>>> We have to negotiate this with the union and that is happening now. We are not in the greatest negotiating position, but this could work okay for everyone.

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>>> We could simply direct staff to work at the other duty sites, but it would cost even more because of the overtime provisions in the contract.

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>>> This is a transition issue and the costs will be short-lived. We are still on track to reduce the operating costs from the PSAP's with the consolidation as outlined in the budget.

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>>> Background:

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>>> Public Safety's original plan would have had them beginning the process of hiring and training new folks for the PSAP's back before the budget passed. This is because it takes six months to train a dispatcher.

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>>> With the back and forth during the legislature session - and to try not to further antagonize some legislators - DPS held off on hiring new staff during the legislative session.

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>>> They have since started the hiring and training process but we have also had a number of the dispatchers at Rutland and Derby resign for other jobs now that they know those facilities are closing.

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>>> I'll keep you posted.

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>>> Justin

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>>>> On Jul 17, 2015, at 10:05 PM, Springer, Darren <Darren.Springer@state.vt.us> wrote:

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>>>> Attached is highlighted weekly. Annie sent her report separately and I have included it below at end of this email.

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>>>> Gov - A few items to note:

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>>>> First is you will see some progress on Vivitrol in AHS report upfront, and I got good report from Alkermes too, so looks like things may be moving there.

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>>>> Also we will have announcement of state agencies (Public Service, AOT, ANR) agreement with TDI on their transmission line on Monday. The details are in Public Service section. Scott and I will coordinate with Chris on statement from agencies. I also mention this because Emerson was apparently upset that previous agreements had been reached with TDI and CLF without the state and felt we were not playing leadership role on getting public benefits for Vermont as a result of this project. The state agreement, which is much bigger than the CLF one, should put that to rest, and you can mention if you see him Monday.....

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>>>> Finally, Sue, Justin and I all got a gut check update on PSAPs this week. Justin will reply to this email with brief update based on the conversations we had with Public Safety/State Police this week.

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>>>> Thanks,

>>>> Darren

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>>>> Memorandum

>>>> To: Governor Peter Shumlin

>>>> From: Annie Noonan, VDOL Commissioner

>>>> Date: 7/17/15

>>>> Re: Weekly Report - Week ending July 17, 2015

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>>>> Important Issues for this week:

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>>>> UI - Vermont UI is still struggling with the UI Consortium process, and likely to request that USDOL allows us to leave the VMW consortium without consequence and join Idaho. Weekly UI

>>>> claims were up by a significant amount from last week (by 556) because of seasonal school and transportation layoffs, but we are not anticipating an increase to Vermont UI rate (press release is next week).

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>>>> Rapid Response meetings were held this week for the IBEW and CWA FairPoint workers whose last day was today. In addition, approximately 23 employees of Fab-Tek were laid off yesterday, and we are scheduled for RR next week.

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>>>> VDOL has upcoming/scheduled meetings next week with AOE, SWIB/Frank Cioffi, AHS, Adult Tech Ed, VR, ACCD to discuss youth employment issues. In addition, Hal Cohen and I are working on jobs for persons with "significant barriers to employment", and will report out on that shortly.

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>>>> Meetings of note this week included: WIOA provisions for Eligible Training Providers (posted on our website), Trade Adjustment Act changes and funding, VTC grant for apprenticeship program related instruction, Executive Order Misclassification Task Force, one disciplinary hearing, meeting with Carol Moore of Burlington College, RR meeting for FairPoint, Federal OSHA on Compliance Assistance, UI Consortium meetings, meetings on internships, meetings on ESB Rules, case review meetings.

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