

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 on agency letters. All correspondence was sent via email.

Sample Letter

All letters were identical. A sample letter is provided.

Table 2. Tribal Correspondence Archive

Provides a summary of correspondence sent and received.

Tribal Correspondence

Provides correspondence sent to and received by agencies. Emails are provided; however, given a sample letter is included herein, individual letters are excluded.

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| Tribe or Tribal Organization | Contact Name | Address | Email | Letter |
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| 1854 Treaty Authority | Sonny Myers | 4428 Haines Rd; Duluth, MN 55811 | smyers@1854treatyauthority.org | Primary Addressee |
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| Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council | Tara Geshick | | tara.geshick@boisforte-nsn.gov | Copied |
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| | Brad Blacketter | | bradblacketter@fdlband.org | Copied |
| | Scott Buchanan | | scottbuchanan@fdlrez.com | Copied |
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| Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe | Gina Lemon | 190 Sailstar Dr NW; Cass Lake, MN 56633 | gina.lemon@llojibwe.net | Primary Addressee |
| | Faron Jackson, Sr. | 190 Salistar Dr NW; Cass Lake, MN 56633 | faron.jackson@llojibwe.net | Primary Addressee |
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| | Michael Childs, Jr. | | michael.childsjr@piic.org | Copied |

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| | Laurie York | | laurie.york@whiteearth-nsn.gov | Copied |



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RE: Notice of Opportunity for Pre-application Coordination Meeting or Feedback
161-kilovolt Transmission Line and Associated Substation in Martin County, Minnesota

Dear Carlos Hernandez & Jaylen Strong,

On September 28, 2022, Big Bend Wind, LLC (“Big Bend”), an indirect subsidiary of Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC (“Apex”), received a route permit⁵ from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“MPUC”) to construct a 161-kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line and associated facilities to interconnect its approximately 300-megawatt wind project⁶ to the transmission grid. Since MPUC issuance of the route permit, Big Bend has negotiated an offtake agreement with Great River Energy that requires a new interconnection point to the transmission grid. This change in the interconnection point results in the need for approximately 4.5 miles of additional 161-kV transmission line route and associated facilities, including a substation, not previously permitted. Big Bend will apply for a new MPUC route permit for this transmission line, referred to as the Big Bend Transmission Line Extension Project (“Extension Project”), in early Q4 2025. As part of this application, Great River Energy and Big Bend will apply to construct a new step-up substation and interconnection substation on the same pad (Substation Area) immediately adjacent to the existing Great River Energy-owned Lakefield Junction Substation.

⁵ MPUC Docket No. IP7013/TL-19-621

⁶ MPUC Docket No. IP7013/WS-19-619

Carlos Hernandez & Jaylen Strong
September 10, 2025

The previously permitted transmission line is approximately 18 miles of 161-kV transmission line located in Cottonwood, Watonwan and Martin Counties, Minnesota. As permitted, the transmission line would extend south from the Big Bend Wind Project's substation to the Xcel Energy Crandall 345-kV Switching Station in Martin County. The transmission line will now interconnect at the existing Lakefield Junction Substation.

Approximately 16 miles of the previously permitted transmission line will be utilized. The Extension Project will begin east of 40th Avenue, south of 240th Street and north of 230th Street, approximately 9.5 miles southeast of Mountain Lake. It will travel approximately 4.5 miles south/southwest to interconnect at a new 161/345-kV step-up substation to be owned and operated by Big Bend; Great River Energy will have a 345 kV substation on the same pad separated by a fence. This new Substation Area will interconnect to the Lakefield Junction Substation.

Big Bend proposes to use 70- to 120-foot-tall steel or laminate wood structures with spans of approximately 400 to 650 feet. Big Bend is planning to obtain a 100-foot-wide permanent right-of-way when the transmission line follows parcel lines and a 150-foot-wide permanent right-of-way when adjacent to road right-of-way. Big Bend is currently acquiring easements from landowners to secure the right-of-way required for the Extension Project. Great River Energy owns the property where the new Substation Area will be located.

To facilitate your review, we have enclosed a map that depicts the location of the proposed Extension Project and new Substation Area. We welcome any comments your agency might have at this time and throughout the permitting process. Any written agency comments provided in response to this letter will be incorporated into the MPUC's route permit process. Should you need additional information or would like to set up a pre-application coordination meeting, please contact me at brie.anderson@apexcleanenergy.com or 612-501-2801.

