

October 6, 2020

Noah White
Tribal Historic Preservation Office Prairie Island Indian Community
5636 Sturgeon Lake Road
Welch, MN 55089

Re: Community Wind South Repower Project, Nobles County, Minnesota
File: 0026682.00

Dear Noah:

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Kade Ferris
Red Lake Nation, Archaeologist
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Red Lake, MN 56671

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Leonard Wabasha
Director of Cultural Resource
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
2330 Sioux Trail NW
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Re: Community Wind South Repower Project, Nobles County, Minnesota
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Samantha Odegard
Tribal Historic Preservation Office Upper Sioux Community
PO Box 147
Granite Falls, MN 56241

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Jaime Arsenault
White Earth Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office
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White Earth, MN 56591

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Shannon Hansen

From: Leonard Wabasha (TO) <leonard.wabasha@shakopeedakota.org>
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 11:17 AM
To: David Weetman
Subject: Community Wind South Repower Project, Nobles County, MN
Attachments: Community Wind South Repower Project, Nobles County, MN

Thank You for correspondence Mr. Weetman, Please keep us informed of this project and please use this email address as the other is a public mailbox.

Thank You again and Have a Great Day!



LEONARD WABASHA
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The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is a federally recognized, sovereign Indian tribe located southwest of Minneapolis/St. Paul. With a focus on being a good neighbor, good steward of the earth, and good employer, the SMSC is committed to charitable donations, community partnerships, a healthy environment, and a strong economy.

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From: David Weetman
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 10:36 AM
To: blatady@boisforte-nsn.org
Subject: Community Wind South Repower Project, Nobles County, MN
Attachments: 20201006_Bois Forte THPO.PDF

Please see attached letter regarding the Community Wind South Repower Project.

Best Regards,

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From: David Weetman
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 10:39 AM
To: jillhoppe@fdlrez.com
Subject: Community Wind South Repower Project, Nobles County, MN
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From: David Weetman
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 10:40 AM
To: maryanng@grandportage.com
Subject: Community Wind South Repower Project, Nobles County, MN
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Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Melissa.cerda@state.mn.us
Subject: Community Wind South Repower Project, Nobles County, MN
Attachments: 20201006_MN Indian Affairs Council.pdf

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From: David Weetman
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 10:42 AM
To: amy.burnette@llojibwe.net
Subject: Community Wind South Repower Project, Nobles County, MN
Attachments: 20201006_Leech Lake THPO.PDF

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From: David Weetman
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Cheyenne.stjohn@lowersioux.com
Subject: Community Wind South Repower Project, Nobles County, MN
Attachments: 20201006_Lower Sioux THPO.PDF

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