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Cc: [Strohfus, Mark GRE-MG](#)
Subject: Great River Energy -- Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project
Date: Monday, May 12, 2025 11:14:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Otto Tap Transmission Line Fact Sheet.pdf](#)
[GRE_OttoTap_GrandPortageBandofOjibwe_Intro_Letter_Final.pdf](#)

Dear Robert Deschampe and Rob Hull,

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Dear Alina Shively,

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Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025 2:00:00 PM
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Dear Steve White,

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Dear LeRoy Staples Fairbanks III,

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Dear Craig Tangren,

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Dear Brandy Tofte,

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Cc: [Gina Lemon](#); [Strohfus, Mark GRE-MG](#)
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: thpo # 25-195
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 10:24:00 AM
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Anita,

Good morning. Thank you for your review and comment about the Project. We will continue to keep you apprised of any changes to the Project should they occur.

Have a good weekend.

--Andrew

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Cc: Gina Lemon <gina.lemon@llojibwe.net>
Subject: EXTERNAL: thpo # 25-195

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Have a good day...

Respectfully,

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Tribal Historic Preservation Office

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May 18, 2025

Via Internet

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Otter Tail County, MN

LL THPO No. 25-195-NCRI

Dear Andrew Levi,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project. This has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1992, and the Procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (38CFR800).

I have reviewed the documentation. After careful consideration of our records, I have determined that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe does not have any recorded historic properties, within this area. ** This does not mean there are not any cultural resources present, at this time. **

Should any human remains or suspected human remains be encountered, all work shall cease and the following personnel should be notified immediately: County Sheriff's Office, Office of the State Archaeologist, and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe along with other interested parties.

Please note the above determination does not “exempt” future projects from Section 106 review. In the event of any other tribe notifying you of an issue or us (LLBO) of concerns for this specific project, we may reenter into the consultation process.

You may contact me at **(218) 335-2940** if you have questions regarding our review of this project. Please refer to the **LL-THPO Number** as stated above in all correspondence with this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina M Lemon

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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Cc: [Strohfus, Mark GRE-MG](#)
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Dear Faron Jackson, Sr. and Gina Lemon,

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Dear Tyler Prescott,

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Dear Cheyanne St. John,

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Dear Kristi Schoen,

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Dear Nizhoni Smith,

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Subject: Great River Energy Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project
Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025 1:59:00 PM
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[GRE_OttoTap_RobertPrescott_20250910.pdf](#)

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Cc: [Strohfus, Mark GRE-MG](#)
Subject: Great River Energy -- Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project
Date: Monday, May 12, 2025 11:14:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Otto Tap Transmission Line Fact Sheet.pdf](#)
[GRE_OttoTap_LowerSiouxIndianCommunity_Intro_Letter_Final.pdf](#)

Dear Robert Larsen and Cheyanne St. John,

Great River Energy is proposing to construct approximately 2.9 miles of new single-circuit, 115-kilovolt high voltage transmission line within Otto and Pine Lake Townships in Otter Tail County, Minnesota (the Project). As part of the Project, Great River Energy will upgrade the existing Lake Region Electric Cooperative-owned Otto Substation. More information about the Project, along with a map, is available in the attached letter and fact sheet.

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Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

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Subject: Great River Energy -- Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project
Date: Monday, May 12, 2025 11:05:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Otto Tap Transmission Line Fact Sheet.pdf](#)
[GRE OttoTap MenomineeIndianTribeofWI Intro Letter Final.pdf](#)

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Cc: [Kelly Applegate](#); ["Susan Klapel"](#); ["Perry Bunting"](#); [Mike Wilson](#); [Strohfus, Mark GRE-MG](#)
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: RE: Great River Energy Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project
Date: Thursday, October 2, 2025 10:31:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Charlie,

I apologize for the delay. I thought I had responded, but as I compile email this morning, I realized I did not.

Thank you for your quick response. We appreciate your efforts. So you are aware, we also provided notice to the White Earth Nation.

Again, please forgive my delayed response.

Thanks,

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To: Andrew Levi <andrew.levi@merjent.com>

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

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Miigwech Andrew.

I see the project is less than 20-miles from the Star Lake Wildrice Parcel and is in the 1855CT. So, please allow me to consult our Tribal Historic Preservation Office. If they determine the project is in a cultural corridor significant to the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, and we should be involved, we will reach out to you and Great River Energy at that time.

Otherwise, we defer this project to the area's nearest Tribe: White Earth Band of Ojibwe, located

less than 30-miles from the project area.

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Charlie L.



From: Andrew Levi <andrew.levi@merjent.com>

Sent: September 11, 2025 1:57 PM

To: Charlie Lippert <Charlie.Lippert@millelacsband.com>

Cc: Strohfus, Mark GRE-MG <MStrohfu@GREnergy.com>

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

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Cc: [Strohfus, Mark GRE-MG](#)
Subject: Great River Energy Otto Tap 115 kV Transmission Line Project
Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025 2:01:00 PM
Attachments: [GRE_OttoTap_MikeWilson_20250910.pdf](#)
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Dear Mike Wilson,

In May of this year, Great River Energy provided notice about the Otto Tap Transmission Line Project (Project). Consistent with recommendations from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's (MPUC) *Guidance for Successful Tribal Engagement* document issued in July 2025, we are following up with those who have not yet responded to ensure we receive any comments you may have.

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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 Sheldon Boyd,

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Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025 1:57:00 PM
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