

**From:** Phillips, Keith (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 1:56 PM  
**To:** 'Rick Desimone'  
**Subject:** RE: Friday works

Yep. I have the half hour ... hoping that will be sufficient?

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**From:** Rick Desimone [mailto:rick@desimonecg.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 1:50 PM  
**To:** Phillips, Keith (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Friday works

If it's ok, I think I'd like to come down tomorrow to sit with you for this meeting. We'll have the Stoel Rives folks (Mark Morford from Portland and Eric Anderson from Seattle) and a couple of the company folks on the phone. that work?

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**From:** Phillips, Keith (GOV) [mailto:Keith.Phillips@gov.wa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2014 9:05 AM  
**To:** Rick Desimone  
**Subject:** Friday works

Let's plan on 9 am on Friday.

Unless you think otherwise, I won't include our legal folks on this call ... assuming we'll focus on process, and the company's views/preference. Right?

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**From:** Rick Desimone [mailto:rick@desimonecg.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 26, 2014 5:31 PM  
**To:** Phillips, Keith (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: here we go

I'd like Mark Morford, who is our attorney (Stoel Rives out of Portland) to be part of this conversation as well. Unfortunately, he cannot participate on Tuesday morning – any chance we could move this to Friday sometime between 8 – 9:30 – that works for both of us.

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**From:** Phillips, Keith (GOV) [mailto:Keith.Phillips@gov.wa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2014 12:32 PM  
**To:** Rick Desimone  
**Subject:** RE: here we go

Got it.

If you want a later time, I'm good until 10 am.

Thanks.

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**From:** Rick Desimone [mailto:rick@desimonecg.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2014 12:16 PM

**To:** Phillips, Keith (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: here we go

I'll come down – would be good to see you

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**From:** Phillips, Keith (GOV) [<mailto:Keith.Phillips@gov.wa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2014 12:11 PM  
**To:** Rick Desimone  
**Subject:** RE: here we go

Let's do 8:00-8:30 am. Is that ok?

Phone or at my office (Insurance Building, first floor)?

Thanks.

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**From:** Rick Desimone [<mailto:rick@desimonecg.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2014 11:43 AM  
**To:** Phillips, Keith (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: here we go

How would Tuesday morning 1/28 anytime between 8 – 10:45 work for you? ( I could do earlier as well, but I need to be on the road by 11)

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**From:** Phillips, Keith (GOV) [<mailto:Keith.Phillips@gov.wa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2014 11:16 AM  
**To:** Rick Desimone  
**Subject:** RE: here we go

Hi, Rick – when can we talk about EFSEC, please? Questions are coming in ... and I want to make sure the Gov is properly positioned, for either course.

If you're ready, let's set a time. Either I or Jane Wall in our office can schedule.

Thanks.

Keith  
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**From:** Rick Desimone [<mailto:rick@desimonecg.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2014 7:28 AM  
**To:** Bonlender, Brian (COM); Phillips, Keith (GOV)  
**Subject:** here we go

**METHANOL**

## Chinese company ready to invest \$2 billion in Kalama, Clatskanie methanol plants

Officials estimate project will bring 2,000 construction jobs during initial building period.

## ERIK OLSON

In what would be the biggest jobs boost for the region in about 20 years, a Chinese company plans to build two methanol export plants — at the Port of Kalama and Port Westward near Clatskanie — creating 240 full-time jobs in the Lower Columbia region.

At the Port of Kalama, officials at the company, Northwest Innovation Works, want to lease a vacant site north of Steelscape for one of the manufacturing facilities. It also would require a natural gas pipeline to supply the plant. At Port Westward, Northwest Innovation is seeking to lease 82 acres for a similar, separate project.

Combined, the \$2 billion investment would create 2,000 construction jobs during the two-year building period, according to local economic development officials and other sources. Each plant would employ 120 full-time workers when the projects are complete. Northwest hopes the plans go online in 2017 or 2018.

The two plants would provide the biggest employment boost for the region since the construction of Steelscape in the early 1990s. It is believed to be the largest one-time private investment in the region's history. In addition to jobs, the two plants would provide a significant boost in tax revenue for local governments.

The company would build administration facilities, a cooling tower and storage facilities to hold up to 8 million metric tons of methanol at each site. Northwest Innovation has not yet applied for building permits and must clear regulatory hurdles before construction begins.

Methanol is used as a component of plastics and laminates. It is manufactured by combining natural gas with a stream of water, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrogen.

In China, it is produced by burning coal, but Northwest Innovation officials plan to use cleaner burning natural gas at the two Lower Columbia plants, said Ted Sprague, president of the Cowlitz Economic Development Council.

“This brings together all the best benefits of economic development. It's a large capital investment, brings a lot of high-wage jobs, and exports a product. Plus, we like the green product,” Sprague said.

Northwest Innovation officials plan to discuss the Kalama plan in further detail Wednesday morning. Sprague said the company has been eyeing the region for four months and was attracted by the low energy costs.

Northwest Innovation Works is a subsidiary of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, a government-owned group that supports economic development projects worldwide.

Innovation Works officials are planning to seek permission to start preliminary work during a Port of Kalama commissioners' meeting 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. On Thursday, the company will present its Oregon plan to Port of St. Helens commissioners at 5 p.m. at the Clatskanie PUD building.

Previous plans to build a natural gas line to the Port of Kalama have met with protests from citizens along the proposed route, some of whom argue that landslides on the soft ground could cause a line to rupture.

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