

## **APPENDIX D - TRIBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Appendix D is organized as follows:

**Table 1. Tribal Mailing List**

These are the individuals that were the primary addressees or copied. Correspondence was sent via email.

**Sample Letter**

Two different letters were sent. An introduction letter was sent on May 12, 2025, and again on September 11, 2025. If a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer with a Minnesota Tribe did not respond to the initial letter, they were provided with a follow-up letter. Neither letter was unique.

**Table 2. Tribal Correspondence Archive**

Provides a summary of correspondence sent and received.

**Tribal Correspondence**

Provides correspondence sent to and received by Tribes or Tribal organizations. Emails are provided; however, given sample letters are included herein, individual letters are excluded.

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Tribe or Organization	Contact Name	Address	Email	Letter
1854 Treaty Authority	Sonny Myers	4428 Haines Rd; Duluth, MN 55811	smyers@1854treatyauthority.org	Addressee
Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	Matthew Tselee	PO Box 1330; Anadarko, OK 73005	matthew.tselee@apachetribe.org	Addressee
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Jaylen Strong	1500 Bois Forte Rd; Tower, MN 55790	jaylen.strong@boisforte-nsn.gov	Addressee
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Carlos Hernandez	5344 Lakeshore Dr; Nett Lake, MN 55772	carloshernandez@boisforte-nsn.gov	Addressee
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Cathy Chavers	5344 Lakeshore Dr; Nett Lake, MN 55772	cchavers@boisforte-nsn.gov	Addressee
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Amy Mason	5344 Lakeshore Dr; Nett Lake, MN 55772	amy.mason@boisforte-nsn.gov	Addressee
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Perry Drift	5344 Lakeshore Dr; Nett Lake, MN 55772	pdrift@boisforte-nsn.gov	Addressee
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Shane Drift	5344 Lakeshore Dr; Nett Lake, MN 55772	sdrift@boisforte-nsn.gov	Addressee
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Miranda Lilya	5344 Lakeshore Dr; Nett Lake, MN 55772	mlilya@boisforte-nsn.gov	Addressee
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Tribal Government	Robert Moyer, Jr.	5344 Lakeshore Dr; Nett Lake, MN 55772	rmoyer@boisforte-nsn.gov	Addressee
Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council	Tara Geshick	5344 Lakeshore Dr; Nett Lake, MN 55772	tara.geshick@boisforte-nsn.gov	Addressee
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma	Max Bear	700 Black Kettle Blvd; Concho, OK 73022	mbear@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov	Addressee
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe of South Dakota	Garrie Kills-A-Hundred	PO Box 283; Flandreau, SD 57028	garrie.killsahundred@fsst.org	Addressee
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Evan Schroeder	28 University Rd; Cloquet, MN 55720	evanschroeder@fdlrez.com	Addressee
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Bruce Savage	1720 Big Lake Rd; Cloquet, MN 55720	brucesavage@fdlrez.com	Addressee
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Robert Abramowski	1720 Big Lake Rd; Cloquet, MN 55720	robertabramowski@fdlband.org	Addressee
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Brad Blacketter	1720 Big Lake Rd; Cloquet, MN 55720	bradblacketter@fdlband.org	Addressee
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Scott Buchanan	1720 Big Lake Rd; Cloquet, MN 55720	scottbuchanan@fdlrez.com	Addressee
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Caleb Dunlap	1720 Big Lake Rd; Cloquet, MN 55720	calebdunlap@fdlband.org	Addressee
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Wally Dupuis	1720 Big Lake Rd; Cloquet, MN 55720	wallydupuis@fdlband.org	Addressee
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Earl Otis	1720 Big Lake Rd; Cloquet, MN 55720	earlotis@fdlband.org	Addressee
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Bill Thompson	1720 Big Lake Rd; Cloquet, MN 55720	billthompson@fdlrez.com	Addressee
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Ian Young	1720 Big Lake Rd; Cloquet, MN 55720	ianyong@fdlband.org	Addressee
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Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Rob Hull	PO Box 428; Grand Portage, MN 55605	thpo@grandportage.com	Addressee
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Robert Deschampe	PO Box 428; Grand Portage, MN 55605	robertdeschampe@grandportage.com	Addressee
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	April McCormick	83 Stevens Rd; Grand Portage, MN 55905	aprilm@grandportage.com	Addressee
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Toby Stephens	83 Stevens Rd; Grand Portage, MN 55905	tobys@grandportage.com	Addressee
Grand Portage Bank of Lake Superior Chippewa	Agatha Armstrong	83 Stevens Rd; Grand Portage, MN 55905	agathaa@grandportage.com	Addressee
Grand Portage Bank of Lake Superior Chippewa	Krishna Woerheide	83 Stevens Rd; Grand Portage, MN 55905	kwoerheide@grandportage.com	Addressee

