



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 128TH AIR REFUELING WING (ANG)**

24 January 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR MAYOR TOM BARRETT
MILWAUKEE COMMON COUNCIL

FROM: 128 ARW/CC
1919 E GRANGE AVE
MILWAUKEE WI 53207

SUBJECT: Common Council File #191604

1. The 128 ARW is an ardent proponent of the City Of Milwaukee approving the solar energy project on the brownfield site at 1600 College Ave. While the 128 ARW understands that this proposal is a transaction between WE Energies and the City of Milwaukee, there is a potential additional benefit to this project that may prove in an emergency situation to be of great benefit to the greater Milwaukee area and our nation as a whole.
2. The potential additional benefit of the solar project is due to the point that it connects to the We Energies' electrical grid which happens to be the same line that serves the 128 ARW. This will enable the 128 ARW to purchase and utilize the output of the solar facility at times when the overall electrical grid is not functioning. During such an emergency, the solar facility would not be capable of selling its output to the normal grid customers and it is also during such a time when our abilities as a National Guard unit may be called upon by our State and our Nation to aid in recovery efforts. In short, the solar facility that you are contemplating has the benefit of becoming an emergency recovery asset simply by virtue of where you are contemplating locating it in the community. As an Air National Guard unit, we welcome the opportunity to purchase the output of the solar facility, under our existing utility rates, in a contingency situation and can assure you that the solar facility's continuous presence next to our base is most welcome. Indeed, the presence of this facility may greatly assist our abilities during an electrical grid outage to accomplish our dual mission of supporting the State of Wisconsin and the United States of America.
3. Please contact me with any questions at 414-944-8405 / james.v.locke3.mil@mail.mil

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