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Diana,

I am requesting that Empire postpone sending in the DSM tariff sheets until I am able to speak with all parties one last time about the appropriateness of modifying the budget expenditure language. Specifically, I would like the collaborative to allocate a very small amount of money towards "research and development" for a financial feasibility study in relation to the PAYS program.

This idea came out of the Agenda discussion with the Commissioners on Wednesday and it appeared to be a topic they were interested in. The inclusion of this study would also be in compliance with the stipulated agreement regarding investigating on-bill and PAYS tariff financing. The study itself does not appear to be expensive (I was quoted 2^{nd} hand at \$5k) and I believe it would provide some clarity on this subject moving forward.

I am not aware of any deadline for submitting the tariff other than the January 1st program launch date. If we could delay the filing until next week I would be greatly appreciative. As it stands, I am tentatively set to speak with Ryan Cook from Meister Consultants Group on Thursday about the scope and cost of work. I am open to any feedback on the request and/or if anyone else would be interested in sitting in on the discussion.

Regarding what specific language would need to be added to the tariff, I can provide feedback if someone would please forward me a copy of the <u>most recently revised</u> tariff sheet as I know several were circulating. The email that I received this morning in regards to the aforementioned tariff sheet did not actually include copies of said sheet just the letter to the RLJ notifying that they have been revised.

Thanks and have a great weekend.

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