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Dear Mr. Goerlich:

We have received Scenic Airline's answer dated June 28, 2006, to Merced County's letter of June 19, 2006.

Please be advised that the request of Merced County for consideration of Castle Airport and Merced County's participation in the proceedings will not result in a delay in the selection of a replacement carrier in any way, and for a number of reasons, may expedite the selection.

Airlines should give careful and due consideration to the Merced County proposal and should not allow or permit the outgoing carrier to dictate Merced County's participation in the process. By giving due consideration to Merced County's proposal, the replacement carrier will avail itself of every opportunity to succeed in the Merced community.

Sincerely,

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