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Subject: Great River Energy Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project
Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025 1:57:00 PM
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[GRE_OttoTap_HarryDavis_20250910.pdf](#)

Dear Harry Davis,

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Date: Monday, May 12, 2025 11:17:00 AM
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[Otto Tap Transmission Line Fact Sheet.pdf](#)
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Dear Virgil Wind and Mike Wilson,

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[GRE_OttoTap_JoelSmith_20250910.pdf](#)

Dear Joel Smith,

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Dear Valentina Mgeni,

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Dear Noah White,

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Dear Ronald Johnson,

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Dear Jessie Seim,

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Dear Constance Campbell,

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Dear Heather Westra,

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Dear Michael Childs, Jr.,

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Dear Blake Johnson,

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Subject: Great River Energy -- Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project
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[GRE_OttoTap_PrairieIslandIndianCommunity_Intro_Letter_Final.pdf](#)

Dear Grant Johnson, Jody Johnson Puddu and Noah White,

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Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025 2:01:00 PM
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Dear George Branchaude,

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Subject: Great River Energy -- Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project
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To: [Leonard Wabasha \(TO\)](#); [Bill Rudnicki \(TO\)](#); [Andrew Levi](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: RE: Great River Energy Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project
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Good Morning Leonard,

As always, thanks for your feedback.

Much Appreciated,

Mark Strohfus

Project Manager – Transmission Permitting

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Subject: RE: Great River Energy Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project

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The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community THPO has no concerns with the proposed route as described in your correspondence.. Have a Great Day!



LEONARD WABASHA

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Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 8:32 AM

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Subject: Re: Great River Energy Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project

Thanks I added Leonard Wabasha to this email.



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Subject: Great River Energy Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project
Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025 2:00:00 PM
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Dear Steve Albrecht,

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Cc: [Strohfus, Mark GRE-MG](#)
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: RE: Great River Energy -- Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 12:21:00 PM
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[image002.png](#)

Leonard,

Thank you for your response. We are coordinating with Tribal THPOs closer to the project area. We will keep you informed of any significant changes to the proposed project.

Have a good day!

--Andrew

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Dear Andrew Levi

Thank you for the opportunity to consult with you on this proposed project, although there are no significant cultural resources remaining in the proposed route (A campsite destroyed by highway 10 construction) the area is out of our direct area of concern, please consult with those Tribal THPOs closer to the project area and Please keep us informed, Thank you and Have a Great Day!!



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Subject: Great River Energy -- Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project
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