

Appendix A

Agency Correspondence

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Contact: Seth Moore, 515-330-6432, Seth.Moore@dnr.iowa.gov

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For a review from the US Fish and Wildlife Service for any impacts to federally listed plant and animal species visit their project planning tool website at <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/> or contact them at <https://www.fws.gov/midwest/rockisland/contactus.html>.

Thank you



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Since nothing is being repowered or work done in Iowa I didn't kick it out for staff review. If all you need is eagle information then please contact our Wildlife Diversity Biologist Stephanie Shepherd for specifics on any eagle nests in the area at: Stephanie.Shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov or 515.432.2835. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,



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On Mon, Feb 22, 2021 at 10:54 AM Mandy Bohnenblust <mandy.bohnenblust@merjent.com> wrote:

Hi Seth,

Just to clarify, there are no records of eagle nests within five-miles of the boundary I drew? Or other avian species? That is the main data point I'm in need of.

Thanks,

Mandy

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Thank you for inviting Department comment on the impact of this project. The Department has searched for records of rare species and significant natural communities in the project area and found no site-specific records that would be impacted by this project. However, these records and data are not the result of thorough field surveys. If listed species or rare communities are found during the planning or construction phases, additional studies and/or mitigation may be required.

This letter is a record of review for protected species, rare natural communities, state lands and waters in the project area, including review by personnel representing state parks, preserves, recreation areas, fisheries and wildlife but does not include comment from the Environmental Services Division of this Department. This letter does not constitute a permit. Other permits may be required from the Department or other state or federal agencies before work begins on this project.

If you have questions about this letter or require further information, please contact me at (515) 330-6432.

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Sincerely,



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Good morning Pamela, my name is Dylan and I work for the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. A THPO forwarded an early memo regarding a proposed wind farm in southern MN. I appreciate you reaching out to the THPO's, OSA, and SHPO regarding the project. Due to the presence of 21MW0002, our office will also need to be consulted under MS 307.08 should the project intersect with the mound group. I know it may be early in the project but I just wanted to reach out and make sure everyone was aware of this as the project begins planning.

Thanks!

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March 5, 2021

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SUBJECT: Rose Creek Wind, LLC
Mower County, Minnesota
Request for Comments Regarding Potentially Affected Resources

Dear Ms. Joyal,

ConEdison Development (CED) is planning to re-power an existing wind farm in Mower County, Minnesota. The following is a brief introduction to the Rose Creek Wind Project (Project or Repower Project) and a request for comments by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) regarding the Project's Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS) review.

The currently operating Rose Wind project, owned by CED, consists of 11 turbines that were built in 2004 and 2005 (see attached figure). The power generated by the 11 turbines is sold to Dairyland Power under a Power Purchase Agreement. CED also owns Adams Wind, which is a four-turbine project immediately adjacent to Rose Wind. Adams Wind delivers power to a nearby Alliant Energy substation and will remain in operation. The four turbines that make up Adams Wind are not part of the Repower Project.

The Repower Project will involve decommissioning the 11 Rose Wind turbines and constructing 5 to 7 new turbines. The Repower Project will be called Rose Creek Wind, LLC. The 11 existing Rose Wind turbines that will be decommissioned range in size from 1.5 to 1.65 megawatts (MW), for a total power generation capacity of 17.4 MW. They were originally developed by seven separate limited liability companies and are all connected to a project substation that delivers the power to Dairyland Power. The existing 11 turbines were originally granted Conditional Use Permits by Mower County.

As part of the Repower Project, CED will replace the 11 existing Rose Wind turbines with 5 to 7 new, larger wind turbines. The new turbines will not necessarily be built in the same locations as the existing turbines but will be in the general vicinity. The Repower Project will have a nameplate capacity of 17.4 MW or less. Because the existing turbines were originally permitted by Mower County, the Repower Project does not have a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) Site Permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MNPUC). In accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216F, Rose Creek Wind will require a new LWECS Site Permit. At this time, Mower County does not accept site permitting jurisdiction for LWECS projects between 5 MW and 25 MW in size.

Results of the Natural Heritage Data Review for the Project

On behalf of the Project, CED's environmental consultant, Merjent, Inc. (Merjent), performed a query of the NHIS database (license agreement LA-958) for state-listed species within one (1) mile of the Project boundary. Merjent's query produced the results shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Minnesota NHIS State-Listed Element Occurrences Within One Mile of the Proposed Project		
Common Name	Scientific Name	State Status
Wild Quinine	<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	Endangered
Edible Valerian	<i>Valeriana edulis</i> var. <i>ciliata</i>	Threatened
Three-leaved Coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i> var. <i>triloba</i>	Threatened
Sullivant's Milkweed	<i>Asclepias sullivantii</i>	Threatened

Wild Quinine

Wild Quinine was listed as a state-endangered species in 1984, largely due to habitat loss from agricultural activities. The species is typically found in mesic habitats within remnant prairies and savannas. In Minnesota, the only significant populations that currently survive are in remnant prairie strips along railroad rights-of-way. Based on our review, no native railroad prairies, as identified by the MNDNR, are present within the Project boundary.

The Project is located within an area largely used for agricultural purposes; however, remnant prairies may be present. CED is in the process of developing a Native Prairie Protection Plan, that will be provided to the MNDNR. Should native prairie be identified, Project infrastructure, including access roads, collector lines, and turbines, will be sited outside of native prairies. Therefore, impacts on wild quinine are not anticipated.

Edible Valerian

Edible Valerian was listed as a threatened species in 1984, primarily due to habitat loss. This species favors moist, sunny, calcareous habitat, including calcareous fens, wet meadows, and moist prairies. Most of these habitats are located along railroad rights-of-way. In southeastern Minnesota, the species may occur on thin, rocky soil, and on cliff ledges associated with dry bluff prairies.

The Project is located within an area largely used for agricultural purposes, and based on a desktop review, no native plant communities or calcareous fens are present within the Project boundary (see Table 3). In the event that native plant communities or calcareous fens are identified during the planned wetland delineations, Project infrastructure, including access roads, collector lines, and turbines will be designed so as to avoid these habitats.

CED is in the process of developing a Native Prairie Protection Plan that will be provided to the MNDNR for future review. Should moist prairies or wet meadows be identified, Project infrastructure, including access roads, collector lines, and turbines, will be sited outside of them. Therefore, impacts on edible valerian are not anticipated.

Three-leaved Coneflower

Three-leaved coneflower was listed as special concern in 1984, when there were only five records of the species in Minnesota, all of which were pre-1961. The rarity of the species was confirmed via a systematic biological inventory, and its status was elevated to threatened in 2013. This species prefers mesic hardwood forests and floodplain forests, specifically where there are canopy gaps that allow more light to reach the forest floor. They prefer moist and loamy soils.

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The Project is located within an area largely used for agricultural purposes, and based on a desktop review, no mesic hardwood forests or floodplain forests are present within the Project boundary. Therefore, impacts on three-leaved coneflower are not anticipated.

Sullivant's milkweed

Sullivant's milkweed was listed as a threatened species in 1984. In Minnesota, this species is restricted to undisturbed wet and mesic tallgrass prairies; however, it can be found in degraded prairies. In Mower County, it is known to occur within the Wild Indigo Prairie Scientific and Natural Area.

The Project is located within an area largely used for agricultural purposes, and based on a desktop review, no undisturbed wet or mesic tallgrass prairies or degraded prairies are present within the Project boundary.

CED is in the process of developing a Native Prairie Protection Plan, that will be provided to the MNDNR. Should undisturbed wet and mesic tallgrass prairies or degraded prairies be identified, Project infrastructure, including access roads, collector lines, and turbines, will be sited outside of them. Therefore, impacts on Sullivant's milkweed are not anticipated.

