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The Honorable Mark Menezes  
Deputy Secretary of Energy  
US Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Deputy Secretary Menezes:

We have been briefed on the negotiations for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our agencies, and they appear to be going very well. We appreciate the time and effort that DOE has invested in this undertaking. To follow up on our conversation of October 2, 2020, the Board is requesting a meeting to discuss our continuing progress on the MOU and any other pertinent matters. Please have your staff contact our Manager of Board Operations, Tara Tadlock, for scheduling.

Yours truly,

*Thomas A. Summers*

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c: Mr. Joe Olencz