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Dear Mr. Henry,

This memorandum is a status update as of 1 December 2023. On 26 October 2023, the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse formally introduced Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) and New Leaf Energy to discuss mission impact concerns. On 13 November 2023, AFRL hosted New Leaf Energy representatives at the AFRL Stockbridge Test and Experimentation Site to explain the mission and testing activities. The purpose of the meeting was mutual education and outreach, not to reach an agreement.

AFRL is prepared and obligated to engage in mitigation analysis and negotiations. This effort will identify adverse mission impacts to national defense programs, alternate operating postures, required FAA approvals to change operations, financial costs for such changes, which entity will pay for such changes, and the timing of any approved changes.

For over a half century, AFRL has invested time, effort, and taxpayer funds to create a worldclass national defense and commercial test environment that the proposed wind turbine would directly disrupt, if approved. AFRL operations rely in part on the local ordinance restriction of obstruction height above ground level (AGL) and the fact that the only existing non-AFRL structures in the vicinity of the test site are two non-spinning antenna towers less than 200 feet AGL.

For these reasons, AFRL appreciates the opportunity to engage in a comprehensive mitigation and impact study with New Leaf Energy and any entity seeking to erect structures above 200 AGL on the ridge where the AFRL Stockbridge Test and Experimentation Site is located. My point of contact for this action is Mr. Gabe Sbaraglia, reachable at 315-330-7000 or gabriel.sbaraglia@us.af.mil.

Sincerely,

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CC: New Leaf Energy