Sites of Biodiversity Significance, Native Plant Communities, and Railroad Prairies

A review of the Minnesota Biological Survey (MBS) data identified multiple Sites of Biodiversity Significance (SOBS) within 1 mile of the proposed Project. A site's biodiversity significance rank is based on a variety of factors, including the quality (i.e., size and condition) of native plant communities within the site, the presence and numbers of rare species populations, and the site's context within the landscape (i.e., whether the site is isolated in a landscape dominated by cropland or developed land, or whether it is contiguous with or close to other areas with intact native plant communities). These sites are ranked by grouping and rated within each of the state's ecological classification system subsections. A rank of outstanding is assigned to those sites which contain the largest, most intact functional landscapes, and the best occurrences of the rarest plant and animal species.

Native Plant Communities (NPCs) are referred to as native habitats or natural communities and are named for the characteristic plant species within them or for characteristic environmental features.

In 1997, the MNDNR surveyed active railroad rights-of-way for native prairie remnants. Many native or sensitive plants in Minnesota can be found in native prairie remnants along railroads.

Merjent accessed and reviewed the GIS shapefiles of MBS SOBS, MBS NPCs, and railroad prairies; these can also be downloaded from the Minnesota Geospatial Commons at <https://gisdata.mn.gov/>.

Table 2 summarizes the SOBS identified within 1 mile of the Project boundary.

Table 2	
Sites of Biodiversity Significance Within 1 Mile of the Proposed Project	
Site Name	Biodiversity Significance
Adams 28	Moderate
Adams 16	Below
Adams 10	Moderate
Adams 11	Moderate
Adams 12	Below

Table 2 Sites of Biodiversity Significance Within 1 Mile of the Proposed Project	
Site Name	Biodiversity Significance
Lodi 7	Below
Lodi 32	Below
Adams 35	Moderate
Taopi Prairie	High

The Project boundary includes Adams 35, a site of moderate biodiversity significance, and Lodi 32, a site of below biodiversity significance. No Project infrastructure will be located within the SOBS; therefore, impacts on SOBS are not anticipated.

Table 3 summarizes the NPCs identified within 1 mile of the Project boundary.

Table 3 Native Plant Communities Within 1 Mile of the Proposed Project	
Site Name	Description
FFs59a - Silver Maple - Green Ash - Cottonwood Terrace Forest	Floodplain Forest System
UPs23a - Mesic Prairie (Southern)	Upland Prairie System
MHs38 - Southern Mesic Oak-Basswood Forest	Mesic Hardwood Forest System
WMs83a1 - Seepage Meadow/Carr, Tussock Sedge Subtype	Wet Meadow/Carr System
UPs23a - Mesic Prairie (Southern)	Upland Prairie System

One NPC, WMs83a1, is located within the Project boundary and overlaps with Adams 35, a site of moderate biodiversity significance.

No railroad prairies as identified and designated by the MNDNR are located within 1 mile of the Project boundary.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the MNDNR of the proposed Project and to formally request the MNDNR's consultation regarding the Project's NHIS review and findings. As stated above, the Project is currently planning for field surveys to identify potential occurrences of state-listed species and native prairies with the planned Project construction areas and will provide the results of these surveys to the MNDNR when complete. If state-listed species or native prairies are identified during surveys, the Project will be designed so as to avoid any impacts to such resources.

The Project respectfully requests that the MNDNR review and respond with comments regarding this NHIS Data Review within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Your responses will be included in the environmental information submitted to the MNPUC as part of the MNPUC site permit application.

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If you have any questions regarding the Project or the information presented in this letter, please contact me at 507-215-6301 or at andig@conedceb.com, or Mandy Bohnenblust at 612-816-2097 or at mandy.bohnenblust@merjent.com.

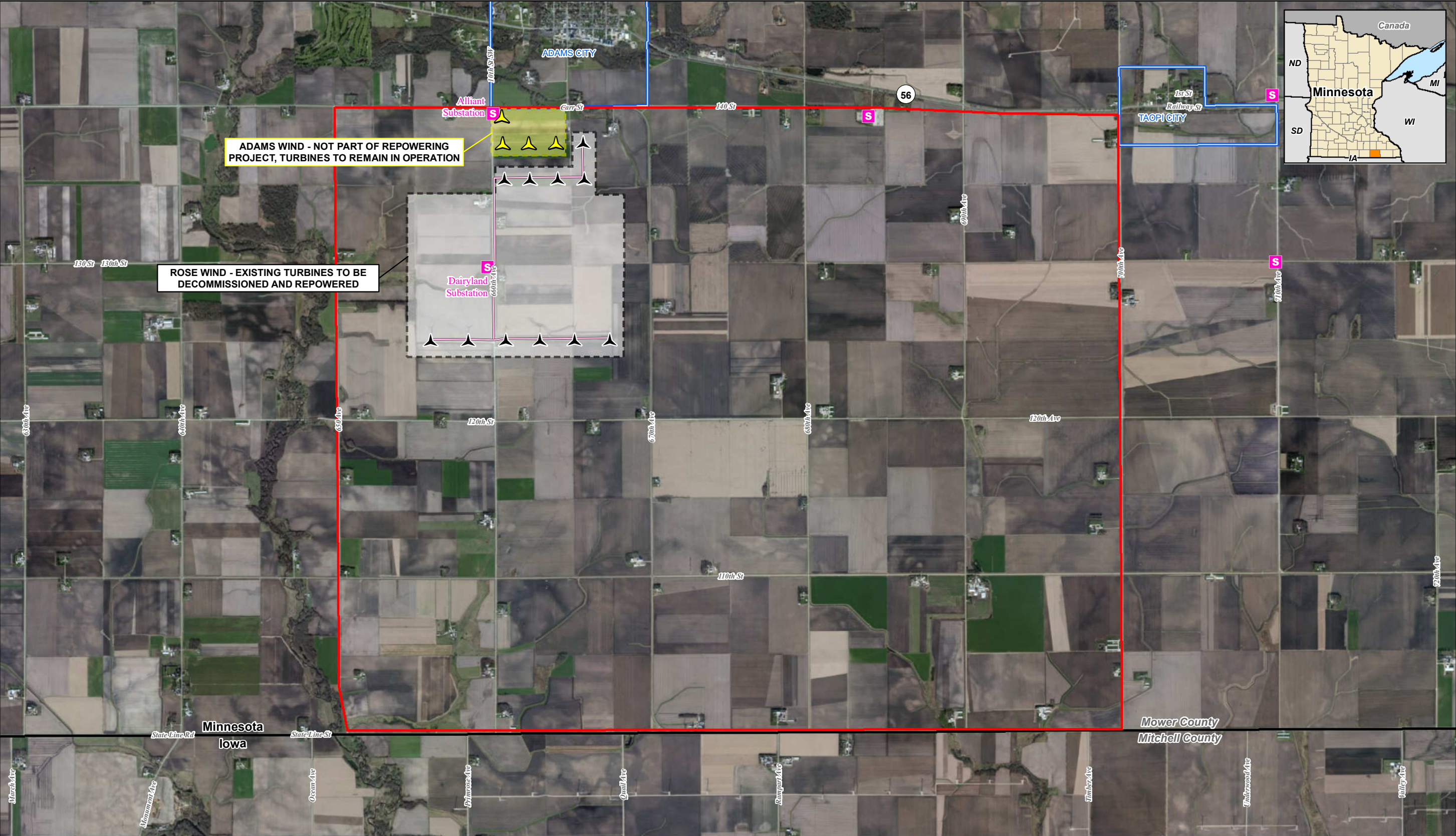
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Attachments: Project overview map

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Rose Creek Wind Project (Repower)

Rose Creek Wind, LLC

Project Location

Mower County, Minnesota

▲ Existing Rose Wind Turbine

▲ Existing Adams Wind Turbine

■ Existing Substation

— Existing Collector Line

▭ Project Boundary

▭ City Limits

■ Adams Wind

■ Rose Wind

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January 11, 2022

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 Mower County, Minnesota
 Request for Comments Regarding Potentially Affected Resources

Dear Ms. Joyal,

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CED previously submitted a letter for comment to the MNDNR on March 5, 2021. Since then, CED reduced the Project boundary to avoid sensitive biological and cultural resources (Attachment 1). As such, CED's environmental consultant, Merjent, Inc. (Merjent) performed queries of NHIS, Minnesota Biological Survey (MBS), and Native Plant Community (NPC) databases for the revised Project boundary. Based on that review, Merjent conducted field surveys for state-listed species and habitats with potential to occur within the Project boundary. This letter provides a summary of the results detailed in the Threatened and Endangered Species Habitat Survey; due to file size, this survey report will be provided upon request.

