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**Subject:** FW: Meeting with Bobby Hitt

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Bobby,

Please see below.

Best,

Austin

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**From:** Pitts, Ted  
**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2014 1:27 PM  
**To:** Smith, Austin  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting with Bobby Hitt

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**From:** ronniecromer@bellsouth.net [mailto:ronniecromer@bellsouth.net]  
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Ted:

Per our conversation this morning, I would respectfully request a meeting with Mr. Hitt and appropriate members of the Department of Commerce to discuss the possibility of a meeting with the Hancock family, the former owners of Sea Pro in Newberry. The Hancocks want to discuss any possibilities the Dept of Commerce may have in assisting them in a new start-up of the old Sea Pro plant in Newberry. About 10 years ago, they sold out to the Brunswick Corporation who has since closed the facility. The Hancocks see a great potential in employment opportunities for a new Sea Pro operation. Prior to selling out to Brunswick, they employed approximately 300 people and had a great reputation in the boat manufacturing arena. I have known them for sometime now and know that they would be an asset to S.C.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,  
Ronnie