

Sellers - DNR, Suzanne < suzanne.sellers@state.co.us>

Re: Problem with Headwaters PRRIP Invoice - confidential

2 messages

Kowalski - DNR, Ted <ted.kowalski@state.co.us>

Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 4:19 PM

To: "Sellers - DNR, Suzanne" <suzanne.sellers@state.co.us>

Cc: James Eklund - DNR <james.eklund@state.co.us>, Tim Feehan - DNR <tim.feehan@state.co.us>

Thanks Suzanne,

Looping in Tim.

Please inquire with Headwaters. I think you could inquire either orally or by email. I think you should NOT reference your conversations with Darren but rather, just ask for a little more explanation about the water work (and you can ask specifically what Darren worked on for 2 1/2 weeks) and you can ask for more specific information about the work conducted, something more specific than the broad, general invoice description that they provided... Please cc on any email you send (or you can share a draft wiht me first, if you prefer) or feel free to include me in on the conversation with Headwaters; however, I will be in Mexico on Thursday and Friday, but I could be available for a phone call next Monday or Tuesday.

Thanks, Ted

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On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 4:01 PM, Sellers - DNR, Suzanne <suzanne.sellers@state.co.us> wrote: Sorry wrong invoice. October's is attached.

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On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 3:44 PM, Sellers - DNR, Suzanne <suzanne.sellers@state.co.us> wrote: Hi James and Ted.

I would like to keep this confidential if possible.

Headwaters submitted a PRRIP invoice today (attached) indicating that Daren Beck worked a 100.5 hrs over a 4-week period in October which relates to approximately charging 63% of his time to the PRRIP.

In a conversation I had with Darren on October 14th, Daren indicated that he was spending "all of his time

marketing" for Headwaters and was not really working on PRRIP. He stated that he was not the person to ask about PRRIP activities. He then told me the staff members that were working on the various PRRIP water projects and directed me to them with questions. After a change of subject later in the conversation, Darren suddenly indicated that he spends only 25% of his time marketing.

I recognize that Darren could have begun work on PRRIP just after our conversation or this could merely be a typo, or there could be other explanations. However, given the inconsistent conversation I had with Darren, I'm not feeling entirely comfortable giving the OK to pay the attached invoice.

Options:

- One option is that we could inquire with Headwaters directly. However, I feel that my questioning of Headwaters will have some political repercussions within the program (at least for me).
- Another option, is that if Ted feels comfortable, he can approve the invoice.

Please provide some guidance on how best to handle this matter. The BOR is expecting an approval by this Friday.

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Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 4:28 PM

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