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Gina Lemon	190 Sailstar Dr NW; Cass Lake, MN 56633	gina.lemon@llojibwe.net	Addressee
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Faron Jackson, Sr.	190 Salistar Dr NW; Cass Lake, MN 56633	faron.jackson@llojibwe.net	Addressee
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Mike Chosa	190 Salistar Dr NW; Cass Lake, MN 56633	mike.chosa@llojibwe.net	Addressee
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Kyle Fairbanks	190 Salistar Dr NW; Cass Lake, MN 56633	kyle.fairbanks@llojibwe.net	Addressee
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Gov Relations	190 Salistar Dr NW; Cass Lake, MN 56633	govt.relations@llojibwe.net	Addressee
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	LeRoy Staples Fairbanks III	190 Salistar Dr NW; Cass Lake, MN 56633	leroy.fairbanks@llojibwe.net	Addressee
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Craig Tangren	190 Salistar Dr NW; Cass Lake, MN 56633	craig.tangren@llojibwe.net	Addressee
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Steve White	190 Salistar Dr NW; Cass Lake, MN 56633	steve.white@llojibwe.net	Addressee
Leech Lake Bank of Ojibwe	Leonard Fineday	190 Salistar Dr NW; Cass Lake, MN 56633	leonard.fineday@llojibwe.net	Addressee
Leech Lake Bank of Ojibwe	Brandy Tofte	190 Salistar Dr NW; Cass Lake, MN 56633	brandy.toft@llojibwe.net	Addressee
Lower Sioux Indian Community	Cheyenne St. John	39527 Reservation Highway 1; Morton, MN 56270	cheyenne.stjohn@lowersioux.com	Addressee
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Lower Sioux Indian Community	Joseph O'Brien	39527 Reservation Highway 1; Morton, MN 56270	joey.obrien@lowersioux.com	Addressee
Lower Sioux Indian Community	Robert Prescott	39527 Reservation Highway 1; Morton, MN 56270	bob.prescott@lowersioux.com	Addressee
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Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Virgil Wind	43408 Oodena Dr; Onamia, MN 56359	virgil.wind@millelacsband.com	Addressee
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Kelly Applegate	43408 Oodena Dr; Onamia, MN 56359	kelly.applegate@millelacsband.com	Addressee
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Carolyn Beaulieu	43408 Oodena Dr; Onamia, MN 56359	carolyn.beaulieu@millelacsband.com	Addressee
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Sheldon Boyd	43408 Oodena Dr; Onamia, MN 56359	sheldon.boyd@millelacsband.com	Addressee
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Harry Davis	43408 Oodena Dr; Onamia, MN 56359	harry.davis@millelacsband.com	Addressee
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Prairie Island Indian Community	Constance Campbell	5636 Sturgeon Lake Rd; Welch, MN 55089	tori.campbell@piic.org	Addressee
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Red Lake Nation	Joe Plumer	15484 Migizi Dr; Red Lake, MN 56671	joe.plumer@redlakenation.org	Addressee
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White Earth Nation	Eugene Sommers	35500 Eagle View Rd; Ogema, MN 56569	eugene.sommers@whiteearth-nsn.gov	Addressee
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May 12, 2025

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**Subject: Great River Energy  
Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Otter Tail County, Minnesota**

Dear [name]:

Great River Energy, wholesale electric provider to Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC), is planning to build approximately 2.9 miles of new 115-kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line (HVTL) in Otto and Pine Lake Townships, in Otter Tail County, referred to as the Otto Tap 115-kV Transmission Line Project (Project). Great River Energy intends to submit a Route Permit application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for the Project in August 2025. Great River Energy anticipates starting construction in Spring/Fall 2028 and energizing the Project in 2028 after the receipt of all necessary approvals and authorizations.