The currently operating Rose Wind project, owned by CED, consists of 11 turbines that were built in 2004 and 2005 (see attached figure). CED also owns Adams Wind, which is a four-turbine project immediately adjacent to Rose Wind. The four turbines that make up Adams Wind will remain in operation and are not part of the Repower Project.

The Repower Project will involve decommissioning the 11 Rose Wind turbines and constructing 6 to 7 new turbines. The Repower Project will be called Rose Creek Wind Project. The new turbines will not necessarily be built in the same locations as the existing turbines but will be in the general vicinity. The Repower Project will have a nameplate capacity of up to 17.4 MW. CED is seeking a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) Site Permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MNPUC) for Rose Creek Wind.

Results of the Natural Heritage Data Review for the Project

On behalf of the Project, Merjent performed a query of the NHIS database (license agreement LA-958) for state – protected species within one (1) mile of the Project boundary. Merjent’s query produced the results shown in Table 1.

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Merjent conducted desktop assessments for all three species, which are discussed below. Based on these assessments, Merjent subsequently completed field surveys for edible valerian and Sullivant’s milkweed.

Wild Quinine

Wild Quinine was listed as a state-endangered species in 1984, largely due to habitat loss from agricultural activities. The species is typically found in mesic habitats within remnant prairies and savannas. In Minnesota, the only significant populations that currently survive are in remnant prairie strips along railroad rights-of-way. Based on Merjent’s review, no native railroad prairies as identified by the MNDNR are present within the Project boundary.

The Project is located within an area largely used for agricultural purposes. No suitable habitat was identified in desktop assessments or field surveys; therefore, impacts on wild quinine are not anticipated.

Edible Valerian

Edible Valerian was listed as a threatened species in 1984 primarily due to habitat loss. This species favors moist, sunny, calcareous habitat, including calcareous fens, wet meadows, and moist prairies. Most of these habitats are located along railroad rights-of-way. In southeastern Minnesota, the species may occur on thin, rocky soil, and on cliff ledges associated with dry bluff prairies.

The Project is located within an area largely used for agricultural purposes, and based on a desktop review, no native plant communities or calcareous fens are present within the Project boundary (see Table 3). Field habitat assessments did not find suitable habitat for edible valerian nor observe any edible valerian individuals. Additionally, wetland surveys did not find any native plant communities or calcareous fens; therefore, impacts on edible valerian are not anticipated.

Sullivant’s milkweed

Sullivant’s milkweed was listed as a threatened species in 1984. In Minnesota, this species is typically restricted to undisturbed wet and mesic tallgrass prairies though it can be found in degraded prairies. In Mower County, it is known to occur within the Wild Indigo Prairie Scientific and Natural Area.

The Project is located within an area largely used for agricultural purposes, and based on a desktop review, no undisturbed wet or mesic tallgrass prairies are present within the potential Project footprint. Field habitat assessments for Sullivant’s milkweed did not find potential suitable habitat nor observe any Sullivan’s milkweed individuals; therefore, impacts on Sullivant’s milkweed are not anticipated.

Sites of Biodiversity Significance, Native Plant Communities, and Railroad Prairies

Sites of Biodiversity Significance

A review of the MBS data¹ identified eight Sites of Biodiversity Significance (SOBS) within 1 mile of the proposed Project (Table 2). A site's biodiversity significance rank is based on a variety of factors, including the quality (i.e., size and condition) of native plant communities within the site, the presence and numbers of rare species populations, and the site's context within the landscape (i.e., whether the site is isolated in a landscape dominated by cropland or developed land, or whether it is contiguous with or close to other areas with intact native plant communities). These sites are ranked by grouping and rated within each of the state's ecological classification system subsections. A rank of outstanding is assigned to those sites which contain the largest, most intact functional landscapes, and the best occurrences of the rarest plant and animal species.

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Railroad Prairies

In 1997, the MNDNR surveyed active railroad rights-of-way for native prairie remnants. Many native or sensitive plants in Minnesota can be found in native prairie remnants along railroads. No railroad prairies as identified and designated by the MNDNR are located within 1 mile of the Project boundary.

Purpose

The purpose of this letter is to update the MNDNR of the revised Project boundary and any potential impacts to state-listed species, SOBS, NPCs, or railroad prairies. The Project respectfully requests that the MNDNR review and respond with comments regarding this NHIS Data Review within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Your responses will be included in the environmental information submitted to the MNPUC as part of the MNPUC site permit application.

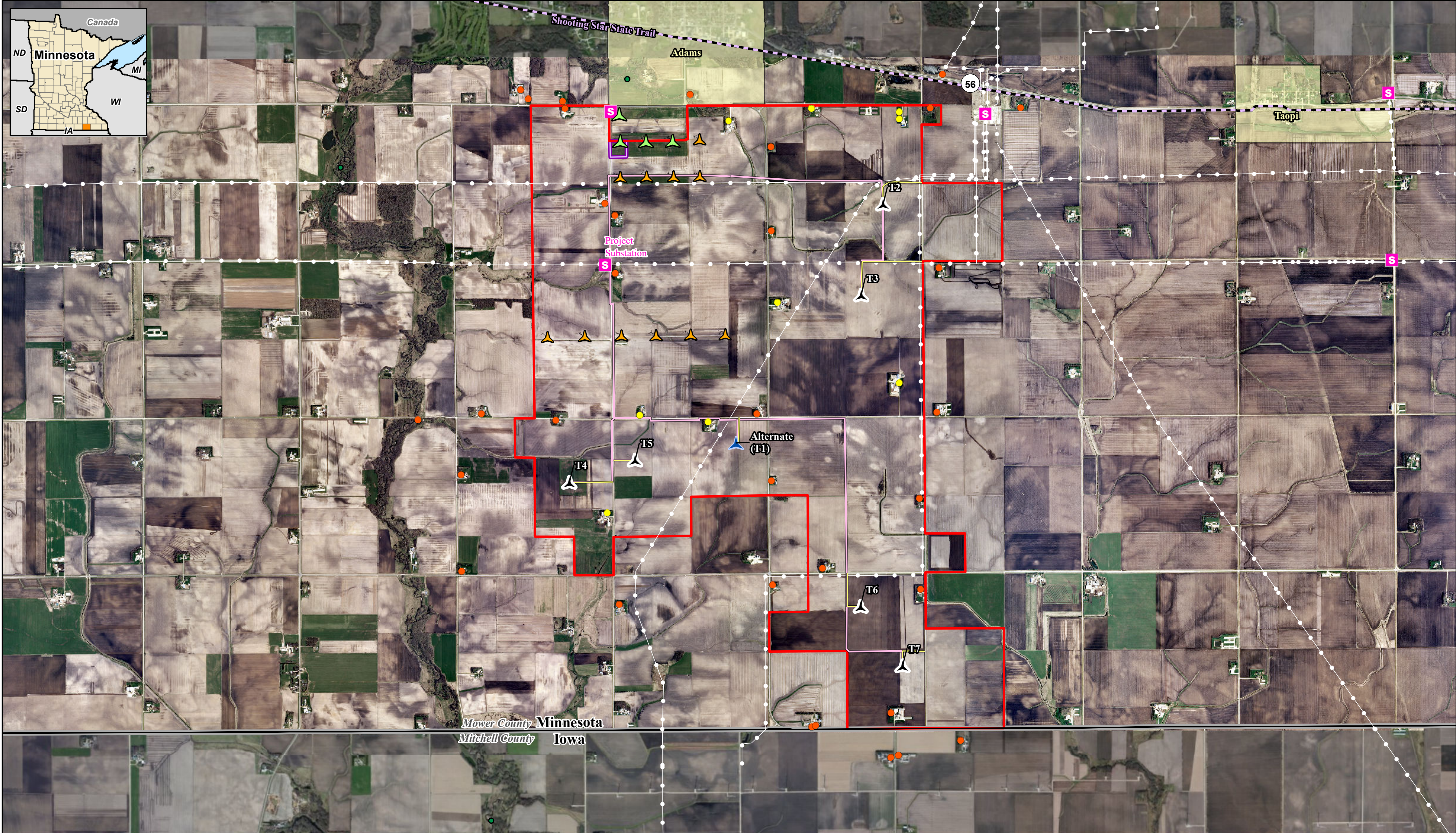
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Attachments:
Project Overview Map (Attachment 1)

