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John P. Mulligan
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Dear Mr. Mulligan:

At your request, the DoD Siting Clearinghouse has coordinated an initial review of your proposal for three solar towers at the proposed Rio Mesa project in California. While we predict the project will impact the training we conduct in military training route VR-296, we believe those impacts can be mitigated. Therefore, the Department of Defense will not oppose construction of the project; however, we ask you to continue to coordinate with us as you make micrositing decisions. Your continued cooperation will help us preserve our military's operational, training, and testing capabilities.

Note that this informal review by the DoD does not constitute an action under 49 U.S.C. § 44718 and that neither the DoD nor the Secretary of Transportation are bound by the determination made under the informal review. Please call me at (703) 697-7301 with any questions, and feel free to share this letter with any of your investors or community partners.

H. David Belote
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