As shown on the enclosed Fact Sheet, the Project will consist of a new tap line from Great River Energy's existing 115-kV Perham to Rush Lake transmission line to LREC's existing Otto Substation. By upgrading the Otto Substation with a new connection to the 115-kV transmission system, this Project will enable LREC to continue to provide reliable service to its customers in the region. The new 115-kV transmission line will be constructed and owned by Great River Energy.

The Project will primarily use direct-buried single-pole wood or steel structures. Larger laminate poles with guying or steel poles on concrete foundations may be needed for angles. Typical pole heights will range from 70 to 90 feet above ground and spans between poles will generally range from 350 to 400 feet. Final design, which will occur after the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission issues a Route Permit, will determine the final span distances, as well as the need for specialty poles (for example, laminate poles or steel poles on foundations). Construction will generally occur within a 100-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW) easement that Great River Energy will obtain to construct, operate and maintain the transmission line. The 100-foot-wide ROW easement will be centered on the transmission line and reach 50 feet on either side of the pole line.

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Great River Energy would appreciate any comments that you may have on the Project. Please contact me at 763-445-5210 or [MStrohfus@GREnergy.com](mailto:MStrohfus@GREnergy.com) should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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# Otto Substation transmission tap line

Great River Energy, wholesale electric provider to Lake Region Electric Cooperative, is planning to build approximately 2.9 miles of new 115,000-volt (115-kilovolt or 115-kV) overhead transmission line in Otto and Pine Lake Townships, in Ottertail County. A transmission tap to the existing Perham–Rush Lake (LR-PR) 115-kV line is necessary to support Lake Region Electric Cooperative’s upgrade of the Otto Substation. This will ensure continued reliable service by connecting the new substation to the regional 115-kV transmission system.

## Overview

This project will include the construction of approximately 2.9 miles of transmission line between the existing Otto Substation and Great River Energy’s existing LR-PR 115-kV transmission line located on the northeast side of US Highway 10. See map on back. From the Otto Substation, the proposed route would follow 470th Avenue north. At 410th Street it will turn east until it crosses over US Highway 10 to a new switch to be installed on the existing 115-kV line. LREC will likely bury most of their existing distribution lines where they are overtaken by the new 115-kV transmission line.

## Permits

The project will require a route permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission prior to any construction commencing. There will be several opportunities for any interested party to provide comments during the state’s permitting process.



*Typical 115-kV single circuit structure and 115-kV deadend*

In addition, Great River Energy will work with other state, county, townships and local authorities to acquire all approvals necessary to complete the work.

## Public involvement and easements

Great River Energy will be contacting landowners to talk with them about the project. Easements will be needed to provide adequate land rights for construction, operation and maintenance of the new line.