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Project Overview
Rose Creek Wind Project
Rose Creek Wind, LLC
Project Area and Proposed Facilities
Mower County, Minnesota

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SUBJECT: Rose Creek Wind Project
 Mower County, Minnesota
 Request for Comments Regarding Potentially Affected Species

Dear Ms. Quamme,

ConEdison Development (CED) is planning to re-power an existing wind farm in Mower County, Minnesota. The following is a brief introduction and update to the Rose Creek Wind Project (Project or Repower Project) and a request for comments from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding the Project's federally protected species review, conducted by CED's environmental consultant, Merjent, Inc. (Merjent). This letter provides a summary and desktop assessment of the species with potential to occur in the Project area.

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Results of the Information for Planning and Consultation for the Project

Based on a review of the USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool, there are two species protected under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) with potential to occur in the vicinity of the Project (Table 1). There are no Birds of Conservation Concern (BCC) known to occur in the Project area and, according to IPaC, there are no critical habitats at this location.

One upland sandpiper (a 2021 BCC in the Eastern Tallgrass Prairie BCR) was observed during avian use surveys in spring 2021.

Table 1 Federally Listed Species with Potential to Occur in the Project Area		
Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status
Northern long-eared bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Threatened
Monarch butterfly	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Candidate
Prairie bush-clover	<i>Lespedeza leptostachya</i>	Threatened

Because monarch butterflies are not currently protected under the ESA, Merjent did not complete a desktop assessment for the species.

Northern Long-eared Bat

The range of the northern long-eared bat (NLEB) stretches across much of the eastern and Midwestern United States. During summer, the bats roost singly or in colonies under bark, in cavities, or in crevices of both live and dead trees. Males and non-reproductive females may also roost in cooler places such as caves and mines. This species is thought to be opportunistic in selecting roosts, utilizing tree species based on the tree's ability to retain bark or provide cavities or crevices. It has also been found, rarely, roosting in structures such as barns and sheds. In winter, NLEBs use caves and mines as hibernacula.

The NLEB was listed as a federally threatened species in May 2015, with an interim 4(d) rule; effective February 16, 2016, the USFWS finalized the 4(d) rule. The 4(d) rule prohibits incidental take of NLEBs resulting from tree clearing within 150 feet of a known occupied maternity roost tree during the pup season (June 1 to July 31); however, incidental take of NLEBs due to operation of a wind farm is not prohibited.

Merjent reviewed the MNDNR and USFWS Townships Containing Documented NLEB Maternity Roost Trees and/or Hibernacula Entrances in Minnesota (dated June 3, 2020). While no NLEB capture records, maternity roosts, or hibernacula have been recorded in Mower County (USFWS, 2020a), multiple NLEB hibernacula and at least one maternity roost tree have been documented in neighboring Fillmore County, including one hibernacula approximately 17 miles northeast of the Project in Spring Valley, Minnesota (USFWS 2020a). No NLEB calls were confirmed within the Project area during general acoustic bat activity surveys between April 16 and October 20, 2021.

Western EcoSystems Technologies, Inc. (WEST) conducted a habitat assessment for the Project to quantify the amount of potentially suitable NLEB summer habitat located within a 2.5-mile buffer of the Project. Within this area, approximately 2,125 acres of potentially suitable NLEB summer habitat are primarily situated within the riparian areas of the Little Cedar River, Wapsipinicon River, North Branch Upper Iowa River, and their tributaries. However, only 2 acres of potentially suitable NLEB summer habitat are located within the Project area; this acreage includes two small riparian patches located east of the Little Cedar River on the western and northwestern edges of the Project boundary.

Impacts to bats at wind energy facilities are mostly caused by direct mortality, but indirect impacts such as habitat loss and behavioral changes such as area avoidance may also occur. If bats are roosting nearby, loud noises such as those associated with agricultural or construction activities may initially cause them to startle, leave a day-roost, or temporarily avoid the Project area, depending on the noise distance and volume. However, *Myotis* bat species have been shown to acclimatize to regular noise, including both intermittent noises from sources such as airports and train horns, and more continuous sounds, including traffic noise (USFWS, 2016).

The removal of trees may also affect any bats using these habitats for roosting. Forested habitat, including suitable NLEB summer habitat, is minimal within the Project area, and all proposed turbines have been

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sited more than 1,000 feet from suitable summer NLEB roosting and foraging habitat. Rose Creek has also committed to avoiding tree felling between April 1 and September 10 to avoid unanticipated disturbances to NLEB during the pup season (June 1 and July 31) and the majority of the bat active season. These measures will reduce direct and indirect impacts to foraging and roosting bats within the Project area

In addition, and as described above, there are no known roost trees or hibernacula in the Project area. As such, adverse impacts to NLEBs are not expected due to Project construction. Project siting should minimize impacts to NLEBs during Project operation, and incidental take due to Project operation is not prohibited by the 4(d) rule.

Prairie Bush-clover

Prairie bush clover is found only in the tallgrass prairie region of four Midwestern states (Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin). It is a member of the bean family and a midwestern "endemic" – known only from the tallgrass prairie region of the upper Mississippi River Valley. Prairie bush-clover is found in dry-to-mesic soils. The vast majority of native tallgrass prairies have been replaced by agricultural use, leaving little remnant habitat.

The Project is located within an area largely used for agricultural purposes, and based on a desktop review, no previously documented native plant communities or calcareous fens are present within the Project boundary. Field habitat assessments did not find intact native prairie habitat that would provide suitable habitat for the prairie bush-clover. Additionally, wetland delineation surveys did not find any native plant communities or calcareous fens. As such, Project activities will not impact the prairie bush-clover.

Bald Eagles

Although not federally listed under the ESA, bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) are federally protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940, and have the potential to forage and nest in the Project vicinity. On behalf of Rose Creek, WEST conducted pre-construction eagle use and nest surveys for the Project. Surveys were conducted in accordance with the guidance provided in the USFWS *Eagle Conservation Plan Guidance* (USFWS, 2013), the *Updated Eagle Nest Survey Protocol* (USFWS, 2020), and the *Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines* (USFWS, 2012).

Results from the eagle use and nest surveys will be included as part of the LWECS application for the Project, and the Project's Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy will be implemented to minimize potential impacts to eagles during construction and operation. Rose Creek is following the assessment process as laid out in the *Eagle Conservation Plan Guidance* (USFWS, 2013) and will coordinate with the USFWS Migratory Bird Permit Office (Great Lakes Region) regarding potential risks to eagles, as applicable.

Purpose

The purpose of this letter is to request your review to 1) identify any species under your jurisdiction that could potentially be impacted by this Project, 2) address any questions or concerns you may have about the Project and 3) to gather information to inform CED's application to the MNPUC. CED would appreciate receiving a letter from your office detailing any questions of concerns your office may have. Your response will be included in the environmental information submitted to the MNPUC as part of the LWECS permit application.

