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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Preliminary Draft Map of Potential Energy Corridors on Federal Lands

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The CSLC should be consulted regarding any specific uses proposed for or which may impact such lands. Therefore, once it becomes available, please forward a copy of the PEIS to the following address:

California State Lands Commission,
Division of Land Management,
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100 South
Sacramento, California 95825
Telephone (916) 574-1940.

The CSLC reserves the right to require a lease for the use of any lands in the project area which ultimately may be found to be within its jurisdiction. This letter is not intended, nor shall it be construed as, a waiver or limitation of any right, title, or interest of the State in any lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission.

Sincerely,


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