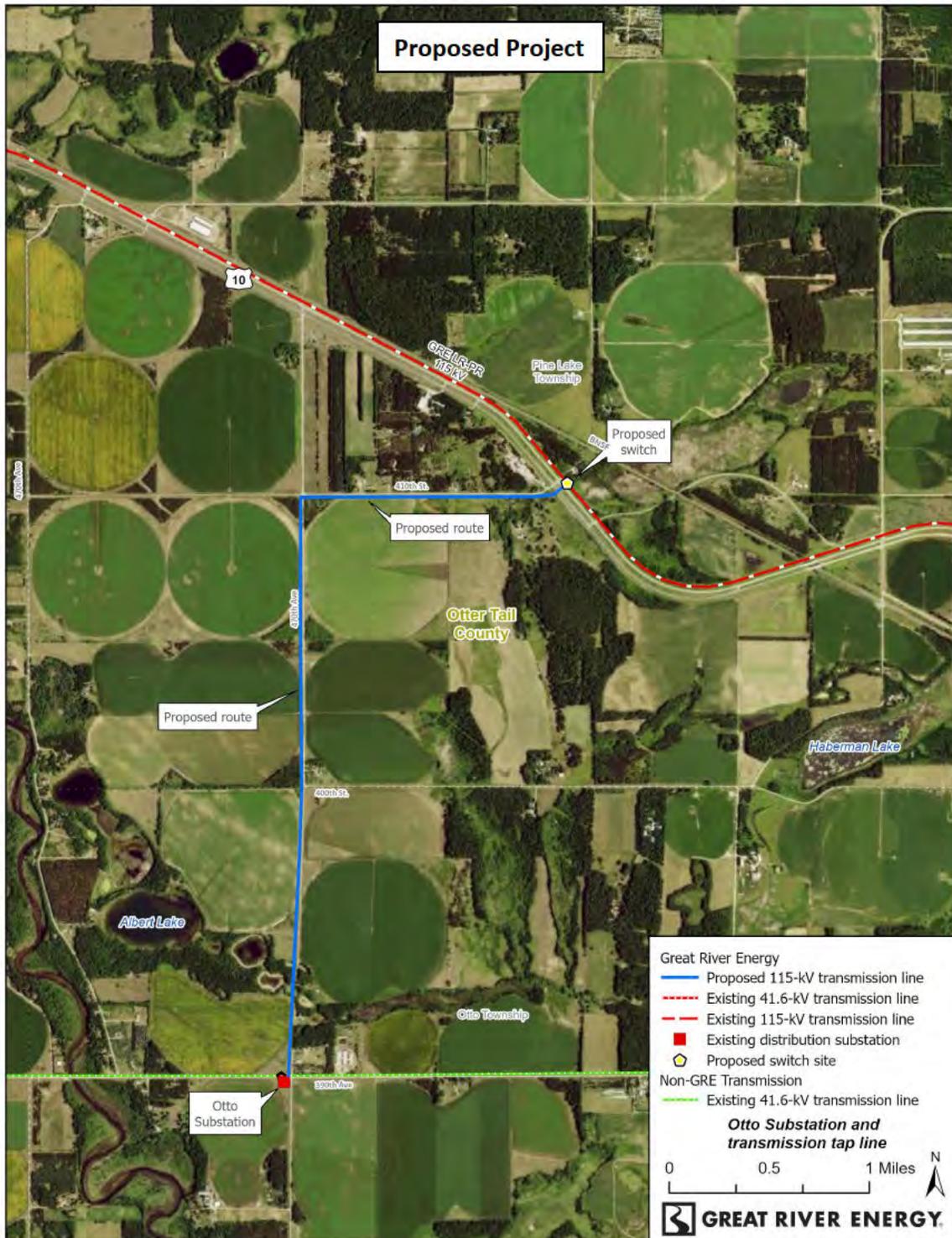
Landowners will be presented with a copy of the route permit, easement and compensation settlement offer. Information will also be provided on the proposed design and pole locations, tree removal, construction access, settlement of damages and restoration of the right-of-way.

### Schedule

<b>Notifications</b>	Winter 2024
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<b>Energization</b>	Fall 2028

### Quick facts

- Length** – Approximately 2.9 miles
- Voltage** – 115 kV
- Structures** – Direct-embedded wood or steel poles; steel on concrete foundations at corners
- Spans** – 350 to 400 feet apart
- Right of way** – 100-foot-wide (50 feet each side of center of pole line)



## About Great River Energy

Great River Energy is a not-for-profit wholesale electric power cooperative which provides electricity to approximately 1.7 million people through its member-owner cooperatives and customers. Through our member-owners, we serve two-thirds of Minnesota geographically and parts of Wisconsin.

## Great River Energy representatives

For project updates and information, contact:

