To: Schnare, David[schnare.david@epa.gov]
From: Peter Robertson
Sent: Thur 2/16/2017 8:15:46 PM
Subject: Re: Pebble

See you then. Thanks.

Peter

From: Schnare, David <schnare.david@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 2:35:16 PM
To: Peter Robertson
Subject: RE: Pebble

Wed, the 22nd, 5pm.

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From: Peter Robertson [mailto:peterrobertson@pebblepartnership.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 2:19 PM
To: Schnare, David <schnare.david@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Pebble

David,

How about Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 or as late as you want. If Wednesday doesn't work, I could also do Friday afternoon, anytime you want.

Thanks.

Peter

From: Schnare, David <schnare.david@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 7:50:44 AM
To: Peter Robertson
Subject: RE: Pebble

Peter:

My calendar for next week is relatively open, although with the new Administrator coming in, and a heavy briefing schedule for him in the wings, it could get messy rather quickly. Late afternoon is often the best time (after 5). Let me know what day you want and I'll hold that time.

I am aware of the problem in general but do not have specifics. Can you bring with you a timeline of events and a status on the legal actions? The preemptive strike by the last administration was indeed unprecedented and I don't want to see it become a precedent, particularly because it is a violation of Pebble's due process rights.

In any case, I need to get this set up for the Administrator, which means I need the full background and a specific proposal on what we can and should do. Without meaning to be flip, that's your homework assignment.

Best,

David Schnare

From: Peter Robertson [mailto:peterrobertson@pebblepartnership.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:37 PM
To: Schnare, David <schnare.david@epa.gov>
Subject: Pebble

David,

Thanks for chatting with me briefly. I'm the Senior Vice President for Corporate Affairs for the Pebble Partnership. As you may know, Pebble is trying to develop a world-class copper mine in southwestern Alaska. We have yet to submit the first of the permit applications necessary to move ahead with the mine -- the permit application under section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

EPA, through Region 10, has moved to block our efforts to develop the mine by putting forward a preemptive veto of the mine -- before we submit our permit application -- under Clean Water Act section 404(c). This action is unprecedented and fundamentally unfair. There is no environmental harm that comes from allowing us to submit our permit application, because the Corps of Engineers (which reviews these permit applications) may say no, and even if the Corps says yes, the Agency retains the ability to veto the permit. We are only looking for the same due process that 60,000 other permit applicants get each year.

There is a significantly long history of this matter (including our ongoing litigation against the Agency), and I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss it with you and seek your guidance and assistance on our efforts to work through these issues with the Agency.

Do you have time for me to meet with you in the near future?

Sincerely,

Peter Robertson

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