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If you have any questions regarding the Project or the information presented in this letter, please contact me at 507-215-6301 or at andig@conedceb.com, or Mandy Bohnenblust at 612-746-3677 or at mandy.bohnenblust@merjent.com.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:
Project Overview Map (Attachment 1)

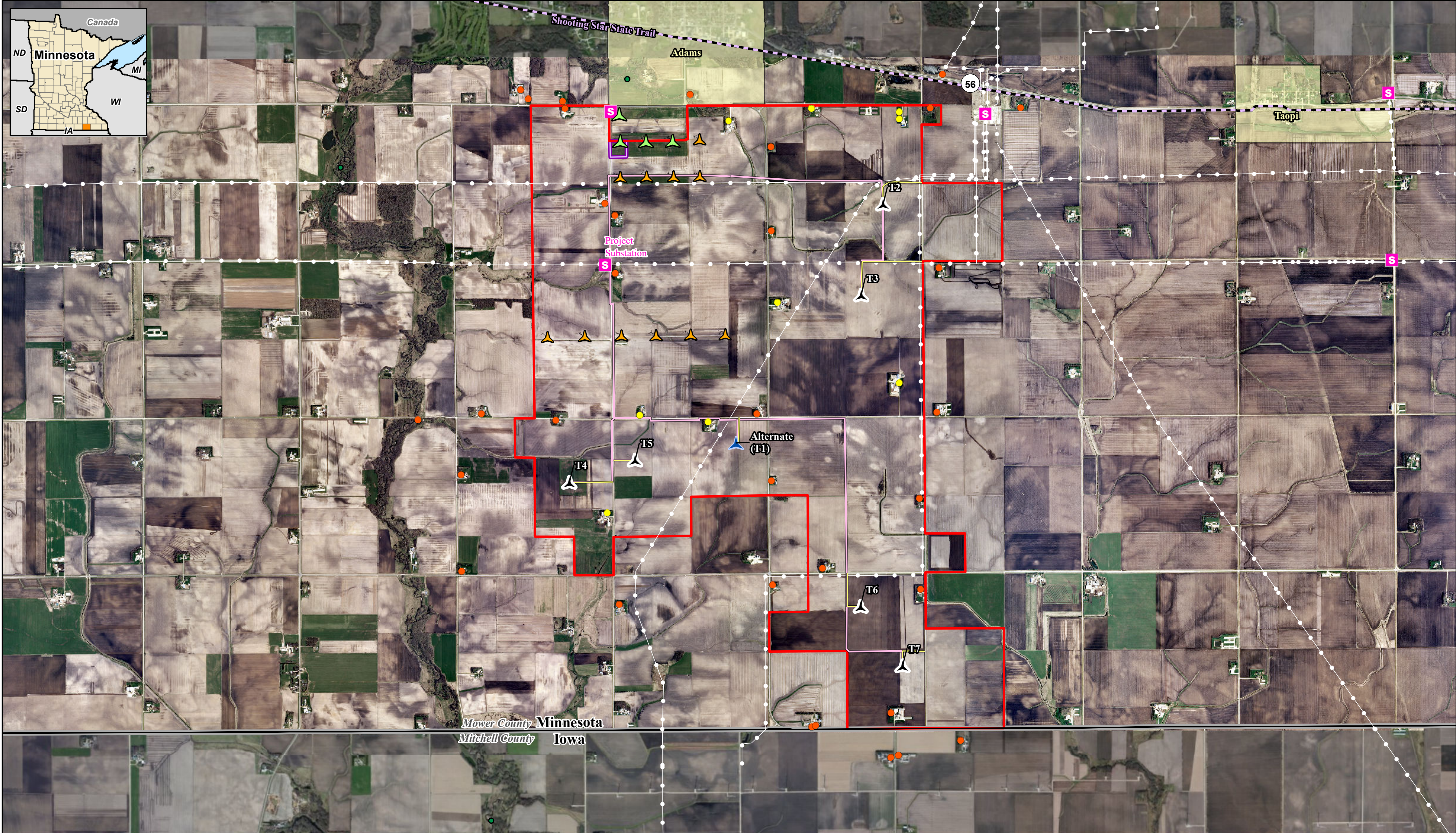
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Project Overview
Rose Creek Wind Project
Rose Creek Wind, LLC
Project Area and Proposed Facilities
Mower County, Minnesota

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| Existing Substation | Proposed Alternate Turbine | Minnesota State Trail |
| Participating Residence | Proposed Primary Turbine | Project |
| Non-Participating Residence | Access Road | Proposed Laydown |
| Adams Wind | Collector Line | County Boundary |
| Rose Wind Turbine | Existing Transmission Line | Municipal Boundary |
- *Turbines not to scale



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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April 9, 2021

Mr. Frank O'Brien
COMSEARCH
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Re: Rose Creek Project: Mower County, MN

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

In response to your request on February 12, 2021, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration provided to the federal agencies represented in the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC) the plans for the Rose Creek Wind Farm, located in Mower County, Minnesota.

After a 45+ day period of evaluation, no reviewing agencies had issues with turbine placement in this area.

While the IRAC agencies did not identify any concerns regarding radio frequency blockage, this does not eliminate the need for the wind energy facilities to meet any other requirements specified by law related to these agencies. For example, this review by the IRAC does not eliminate any need that may exist to coordinate with the Federal Aviation Administration concerning flight obstruction.

Thank you for the opportunity to review these proposals.

Sincerely,

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ConEdison Rose Creek Wind Project Study Plan

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Thu, Feb 25, 2021 at 2:30 PM

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Hi Cynthia,

Thank you, we appreciate the feedback. I can confirm that we do plan to use the approach you described to estimate average bat activity, and we will visit the detectors for data retrieval each week.

Maggie

On Thu, Feb 25, 2021 at 1:24 PM Warzecha, Cynthia (DNR) <cynthia.warzecha@state.mn.us> wrote:

Hi Maggie,

Our agency appreciates the opportunity to review the study plan for the Rose Creek Wind project.

We recommend that the bat acoustic detractors be visited weekly to ensure that the units are working properly and to recover data. Regarding data analysis, using the first and last bat call eliminates days where no bats were active early and later in the data collection season. This approach results in a more consistent reporting of bat passes per detector night when comparing projects.

Best regards,

Cynthia

Cynthia Warzecha

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Hello,

I wanted to follow-up on the study plan we submitted for the Rose Creek Wind Project (formerly Rose Wind Project) prior to our introductory meeting on February 5th. Please let us know if you have any comments or questions on the planned survey methodologies; we're hoping to receive your feedback and approval by the end of February so we have time to make any necessary adjustments ahead of the March avian and raptor surveys.

I've reattached the study plan here for your review. Note, this version includes very minor changes to incorporate the revised Project name, but all survey descriptions are the same.

Thank you,

Maggie

Maggie Voth
Project Manager

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Hi Maggie,

Thank you for checking into this issue further, and I appreciate that you brought in additional WEST staff to look at the possible use of extensions. Although not ideal, I'm in agreement with you that there would likely be a lot of overlap between calls at 5 feet and 40 feet, and the use of extension poles to raise the mics may not provide any additional data of use.

EERA thinks the ConEdison Rose Creek Wind Project Study Plan is acceptable, with the incorporation of the recommendations DNR previously provided.

Thank you,

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March 9, 2021

Ms. Amanda Gronhovd
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via email: Amanda.Gronhovd@state.mn.us

SUBJECT: Rose Creek Wind Project, Mower County, Minnesota
Request to Initiate Consultation

Dear Ms. Gronhovd:

ConEdison Development (CED) is planning to re-power an existing wind farm in Mower County, Minnesota. The following is a brief introduction to the Rose Creek Wind Project (Project or Repower Project). The Project is located in Township 101 North, Range 15 and 16 West (see attached Figure 1).

The currently operating Rose Wind project, owned by CED, consists of 11 turbines that were built in 2004 and 2005. The power generated by the 11 turbines is sold to Dairyland Power under a Power Purchase Agreement. CED also owns Adams Wind, which is a four-turbine project adjacent to Rose Wind. Adams Wind delivers power to a nearby Alliant Energy substation and will remain in operation. The four turbines that make up Adams Wind are not part of the Repower Project.

