

From: Graves, Bentley
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 06:08 PM
To: Calos, Sandra - Washington, DC
Cc: 'Rice, James (Grassley)'; Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee)
Subject: Re: Sioux City AMP

We are frustrated, Sandy. Very frustrated. I've tried Ms. Dominguez twice today, with no response.

We're almost now another full week gone by with absolutely nothing to show for the time passed.

Monday will mark three weeks since the PMG promised the Congressman and Senators the unredacted study, the back up information, and a meeting in Sioux City with the area VP to discuss the information and a possible competing proposal from the city. Throughout these weeks we have been asked by many stakeholders about the progress. The time is quickly approaching at which we will have no option but to level with the community about the Postal Service's apparent unwillingness to follow through here.

Please pass the message along that we'll expect the release of the promised information by noon tomorrow. It's important that we get things in motion before this week comes to a close.

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From: Calos, Sandra - Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 07:44 PM
To: Graves, Bentley
Subject: Re: Sioux City AMP

Bentley

I apologize but unfortunately I was not provided with the information today.

If you wish you may contact Marie Therese Dominguez directly. She can be reached at 202-268-2506.

Once again, my apologies. I understand your frustration.

Sandy

From: Graves, Bentley
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:55 PM
To: Calos, Sandra - Washington, DC
Cc: 'Rice, James (Grassley)'; Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee)
Subject: Re: Sioux City AMP

Sandy,

As we're nearing the end of the day with no new information yet coming our way, I wanted to check in to ensure that we'll indeed get it today, as you'd suggested below.

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From: Graves, Bentley
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 06:58 PM
To: Calos, Sandra - Washington, DC
Cc: 'Rice, James (Grassley)'; Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee)
Subject: Re: Sioux City AMP

Thanks, Sandy. We'll look forward to it.

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From: Calos, Sandra - Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 06:56 PM
To: Graves, Bentley
Subject: Re: Sioux City AMP

Bentley

I was informed you should expect a response by tomorrow. Thanks.

Sandy

From: Graves, Bentley
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 02:41 PM
To: Calos, Sandra - Washington, DC
Cc: 'Rice, James (Grassley)'; Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee)
Subject: Re: Sioux City AMP

Sandy,

We're now more than two weeks past the day on which the postmaster general promised this information to the folks in Sioux City. Every day that goes by gives them less opportunity to review the data and weigh in. Had I not followed up again today by phone, I don't know how I'd have known that Talaya was out...and I guess we'd still just be waiting.

When can we expect the release of the information? I would hope that it will be no later than tomorrow. Would it be helpful for us to speak with Ms. Dominguez directly? We cannot afford any additional delay.

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From: Calos, Sandra - Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 05:34 PM
To: Graves, Bentley
Subject: Sioux City AMP

Hello Bentley –

Sorry I missed your call. I was in a meeting until now. Both Sheila and Talaya are out of office this week. Sheila will be back on Friday.

I understand you spoke to Kim Weaver and we're waiting to hear back from Marie Therese Dominguez, Vice President of Government Relations & Public Policy regarding the Sioux City AMP.

I truly apologize for the delay and appreciate your continued patience. Thanks.

Sandy

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From: Graves, Bentley
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 2:49 PM

To: Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee); Rice, James (Grassley)
Subject: RE: Follow Up

I got no response. I got an out of office from Sheila. I tried to call Talaya and Sandy yesterday afternoon, left voicemails for each, and got no response from that either. I just tried both again and again got voicemail. I called the main USPS govt affairs number and was told that Talaya is out on leave. The person who answered the phone said that she'd have someone call me today, and then she transferred me to Sandy's voicemail again.

This is the most frustrating thing I've ever encountered.

I'll keep you posted on what I hear back from this person who's supposed to call me.

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From: Graves, Bentley
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2011 1:16 PM
To: Simpson, Talaya S - Washington, DC
Cc: Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee); 'Rice, James (Grassley)'; Meyers, Sheila T - Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Follow Up

Talaya,

Now that you have had discussed this with the Chief Operating Officer, we expect that the folks in Sioux City will have the information by the end of the day today along with an idea of when they can expect a meeting with the area VP. If for some reason that is not going to be the case, please let us know why and when it will be.