Sincerely,

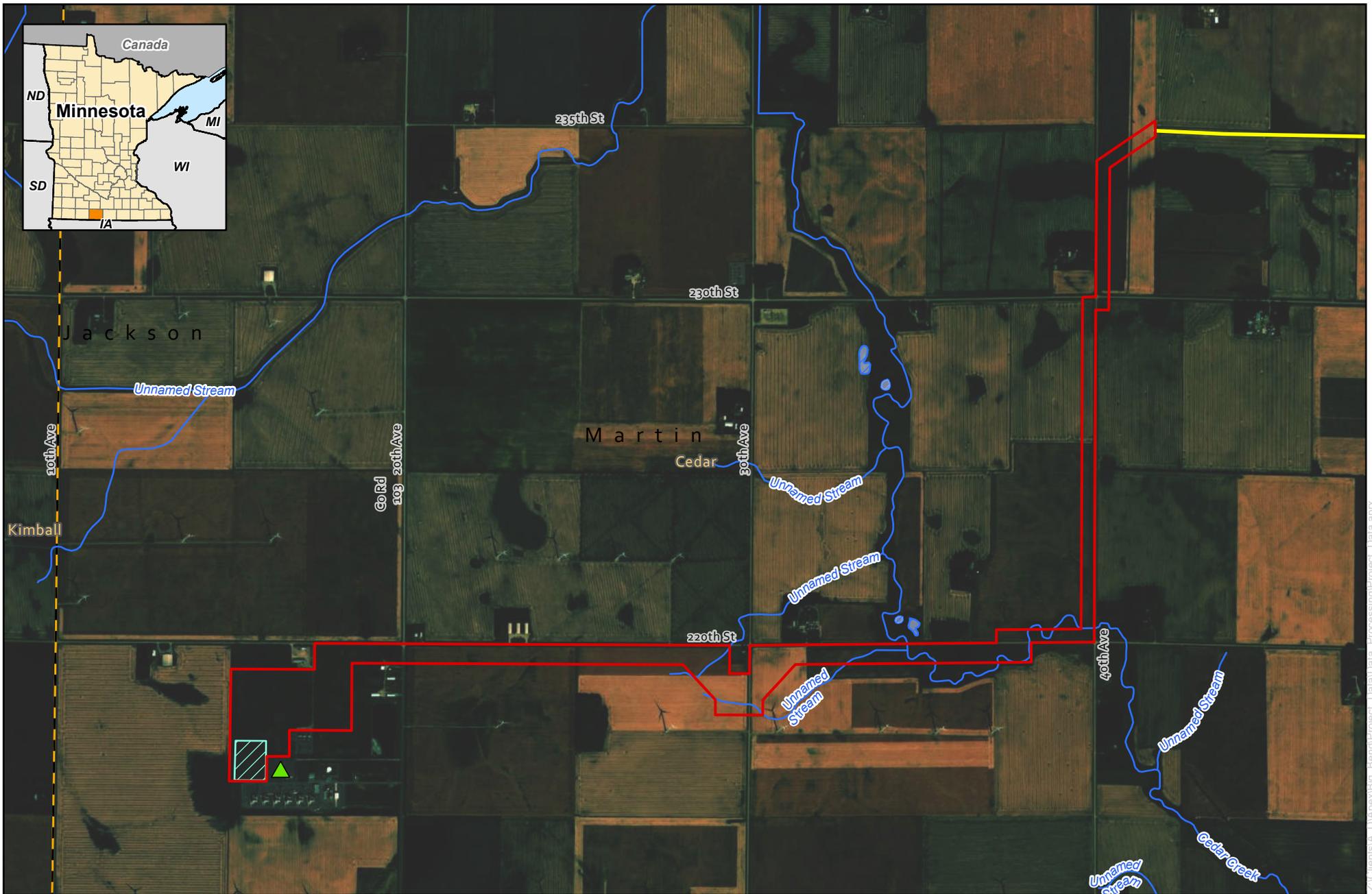


Brie Anderson
Senior Director of Project Permitting
Apex Clean Energy

Enclosure: Project Overview Map

cc:

Cathy Chavers, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Amy Drift, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Perry Drift, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Shane Drift, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Miranda Lilya, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Robert Moyer, Jr., Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Tribal Government
Tara Geshick, Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council
Andrew Levi, Merjent



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 Feet
 1 inch = 2,000 feet

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For Environmental Review Purposes Only

Project Overview Map

Big Bend Transmission Line Extension

Martin County, Minnesota

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| Proposed Route | MDNR River/Stream |
| New Substation Area | MDNR Hydro Feature |
| Previously Permitted Transmission Line | Township |
| Existing Lakefield Junction Substation | County |