The Repower Project will involve decommissioning the 11 Rose Wind turbines (see attached Figure 2) and constructing 5 to 7 new turbines. The Repower Project will be called Rose Creek Wind, LLC. The 11 existing Rose Wind turbines that will be decommissioned range in size from 1.5 to 1.65 megawatts (MW), for a total power generation capacity of 17.4 MW. They were originally developed by seven separate limited liability companies and are all connected to a project substation that delivers the power to Dairyland Power. The existing 11 turbines were originally granted Conditional Use Permits by Mower County.

As part of the Repower Project, CED will replace the 11 existing Rose Wind turbines with 5 to 7 new, larger wind turbines. The new turbines will not necessarily be built in the same locations as the existing turbines but will be in the general vicinity. The Repower Project will have a nameplate capacity of 17.4 MW or less. Because the existing turbines were originally permitted by Mower County, the Repower Project does not have a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) Site Permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MNPUC). Based on conversations with staff at the Minnesota Department of Commerce's (MNDOC's) Energy Environmental Review and Analysis unit, Rose Creek Wind will require a new LWECS Site Permit. MNDOC LWECS application guidance stipulates consideration of cultural and archaeological resources in a project area or within 0.5-mile of the project boundary.

CED has contracted with Merjent, Inc. (Merjent) to assist with environmental review and permitting for the Project, including archaeological field surveys, and agency consultations. Merjent proposes to conduct

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a full literature search in advance of any field surveys. A layout for the new turbines and other Project components, including new collector lines, staging areas, and construction access, is pending; however, a preliminary review conducted by Merjent identified one previously recorded archaeological site (21MW0002) and one alpha site (21MWe) intersecting the current Project boundary (see attached Figures 1 and 2). CED proposes to avoid direct impacts to these sites through Project design, if feasible.

The purpose of this letter is to 1) inform your agency of this proposed Project; and 2) to address any questions or concerns you may have about the Project. In addition, we plan to request a meeting with members of your staff and with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office in April to discuss the results of the literature search and proposed field survey methods and protocols. Merjent archaeologist Pamela Flynn (pamela.flynn@merjent.com) will be in touch with your office directly to request a meeting. CED would appreciate receiving a letter from your office detailing any questions or concerns your office may have. Your response will be included in the environmental information submitted to the MNPUC as part of the site permit application.

If you have any questions regarding the Project or the information presented in this letter, please contact me at 507-215-6301 or at andig@conedceb.com, or Pamela Flynn at 612-756-4977 or at pamela.flynn@merjent.com.

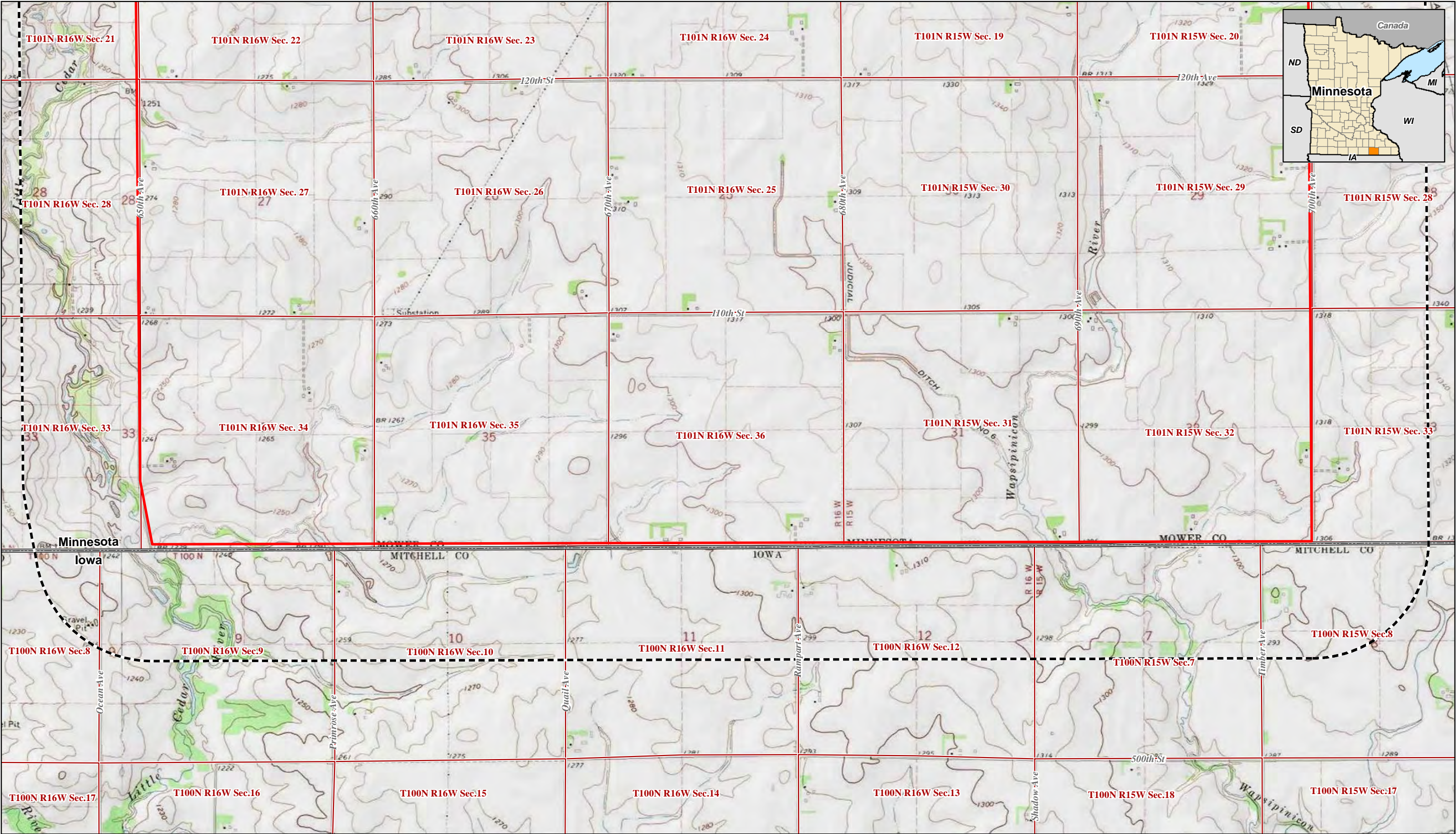
Sincerely,

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Consolidated Edison Development

Attachments: Figure 1: 7.5' USGS Topographic Project Location Figure
Figure 2: Aerial Project Overview Figure

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Dan Flo, Merjent, Inc.
Pamela Flynn, Merjent, Inc.
Jennifer Tworzyanski, Minnesota Office of the State Archaeologist





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Figure 1
Rose Creek Wind Project
Rose Creek Wind, LLC
Project Location
Mower County, Minnesota