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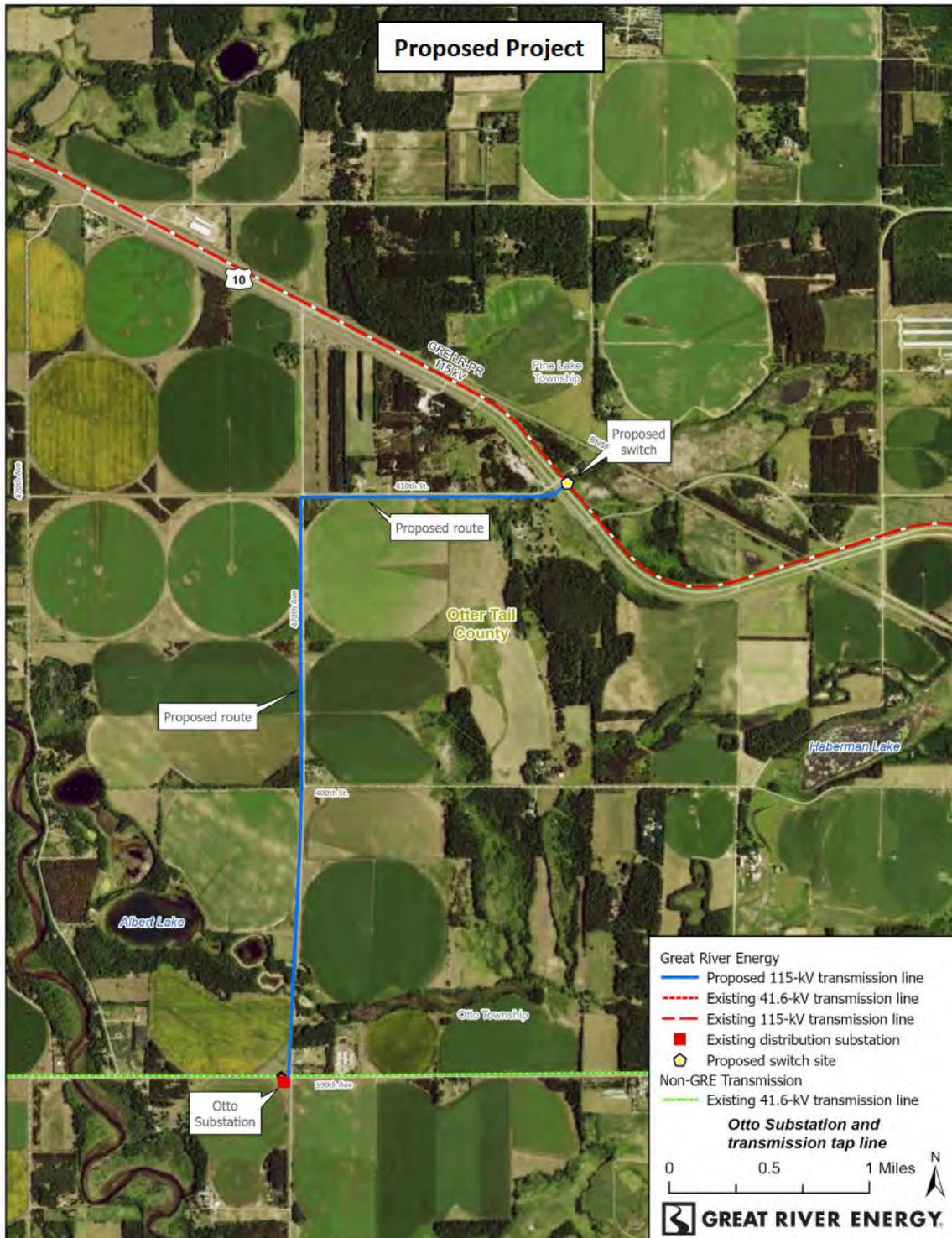
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Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Otter Tail County, Minnesota**

Dear \_\_\_\_,

You have already received this notice in May of this year. We are resending this notice consistent with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's (MPUC) *Guidance for Successful Tribal Engagement* document issued in July 2025.

Great River Energy, wholesale electric supplier to Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC), is planning to build approximately 2.9 miles of new 115-kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line (HVTL) in Otto and Pine Lake Townships, in Otter Tail County, referred to as the Otto Tap 115-kV Transmission Line Project (Project). Great River Energy intends to submit a Route Permit application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for the Project in October 2025. Great River Energy anticipates starting construction in Spring/Fall 2028 and energizing the Project in 2028 after the receipt of all necessary approvals and authorizations.

As shown on the enclosed Fact Sheet, the Project will consist of a new tap line from Great River Energy's existing 115-kV Perham to Rush Lake transmission line to LREC's existing Otto Substation. By replacing the Otto Substation with a new connection to the 115-kV transmission system, this Project will enable LREC to continue to provide reliable service to its customers in the region. The new 115-kV transmission line will be constructed and owned by Great River Energy.

The Project will primarily use single-pole wood structures, with steel poles as needed. Typical pole heights will range from 70 to 90 feet above ground and spans between poles will generally range from 350 to 400 feet. Final design, which will occur after the MPUC issues a Route Permit, will determine the final span distances, as well as the need for specialty poles (for example, steel poles). Construction will generally occur within a 100-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW) easement that Great River Energy will obtain to construct, operate and maintain the transmission line. The 100-foot-wide ROW easement will be centered on the transmission line and reach 50 feet on either side of the pole line.

