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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2012 11:22 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: Beth Jones

See below for when we talk.

We have same issue on Rose.

Also want to discuss a WHA matter.

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**From:** Samuelson, Heather F  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2012 10:27 AM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D; Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Subject:** RE: Beth Jones

One note in case useful.

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Thx

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**From:** Samuelson, Heather F  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 03, 2012 12:41 PM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D; Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Subject:** Beth Jones

Cheryl/Pat:

This is probably already on your radar, but wanted to make sure I flagged.

Beth Jones was designated as Acting A/S for NEA on June 1 (the day after Jeff vacated the position). As I understand it, under the Vacancies Reform Act, she can only retain the Acting title for 210 days unless a nominee is pending before Congress.

Her 210 days will run up on December 28<sup>th</sup> but can be extended if someone is nominated when Congress gets back early January.

I know this is odd timing given the transition. PPO has not said anything to me about this yet either.

I can speak with L about whether there is any leeway in extending the 210 days particularly given transition. Also I will confirm that under the Vacancy Reform Act, if Beth's clock does run out, then Liz Dibble in her capacity as PDAS can automatically serve as Acting if we want to go that route.

Thanks.  
Heather