Project

0.5-mile Buffer

Previous Archaeological Site

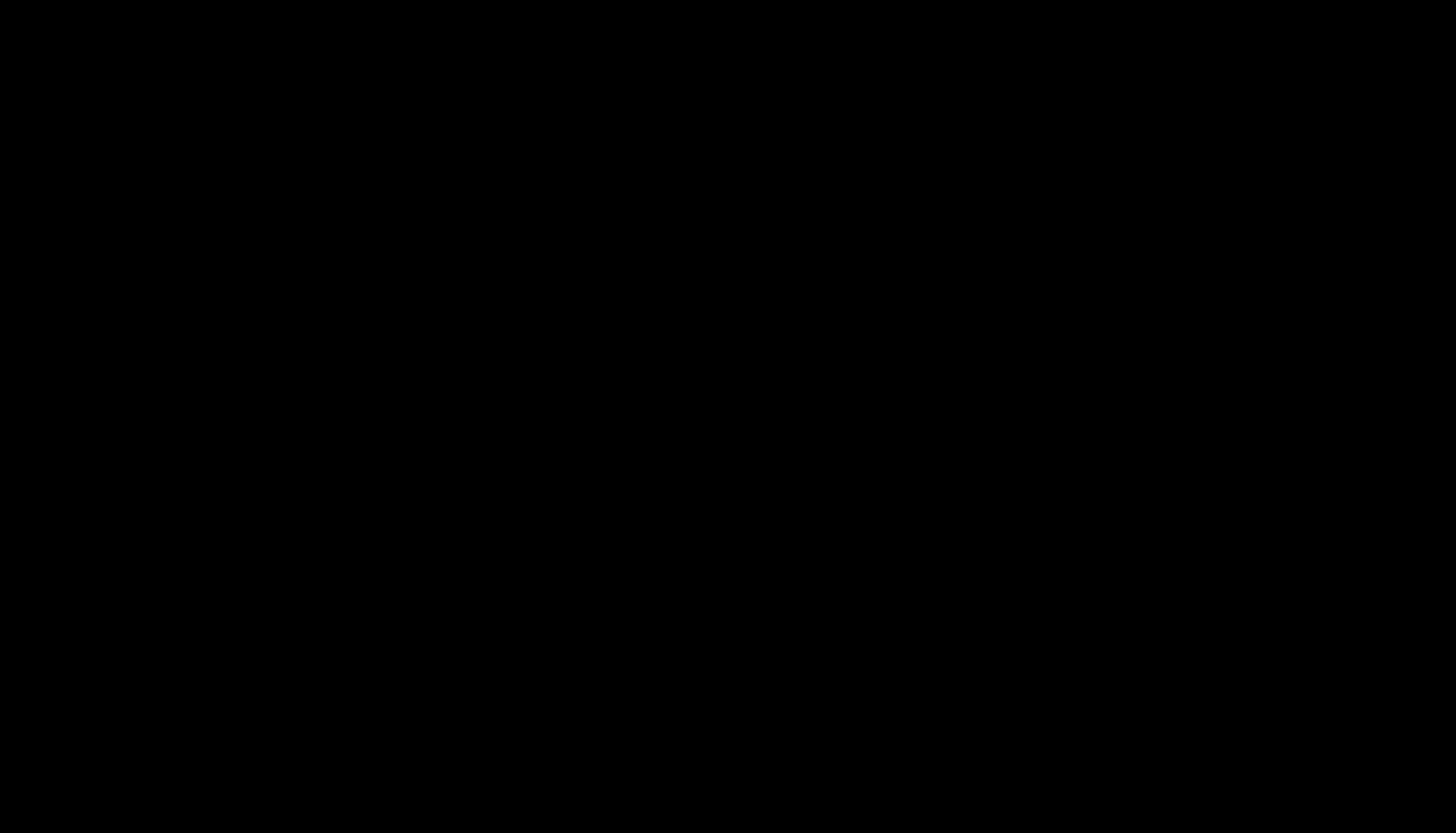
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Hi Pamela,

I recommend avoidance of archaeological cemetery site 21MW0002, and if 21MWe will be impacted that a survey be conducted to document the site and evaluate its significance. I also concur with your proposal for a literature review and archaeological assessment of the proposed project area.

Thanks, and I apologize for how long it has taken to get back to you.
-Jennifer

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Hello Jennifer,

I'm checking back on the status of your review of this Project. Does your office have any additional questions or comment at this time?

If your question concerned licensure, I plan apply for an OSA license for any survey to be conducted within non-federal public land; this is pending a project layout.

I appreciate your time,

Pamela Flynn

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Hello Pamela,

Please see attached.

I believe the railroad document you refer to can be found [here on our website](#) in the first group of links. If you have any questions please let me know.

Jim



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If you require a comprehensive assessment of a project's potential to impact archaeological sites or historic/architectural properties, you may need to hire a qualified archaeologist and/or historian. If you need assistance with a project review, please contact Kelly Gragg-Johnson, Environmental Review Specialist @ 651-201-3285 or by email at kelly.graggjohnson@state.mn.us. The Minnesota SHPO Archaeology and Historic/Architectural Survey Manuals can be found at <https://mn.gov/admin/shpo/identification-evaluation/>.

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Good afternoon Jim,

Could I get a database search of all archaeological sites, architectural inventory, and National Register properties in the attached sections? Please send the results in an Access database.

Also, as I recall there was a physical document sitting with the railroad files that listed, among other things, various railroad entity names and associations. Is there a scanned version of that document available for reference?

Thank you,

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March 9, 2021

Ms. Sarah Beimers
Government Programs and Compliance
State Historic Preservation Office
Administration Building #203
50 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155

SUBJECT: Rose Creek Wind Project, Mower County, Minnesota
Request to Initiate Consultation

Dear Ms. Beimers,

ConEdison Development (CED) is planning to re-power an existing wind farm in Mower County, Minnesota. The following is a brief introduction to the Rose Creek Wind Project (Project or Repower Project). The Project is located in Township 101 North, Range 15 and 16 West (see attached Figure 1).

The currently operating Rose Wind project, owned by CED, consists of 11 turbines that were built in 2004 and 2005. The power generated by the 11 turbines is sold to Dairyland Power under a Power Purchase Agreement. CED also owns Adams Wind, which is a four-turbine project adjacent to Rose Wind. Adams Wind delivers power to a nearby Alliant Energy substation and will remain in operation. The four turbines that make up Adams Wind are not part of the Repower Project.

The Repower Project will involve decommissioning the 11 Rose Wind turbines (see attached Figure 2) and constructing 5 to 7 new turbines. The Repower Project will be called Rose Creek Wind, LLC. The 11 existing Rose Wind turbines that will be decommissioned range in size from 1.5 to 1.65 megawatts (MW), for a total power generation capacity of 17.4 MW. They were originally developed by seven separate limited liability companies and are all connected to a project substation that delivers the power to Dairyland Power. The existing 11 turbines were originally granted Conditional Use Permits by Mower County.

As part of the Repower Project, CED will replace the 11 existing Rose Wind turbines with 5 to 7 new, larger wind turbines. The new turbines will not necessarily be built in the same locations as the existing turbines but will be in the general vicinity. The Repower Project will have a nameplate capacity of 17.4 MW or less. Because the existing turbines were originally permitted by Mower County, the Repower Project does not have a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) Site Permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MNPUC). Based on conversations with staff at the Minnesota Department of Commerce's (MNDOC's) Energy Environmental Review and Analysis unit, Rose Creek Wind will require a new LWECS Site Permit. MNDOC LWECS application guidance stipulates consideration of cultural and archaeological resources in a project area or within 0.5-mile of the project boundary and consultation with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office.

CED has contracted with Merjent, Inc. (Merjent) to assist with environmental review and permitting for the Project, including cultural resources field surveys and agency consultations. Merjent proposes to

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conduct a full literature search in advance of any field surveys. A layout for the new turbines and other Project components, including new collector lines, staging areas, and construction access, is pending; however, a preliminary review conducted by Merjent identified one previously recorded archaeological site (21MW0002) and one alpha site (21MWe) intersecting the larger Project area, and one architectural property (First National Bank of Adams) listed on the National Register of Historic Places within approximately 0.5 mile (see attached Figures 1 and 2). CED proposes to avoid direct impacts to recorded cultural resources through Project design, if feasible.

The purpose of this letter is to 1) inform your agency of this proposed Project, and 2) to address any questions or concerns you may have about the Project. In addition, we plan to request a meeting with members of your staff and with the Minnesota Office of the State Archaeologist in April to discuss the results of the literature search and proposed field survey methods and protocols. Merjent archaeologist Pamela Flynn (pamela.flynn@merjent.com) will be in touch with your office directly to request a meeting. CED would appreciate receiving a letter from your office detailing any questions or concerns your office may have. Your response will be included in the environmental information submitted to the MNPUC as part of the site permit application.