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Great River Energy would appreciate any comments that you may have on the Project. Please contact me at 763-445-5210 or [MStrohfus@GREnergy.com](mailto:MStrohfus@GREnergy.com) should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Encl: Project Fact Sheet

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# Otto Substation transmission tap line

Great River Energy, wholesale electric provider to Lake Region Electric Cooperative, is planning to build approximately 2.9 miles of new 115,000-volt (115-kilovolt or 115-kV) overhead transmission line in Otto and Pine Lake Townships, in Ottertail County. A transmission tap to the existing Perham–Rush Lake (LR-PR) 115-kV line is necessary to support Lake Region Electric Cooperative’s upgrade of the Otto Substation. This will ensure continued reliable service by connecting the new substation to the regional 115-kV transmission system.

## Overview

This project will include the construction of approximately 2.9 miles of transmission line between the existing Otto Substation and Great River Energy’s existing LR-PR 115-kV transmission line located on the northeast side of US Highway 10. See map on back. From the Otto Substation, the proposed route would follow 470th Avenue north. At 410th Street it will turn east until it crosses over US Highway 10 to a new switch to be installed on the existing 115-kV line. LREC will likely bury most of their existing distribution lines where they are overtaken by the new 115-kV transmission line.

## Permits

The project will require a route permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission prior to any construction commencing. There will be several opportunities for any interested party to provide comments during the state’s permitting process.



*Typical 115-kV single circuit structure and 115-kV deadend*

In addition, Great River Energy will work with other state, county, townships and local authorities to acquire all approvals necessary to complete the work.

## Public involvement and easements

Great River Energy will be contacting landowners to talk with them about the project. Easements will be needed to provide adequate land rights for construction, operation and maintenance of the new line.

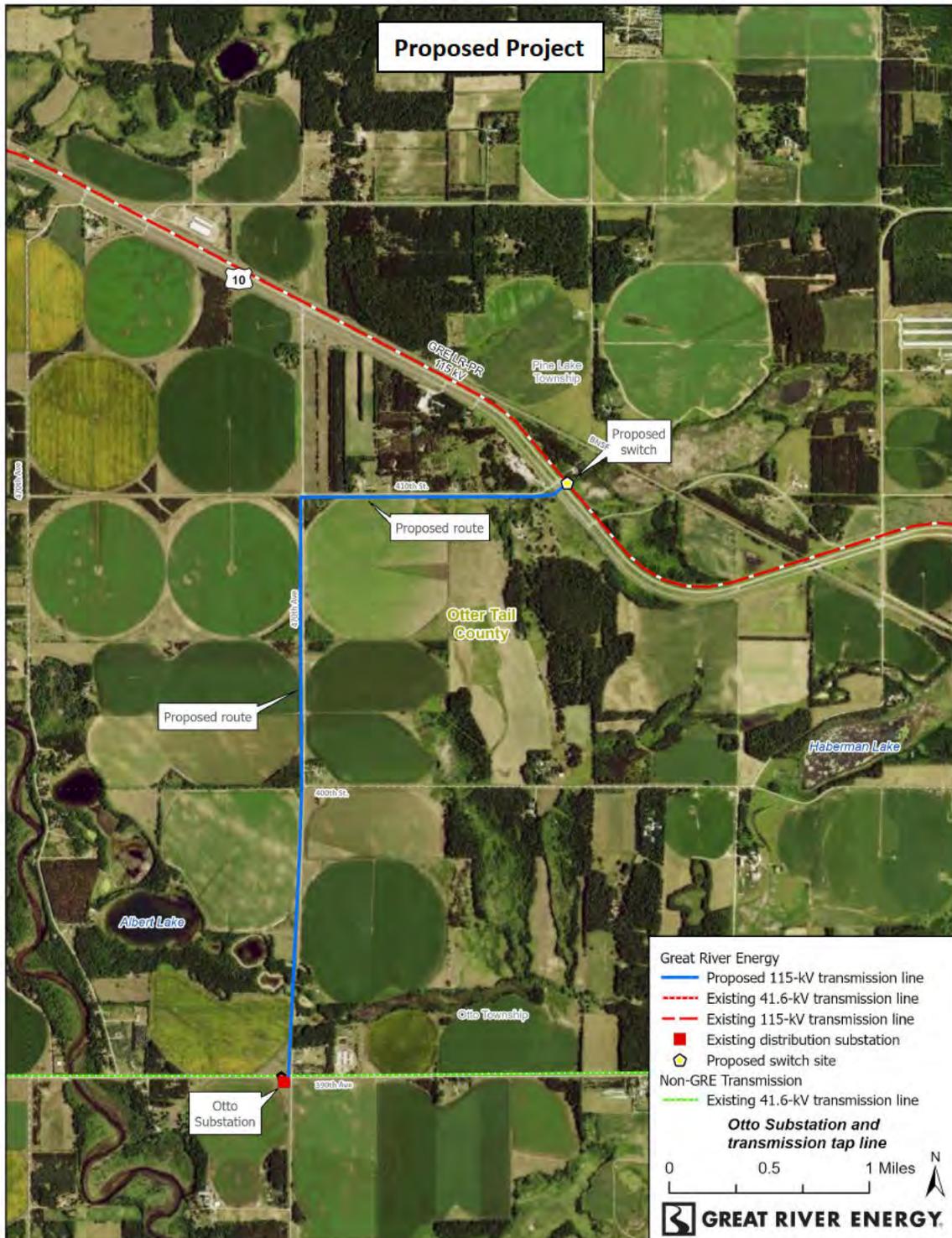
Landowners will be presented with a copy of the route permit, easement and compensation settlement offer. Information will also be provided on the proposed design and pole locations, tree removal, construction access, settlement of damages and restoration of the right-of-way.

