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From: Dunbar, Bill
Sent: Fri 8/16/2013 12:33:52 AM
Subject: Morning of Wednesday the 28th in Anchorage

Gang – Michael Johnson and I just spoke and have nailed down the meetings in Anchorage with the understanding that Gina and Dennis will get to the airport no later than 9:30 for the 10:15 to Fairbanks.

With this email connecting you all, the specific times and locations can be worked out. Here's what we've agreed on:

•□□□□□□□ Senator Begich, Administrator McCarthy and RA Dennis McLerran will have an early breakfast

•□□□□□□□ Senator Begich will host at his office a meeting (via VTC) among Gina, Dennis and a handful of representatives of the Golden Valley Electric Association

Michael has kindly offered Senator Begich's assistance with the TSA to assure that Gina and Dennis can quickly get through security for the flight to Fairbanks. I'm assuming Gina's security and advance folks will have that well in hand, but please note Michael's kind offer of assistance if needed.

I'm hoping (as you all should be) that Michael and I are now out of this!

Have a great weekend.

--Bill.

Bill Dunbar

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From: Johnson, Michael (Begich) [mailto:Michael_Johnson@begich.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 12:18 PM
To: Herckis, Arian; Herckis, Arian; Vaught, Laura
Cc: Boersma, Clare (Begich); Thoma, Schawna (Begich); McLerran, Dennis; Bluhm, Kate; Dunbar, Bill; Tyler, Kendra
Subject: Re: AK Visit

Thanks all. As we indicated, it's highly difficult for us to do anything other than the 30th. We may be able to do a half day in FBKS on the morning of the 28th. With the senator working about a 16-hour whirlwind day today, we need to run a few things by him and see if we can go through the painful process of freeing up that morning.

Our meeting targets would be:

1) FNSB Mayor Luke Hopkins;

2) GVEA (electric coop) leadership; and

3) Usibelli leadership.

All of this would be primarily focused on the two sets of upcoming greenhouse gas utility plant regs.

As soon as we get a window with the senator today to discuss, we'll be in touch.

-MJ

From: Herckis, Arian

Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 10:58 AM

To: Herckis, Arian; Vaught, Laura; Johnson, Michael (Begich)

Cc: Boersma, Clare (Begich); Thoma, Schawna (Begich); McLerran, Dennis; Bluhm, Kate; Dunbar, Bill; Tyler, Kendra

Subject: RE: AK Visit

+ Bill Dunbar and Kendra Tyler with Region 10.

From: Herckis, Arian
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 1:40 PM
To: Vaught, Laura; Johnson, Michael (Begich)
Cc: Boersma, Clare (Begich); Thoma, Schawna (Begich); McLerran, Dennis; Bluhm, Kate
Subject: RE: AK Visit

Hi Michael – Nice to meet you via email. I am adding Kate Bluhm, our Trip Coordinator to the email chain. As Laura mentioned, unfortunately we will not be able to get the Administrator and Senator together on the 30th as we will be departing Alaska on the 29th. We were originally planning on being in Fairbanks on the 27th but I understand that the Senator's schedule is a "nightmare" that day so can I confirm the date of the 27th is definitely not an option? If it is not we can try to make the 28th work. Also, can you please advise if there is something in particular you were hoping to have our two principals do together. I welcome your suggestions.

Thank you,

Arian

From: Vaught, Laura
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 11:23 AM
To: Vaught, Laura; Johnson, Michael (Begich)
Cc: Boersma, Clare (Begich); Thoma, Schawna (Begich); Herckis, Arian; McLerran, Dennis
Subject: RE: AK Visit

Also adding Dennis McLerran, our Region 10 Administrator.

From: Vaught, Laura
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 9:17 AM
To: 'Johnson, Michael (Begich)'
Cc: Boersma, Clare (Begich); Thoma, Schawna (Begich); Herckis, Arian
Subject: RE: AK Visit

Thanks Michael – this is all very helpful.

I'm adding Arian Herckis, our Director of Scheduling and Advance, to this chain.

As of right now, the tentative plan is for her to be on the ground in AK the 26-28. Unfortunately, it looks like the 30th is not in play because of the mandatory Agency-wide furlough that I mentioned to you. We want to make something with your boss works, so if the Wednesday is an option as well, maybe we can figure something out then.

Arian will have the lead for us on coordinating logistics and schedule, so welcome her thoughts as well.

Hope this helps at least get us started.

From: Johnson, Michael (Begich) [mailto:Michael_Johnson@begich.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 10:11 PM
To: Vaught, Laura
Cc: Boersma, Clare (Begich); Thoma, Schawna (Begich)
Subject: AK Visit

Good to talk with you today, Laura.

After we spoke, I spent some time with our state-based scheduler. I've copied Clare above. Also copied is Schawna Thoma, our state director. Fabulous duo that they are, they generally handle incoming dignitaries.

Friday the 30th as a target for Fairbanks continues to be the best option for Sen. Begich by a long shot. He has a softer schedule that day but needs to be in Fairbanks that evening for a couple events with the Air Force chief of staff. We could pretty easily convert most if not all of the business day to power plant reg issues, our strongest political need/ask of the administrator.

As for the rest of the week, he will be in Fairbanks for a half day or a little more on Monday the 26th, but it's already over scheduled. Tuesday is a nightmare. Wednesday might have a little flex in it and Thursday is booked, too. So, as a second choice, a distant second, Wednesday might work, but that would mean three half-day or more trips to Fairbanks from Anchorage in one week for the senator. Honestly the mid-week dates would really only work as a time for a secondary meeting on another topic, unless we took drastic measures.

I also looked forward a little. Senator Begich will be home for a long weekend on Sept 13th and 14th. He's scheduled to hold a subcommittee hearing in Anchorage that Friday and then travel to NW Alaska on Saturday. It's possible we could get creative with some events that would work for the administrator then, but the weekend is fairly booked now. In particular, it's a FEMA subcommittee (HSGAC) and will focus on coastal erosion due to climate change. That's not really the EPA side of the business, but it's pretty powerful example of the unpleasant changes and challenges climate change will bring if that's of interest.

FYI - A flight to Fairbanks from Anchorage is about 1 hour/one-way and a RT flight is about $200-300 due to some new competition in the market. A flight out to Dillingham (for Pebble related mtgs at least a little closer to the area of the mine) is about $700 RT from Anchorage and would take about an hour and a half, one-way. Charter flights from there to the mine site or closer villages won't be cheap and will take a little longer.

We'll do just about anything to make a trip work out, from providing advice, working with Alaskans to set up events or make the trip easier however we can. Just let us know.

Will look forward to touching base with you early next week.

-MJ

From: Vaught, Laura [Vaught.Laura@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 8:36 PM
To: Johnson, Michael (Begich)
Subject: Re: AK Visit

Sounds good.