Table 2. Tribal Correspondence Archive

| Tribe or Organization | Big Bend Action | Description | Date |
|--|-------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1854 Treaty Organization | Correspondence sent | Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response) | September 10, 2025 |
| Bois Forte Band of Chippewa | Correspondence sent | Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response) | September 10, 2025 |
| Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa | Correspondence sent | Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response) | September 10, 2025 |
| Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa | Correspondence sent | Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response) | September 10, 2025 |
| Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe | Correspondence sent | Introduction email, letter and factsheet | September 10, 2025 |
| | Correspondence received | Indicating comments forthcoming | September 10, 2025 |
| | Correspondence sent | Thank you | September 10, 2025 |
| Lower Sioux Indian Community | Correspondence sent | Notification email as function of Settlement Agreement (no response) | August 20, 2025 |
| | Correspondence sent | Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response) | September 10, 2025 |
| | Correspondence sent | Meeting invitations as a function of Settlement Agreement (no response) | October 10, 2025 |
| | Correspondence sent | Meeting invitations as a function of Settlement Agreement (no response) | October 20, 2025 |
| Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe | Correspondence sent | Introduction email, letter and factsheet | September 10, 2025 |
| | Correspondence received | Contact Jamie Edwards (on mailing list) | September 10, 2025 |
| | Correspondence sent | Thank you | September 10, 2025 |
| Minnesota Chippewa Tribe | Correspondence sent | Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response) | September 10, 2025 |
| Prairie Island Indian Community | Correspondence sent | Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response) | September 10, 2025 |
| Red Lake Nation | Correspondence sent | Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response) | September 10, 2025 |
| Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community | Correspondence sent | Introduction email, letter and factsheet | September 11, 2025 |
| | Correspondence received | No concerns | September 11, 2025 |
| | Correspondence sent | Thank you | September 11, 2025 |

| Tribe or Organization | Big Bend Action | Description | Date |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Upper Sioux Community | Correspondence sent | Notification email as function of Settlement Agreement (no response) | August 20, 2025 |
| | Correspondence sent | Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response) | September 11, 2025 |
| | Correspondence sent | Meeting invitations as a function of Settlement Agreement (no response) | October 10, 2025 |
| | Correspondence sent | Meeting invitations as a function of Settlement Agreement (no response) | October 20, 2025 |
| | Correspondence received | Request for additional information and to potentially participate in field surveys | December 8, 2025 |
| | Correspondence sent | Thank you; will contact to coordinate | December 9, 2025 |
| White Earth Nation | Correspondence sent | Introduction email, letter and factsheet (no response) | September 11, 2025 |

1854 Treaty Authority

From: [Andrew Levi](#)
To: smyers@1854treatyauthority.org
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Subject: Big Bend Wind, LLC -- Big Bend Transmission Line Extension Project
Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 1:33:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Dear Sonny Myers,

Big Bend Wind, LLC (Big Bend) and Great River Energy are proposing to construct approximately 4.5 miles of 161-kilovolt transmission line and associated facilities in Martin County. The transmission line is needed to interconnect the Big Bend Wind Project to the transmission grid because the interconnection point for the wind farm has changed. More detail is provided in the attached letter.

Big Bend is planning to submit a Route Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in early Q4, 2025. Big Bend would appreciate any comments you might have about the Project. Please reach out to Brie Anderson at brie.anderson@apexcleanenergy.com or 612-501-2801 with questions, written comments, or to request a pre-application coordination meeting.

Thank you,

Andrew Levi [on behalf of Brie Anderson, Big Bend]

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Bois Forte Band Chippewa

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Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 1:34:00 PM
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Dear Carlos Hernandez & Jaylen Strong,

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Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

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Dear Bruce Savage & Evan Schroeder,

Big Bend Wind, LLC (Big Bend) and Great River Energy are proposing to construct approximately 4.5 miles of 161-kilovolt transmission line and associated facilities in Martin County. The transmission line is needed to interconnect the Big Bend Wind Project to the transmission grid because the interconnection point for the wind farm has changed. More detail is provided in the attached letter.

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Dear Robert Deschampe & Rob Hull,

Big Bend Wind, LLC (Big Bend) and Great River Energy are proposing to construct approximately 4.5 miles of 161-kilovolt transmission line and associated facilities in Martin County. The transmission line is needed to interconnect the Big Bend Wind Project to the transmission grid because the interconnection point for the wind farm has changed. More detail is provided in the attached letter.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

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Gina,

Thank you for your response. We look forward to receiving your comments.

Have a good evening!

