

I would be hesitant to speculate without guidance from DOJ. Maybe some one on this note has a current view of their actions.

Until then I will refrain from putting too many ideas into broadcast.

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Dear Friends of Flow Rate:

I just want to give you a heads up on some new information that I just learned about today that will have great bearing on the flow rate. We do not yet have sufficient information to act, but I will be passing along the information to you once I receive it. Please keep this information confidential, although I understand that some of these views are available (although their significance may not be widely appreciated).

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