Also, as I did not receive a response to my follow up email below from last Tuesday, I'll again ask whether things are on hold with the consolidation while we await the release of the info, a possible counter proposal from the city, and the meeting with the area VP? We're now two weeks past the day on the Postmaster General met with the Congressman and Senators, and the clock is continuing to tick. As James noted in his email below, this delay is doing nothing to dispel the concern amongst our constituents that the Postal Service is once again merely seeking to run out the clock on this.

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From: Graves, Bentley [<mailto:Bentley.Graves@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 3:18 PM
To: Simpson, Talaya S - Washington, DC
Cc: Rice, James (Grassley); Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee); Meyers, Sheila T - Washington, DC
Subject: Re: Follow Up

Thanks you for the update, Talaya.

Can you tell us whether things are on hold with the consolidation while we await the release of the info, a possible counter proposal from the city, and the meeting with the area VP? I ask because we're now more than a week past last week's meeting, and with action now not coming before Thursday or Friday of this week at the earliest, we're looking at probably another week gone by without the folks in Sioux City any closer to having access to the basic facts here.

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From: Simpson, Talaya S - Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 03:08 PM
To: Graves, Bentley
Cc: "Rice, James (Grassley)"; Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee); Meyers, Sheila T - Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Follow Up

Good Afternoon Bentley,

We are meeting with the Chief Operating Officer on Thursday to review the information that will be shared to ensure it is responsive. We will get back to you following the meeting to share the information.

Thanks for your patience.

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From: Graves, Bentley
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 4:29 PM
To: Simpson, Talaya S - Washington, DC
Cc: 'Rice, James (Grassley)'; Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee); Meyers, Sheila T - Washington, DC
Subject: Re: Follow Up

Hi Talaya,

Any news on when the folks in sioux city will have the info the postmaster general promised?

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From: Graves, Bentley
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 09:35 AM
To: 'Simpson, Talaya S - Washington, DC'
Cc: 'Rice, James (Grassley)'; Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee) Meyers, Sheila T - Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Follow Up

Thanks for the update, Talaya. As I noted below, we're really looking to get things rolling very, very soon. Each day that goes by is another day lost for the community to review the details and another day closer to the Postal Service's completion deadline of October 1...so I'm sure you can appreciate the position that puts us in. If you would, please send us an update on Monday so that we can keep folks on our end updated on the progress.

Again, thanks for the update. Enjoy your weekend. We'll look forward to hearing from you on Monday.

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From: Simpson, Talaya S - Washington, DC
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 8:25 AM
To: Graves, Bentley
Cc: 'Rice, James (Grassley)'; Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee); Meyers, Sheila T - Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Follow Up

Good Morning Bentley,

We are currently working on the matter. I do apologize for jumping the gun and misspeaking earlier. I thought it could be done sooner. I can provide you an update next week, regarding when this matter.

Thanks. If anything else arises, please let me know.

Talaya

From: Graves, Bentley
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 6:38 PM
To: Simpson, Talaya S - Washington, DC
Cc: 'Rice, James (Grassley)'; Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee); Meyers, Sheila T - Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Follow Up

Hey Talaya,

Just checking in to see where we're at. We'd like to get things rolling as soon as possible so that the folks in Sioux City have sufficient time to review.

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From: Simpson, Talaya S - Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 5:02 PM
To: Graves, Bentley
Cc: 'Rice, James (Grassley)'; Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee); Meyers, Sheila T - Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Follow Up

Good Afternoon Bentley,

It was great seeing you as well.

We are working on that as we speak, and I will have a definitive answer for you on tomorrow.

You will hear from me then, regarding next steps and timing.

Thanks,

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From: Graves, Bentley
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 3:54 PM
To: Simpson, Talaya S - Washington, DC
Cc: 'Rice, James (Grassley)'; Goldberg, Dan (HELP Committee); Meyers, Sheila T - Washington, DC
Subject: Follow Up

Hi Talaya,

It was good to see you yesterday. Thanks for your help in pulling the meeting together. At least from our perspective, I think it was time well spent.

I wanted to follow up with you to find out what the next step is to see to it that the folks in Sioux City get the AMP data and information that the Postmaster General discussed with our bosses yesterday. Obviously time is of the essence, here, so let us know what you need from us to get the ball rolling.

Thanks for your help.

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