--Andrew

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Subject: EXTERNAL: RE: Big Bend Wind, LLC -- Big Bend Transmission Line Extension Project

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Andrew,

We will add this project to our Off Reservation/Land Claim Areas Review List and provide you with a comment with regard to historic properties.

Thank you for consulting.

Gina M. Lemon, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
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Please leave a message if I do not answer, thank you!

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Andrew,

We will add this project to our Off Reservation/Land Claim Areas Review List and provide you with a comment with regard to historic properties.

Thank you for consulting.

Gina M. Lemon, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
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RE: Big Bend Wind update

From Brusven, Christina <CBrusven@fredlaw.com>

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Cc Waller Pitts, Haley <HWallerPitts@fredlaw.com>; vherring@taftlaw.com <vherring@taftlaw.com>

Good morning,

I'm following up on my email below to see if you or your clients would be interested in meeting with Big Bend Wind to discuss updates regarding the Project. We will be holding a Teams meeting with David Kelliher from MNHS on Wednesday, October 22nd at 9:30 a.m. I'd be happy to include others in that meeting or find another time that works for those interested.

Best,

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Subject: RE: Big Bend Wind update

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out again on behalf of Big Bend Wind to provide additional updates regarding the Project, including future anticipated filings with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) and the projected construction schedule. We recently shared the attached information with staff at the MPUC, and we'd welcome the opportunity to get together with the settlement parties to share these updates and answer any questions you may have. To facilitate scheduling, below are several dates/times when Big Bend representatives are available. If one of these dates works for everyone interested, that would be great. If schedules don't align or your client prefers to meet separately with Big Bend, we're happy to facilitate more than one meeting as well.

Available dates/times

- Oct 14: 11:00 – 12:00
- Oct 15: 10:00 – 11:00 or 3:00-4:00
- Oct 22: 9:30-10:30 or 2:00-3:00
- Oct 23: 2:00-3:00
- Oct 24: 3:00-4:00

For ease in scheduling, we believe Teams would work well for this update, and 30-45 minutes should work, depending on the number of questions. Please let me know if your client would like to meet and, if so, if any of the available dates work. I'll then follow up with a calendar invite.

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Shena,

Thank you for your response. Have a good evening!

--Andrew

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Shena Matrious
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Hi Leonard -

We appreciate your review and response, thank you.

Have a nice day,
brie

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I have no concerns regarding the new extension route... Thank you and Have a Great Day!!



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Re: Big Bend Wind, LLC -- Big Bend Transmission Line Extension Project

From Brie Anderson <brie.anderson@apexcleanenergy.com>

Date Tue 12/9/2025 12:53 PM

To Samantha Odegard <samanthao@uppersiouxcommunity-nsn.gov>

Hi Samantha -

Thank you for your response. I will give you a call to discuss the Project and status of review.

Thanks,
brie

BRIE ANDERSON
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RE: Big Bend Wind update

From Brusven, Christina <CBrusven@fredlaw.com>

Date Mon 10/20/2025 9:37 AM

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Cc Waller Pitts, Haley <HWallerPitts@fredlaw.com>; vherring@taftlaw.com <vherring@taftlaw.com>

Good morning,

I'm following up on my email below to see if you or your clients would be interested in meeting with Big Bend Wind to discuss updates regarding the Project. We will be holding a Teams meeting with David Kelliher from MNHS on Wednesday, October 22nd at 9:30 a.m. I'd be happy to include others in that meeting or find another time that works for those interested.

Best,

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Cc: Waller Pitts, Haley <HWallerPitts@fredlaw.com>
Subject: RE: Big Bend Wind update

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out again on behalf of Big Bend Wind to provide additional updates regarding the Project, including future anticipated filings with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) and the projected construction schedule. We recently shared the attached information with staff at the MPUC, and we'd welcome the opportunity to get together with the settlement parties to share these updates and answer any questions you may have. To facilitate scheduling, below are several dates/times when Big Bend representatives are available. If one of these dates works for everyone interested, that would be great. If schedules don't align or your client prefers to meet separately with Big Bend, we're happy to facilitate more than one meeting as well.

Available dates/times

- Oct 14: 11:00 – 12:00
- Oct 15: 10:00 – 11:00 or 3:00-4:00
- Oct 22: 9:30-10:30 or 2:00-3:00
- Oct 23: 2:00-3:00
- Oct 24: 3:00-4:00

For ease in scheduling, we believe Teams would work well for this update, and 30-45 minutes should work, depending on the number of questions. Please let me know if your client would like to meet and, if so, if any of the available dates work. I'll then follow up with a calendar invite.

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