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Hi I sent this email to Sam Weaver and got an auto reply saying he is out of the office figure I'd send it along to you. I'm not sure if this needs to be part of the doc but I know this has been a concern that these projects are clearly connected but Geronimo wants them permitted as smaller projects. This article with quotes from geronimo blatantly says these projects are interconnected.

Feel free to add it or if you have questions or want the full article let me know.

Thanks
Jake

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Hi Sam,

I came across an article in Successful Farming that features a quote from Geronimo.

I know the connection between the data center proposal and the alternative energy proposals has been a concern for residents as well as the judge. While Geronimo representatives have claimed these are all standalone projects, this article makes it sound like it is actually one large, interconnected project. Which correct me if I'm wrong would trigger a larger more comprehensive environment review process.

Jake Cuperus



“It’s a huge threat to the wind industry,” Nixon said. Though many Midwestern wind developers have pivoted to build solar farms, grid batteries or gas-fired power plants, wind remains “a really valuable tool as a low-cost producer of electricity in places where you have adequate land, willing communities and a great wind resource,” he added.

Geronimo is developing [three wind farms and a solar-and-battery installation](#) to support a [proposed data center](#) in southwestern Minnesota. Nixon said the company is exploring alternative locations for the data center after county officials denied a land-use change for its preferred site.

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