### Schedule

<b>Notifications</b>	Winter 2024
<b>Project permitting</b>	2025 – Fall 2026
<b>Survey/design</b>	Winter 2027 – Winter 2028
<b>Easements/ Environmental permits</b>	Spring – Fall 2027
<b>Transmission line construction</b>	Fall 2027 – Fall 2028
<b>Energization</b>	Fall 2028

### Quick facts

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Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet	May 12, 2025
	Correspondence received	Project questions	May 12, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Provided answers	May 13, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	September 11, 2025
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe of South Dakota	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Introduction follow-up email, letter and factsheet (no response)	September 11, 2025
Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Introduction/follow-up email, letter and factsheet (no response)	September 11, 2025
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Michigan	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet	May 12, 2025
	Correspondence received	No recorded historic properties	May 18, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Thank you	May 23, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	September 11, 2025
Lower Sioux Indian Community	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Introduction/follow-up email, letter and factsheet (no response)	September 11, 2025
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet	September 11, 2025
	Correspondence received	Will check with THPO; contact the White Earth Nation	September 11, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Thank you	October 2, 2025
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	September 11, 2025

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Prairie Island Indian Community	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Introduction/follow-up email, letter and factsheet (no response)	September 11, 2025
Red Lake Nation	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Introduction email/follow-up, letter and factsheet (no response)	September 11, 2025
Santee Sioux Nation, Nebraska	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet	May 12, 2025
	Correspondence received	No significant cultural concerns	May 12, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Thank you	May 13, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet	September 11, 2025
	Correspondence received	Forward to cultural staff	September 11, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Thank you	September 11, 2025
	Correspondence received	Forward to THPO	September 12, 2025
	Correspondence received	No concerns	September 12, 2025
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, South Dakota	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
Spirit Lake Tribe, North Dakota	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
Upper Sioux Community	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
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White Earth Nation	Correspondence sent	Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response)	May 12, 2025
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1854 Treaty Authority

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Dear Miranda Lilya,

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Dear Amy Mason,

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Jaylen,

Thank you for your questions.

While it is still early in the development phase of the proposed project, typically soils will only be removed at pole locations. Grading is not expected to occur due to the relatively flat topography in the project area. Great River Energy will bore a hole typically 3 to 5 feet in diameter, remove the spoils, set a pole into the hole, and backfill with crushed rock. For the structures on each side of Hwy 10, they will bore a larger 8 to 10-foot hole, fill it with concrete, and bolt a steel structure to the foundation.

Great River Energy intends to have an Unanticipated Discoveries Plan in place before construction begins.

To date, other Tribes have been contacted but we've received no requests from a Tribe to be a consultant. We will be sure to let you know if this changes.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need more information or have any additional questions.

Have a good day!

--Andrew

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

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Boozhoo Mark and Andrew,

The only questions that I have currently is

1. What is the methodology for placing these new poles in?
  - a. More of what I'm asking is there any ground that is removed?
2. Is there an inadvertent discovery plan in place?
3. Has any other tribes responded to be a consultant?

**Jaylen Strong – Bebaamoshiiyaan**

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