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Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2023 9:22 AM
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Cc: Scott Hoberg (MP-Transmission) (MP)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL MAIL] RE: Arrowhead / St Louis County - Planner to Planner Discussion

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Thanks Tom,

I figured you were probably out of the office – good for you! Later today or tomorrow is an option for us too if you and Bob can shoehorn something into the Thursday afternoon/Friday before Labor Day. We were trying to keep the group smaller on our end to be more focused on the technical aspects in the hope of being able to have the conversation sooner than later – so we are fairly flexible. I will be out of the country from Sept 7-19, so if I can move something around today or tomorrow to make time to meet with you guys before Bob goes on vacation, I will. We would prefer to have this discussion sooner rather than later, and in advance of another larger-group discussion.

Let us know! Thanks.

Christian Winter

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Hi Christian,

Thanks for your patience, I just got back from a camping trip with my family and am getting caught up. Bob McKee is planning to send over some dates to set up a Planning discussion, but he's on vacation next week so it will likely be later in September before we can get together.

Regards,
Tom

From: Christian Winter (MP-Transmission) (MP) <cwinter@mnpower.com>

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Hi Tom,

Following up on the meeting from last Thursday, I'd like to have a more technically-focused discussion about the Arrowhead & St Louis County topic with you, Adam and anyone else you think would be appropriate to engage at more of the planner to planner level.

I recognize that MP shifted gears a bit abruptly last fall as we were having discussions with you about the interconnection configuration of our HVDC Modernization Project, so I have compiled some of the technical rationale behind that decision-making in order to share it with you. Admittedly, we probably should have been more straightforward about that at the time. I'd also like to give you MP's perspective on where the St Louis County Substation concept came from, where it is at currently, and where we see it going – hoping to give you a better idea of what potential solution concepts we see being considered in the area and why we think it's a benefit and an opportunity for both ATC & MP if we can collaborate and come together around some concepts for the area. I realize we have to work through the differences on Arrowhead/St Louis County before we can progress to the bigger-picture collaborative planning ideas, but my hope is that sharing more of our perspective as transmission planners and discussing that with you will help both of our organizations make progress navigating those differences here in the near-term.

On my end, I am hoping to keep the invite list small – right now looking at possibly just me and Scott (though there's a possibility that Peter Schommer or Randi Nyholm might also attend). Below are some time frames that would work for a 1-hour meeting later this week. I will be taking off Sept 7 for a couple weeks for work/vacation travel, so it's important to me that we have this discussion before that. If the times below don't work for you, please let me know what would be between now and Sept 6 and I will re-arrange my calendar to make it happen.

- Thursday, 8/31 @ 8AM (just before the LRTP workshop starts)
- Thursday, 8/31 @ 3PM
- Friday, 9/1, any time between 9AM-2PM

Thanks!

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