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February 18, 2023

Ms. Michelle Ensey, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
State of New Mexico Historic Preservation Division  
407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Bataan Memorial Building  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

**Re: CASE # 23-5010 Rancho Viejo Solar Project Conditional Use Permit.**

Rancho Viejo Solar LLC, Applicant, Jonathon W. Moore (Sr. Project Developer, Community Energy), Agent, request approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a 96 Mega Watt solar facility on 800 ± acres (a portion of an 8,358.48-acre Tract) a 2-acre collector substation, a 4-acre battery energy storage system (BESS), a 2.3-mile generation tie-in line (gen-tie), and a 1.4-mile access road on private land. The project will be constructed as a single-axis tracker photovoltaic (PV) system. The panels will be supported by a horizontal racking system, attached to steel piers driven into the ground. There will be minimal disturbance to the existing grade and vegetation. The panels will rotate east to west tracking the sun and will sit approximately 9-12 feet above ground at their maximum tilt, closer to 4 feet midday. A six (6) foot high perimeter fence is being proposed. The site is zoned as Rural Fringe (RUR-F). Appendix B, Use Matrix illustrates that a commercial solar energy production facility is a Conditional Use within RUR-F zoning. The site will take access via Hwy. 14, SDA-2 (Commission District 5). Parcel ID # 910008950

Please review the enclosed information as submitted to us by the Applicant for technical accuracy and for compliance with Ordinance No. 2016-9, the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC). **Please respond as soon as possible or no later than March 22, 2023.** *(the key/code to open the flash drive is written on the flash drive)*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at 986-6296.

Sincerely,

*Jose E. Larrañaga*

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