Appendix G

Department of Defense Energy Siting Clearinghouse Findings
7 June 2012

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Dear Dr. Miles:

At your request, the DoD Siting Clearinghouse has coordinated an initial review of your proposal for wind turbines at the Virginia Offshore Wind Advanced Technology Demonstration Project. While we predict interference from the turbines could impact various radars in the area, we believe those impacts can be mitigated. Therefore, the Department of Defense will not oppose construction of demonstration turbines at Site 1 (James River near Suffolk), Site 2 (James River near Newport News) or Site 3 (near Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel's 4th Island); however, we ask you to continue to coordinate with us as you make micrositing decisions. DoD, in coordination with Federal partners, is developing tools and techniques to model more accurately the impacts of wind turbine-radar interference, and 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.

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