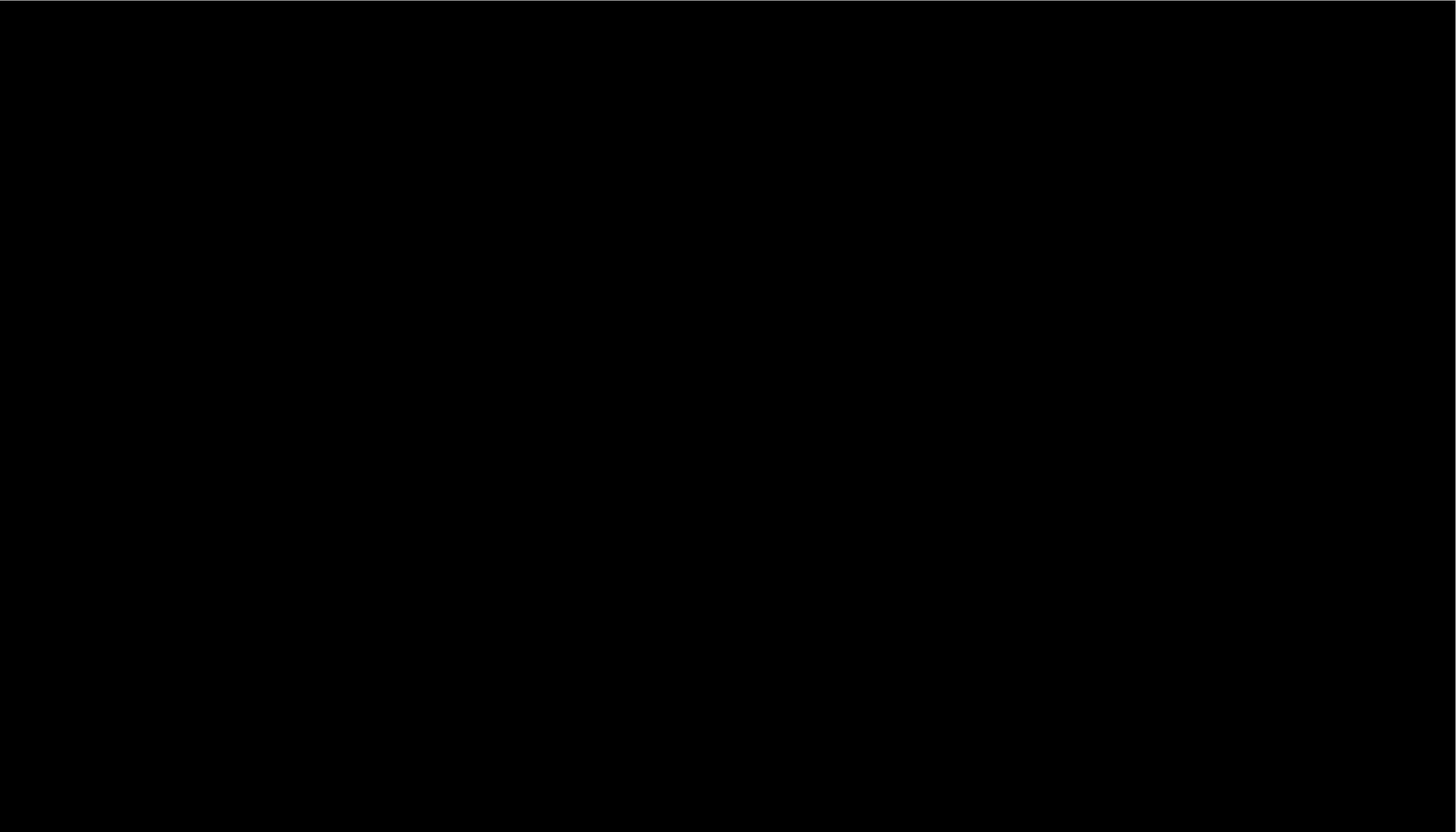
If you have any questions regarding the Project or the information presented in this letter, please contact me at 507-215-6301 or at andig@conedceb.com, or Pamela Flynn at 612-756-4977 or at pamela.flynn@merjent.com.

Sincerely,

Gokhan Andi
Project Developer
Consolidated Edison Development

Attachments: Figure 1: 7.5' USGS Topographic Project Location Figure
Figure 2: Aerial Project Overview Figure

Cc: Sean Wazlaw, Consolidated Edison Development
Dan Flo, Merjent, Inc.
Pamela Flynn, Merjent, Inc.



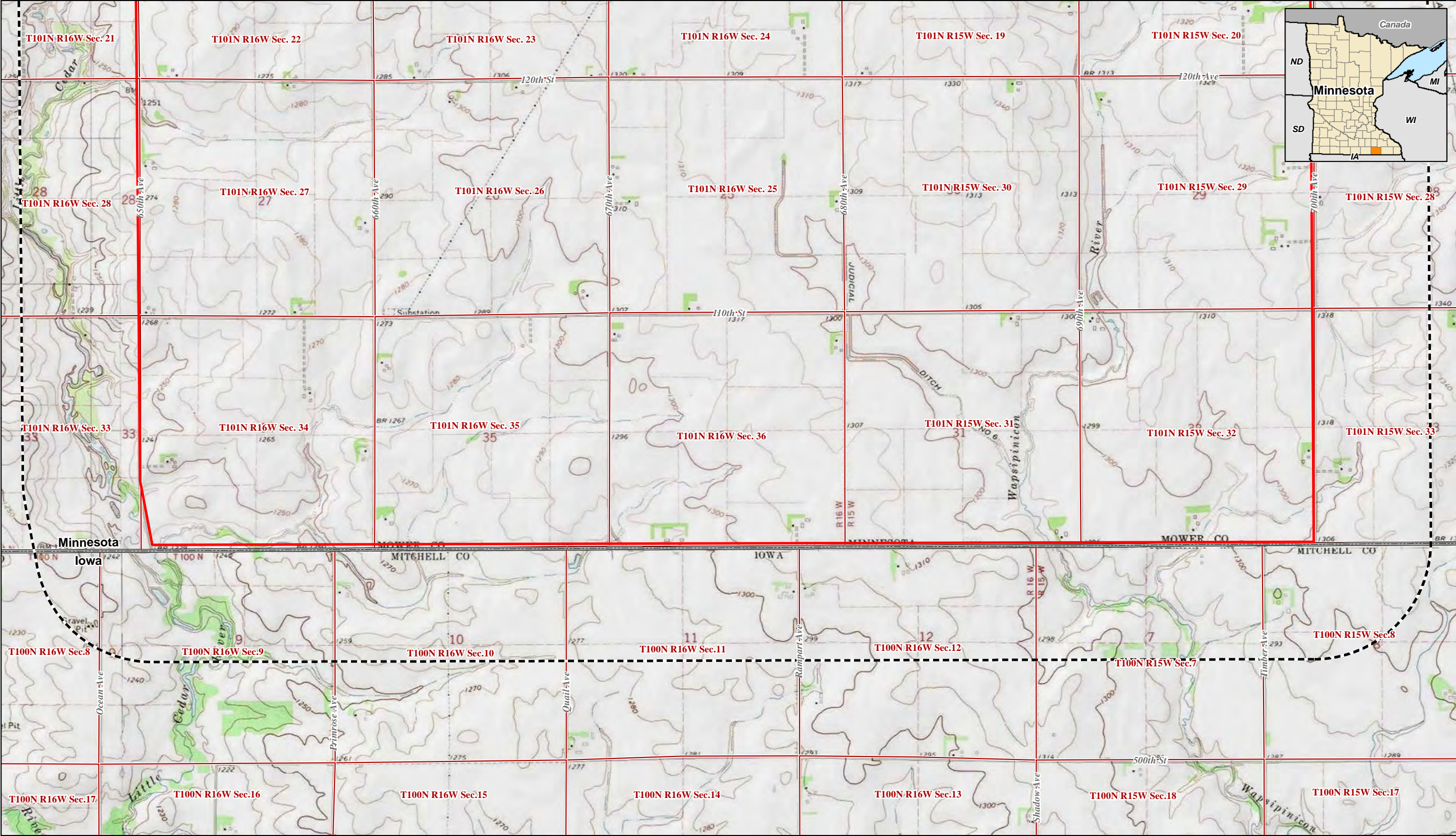
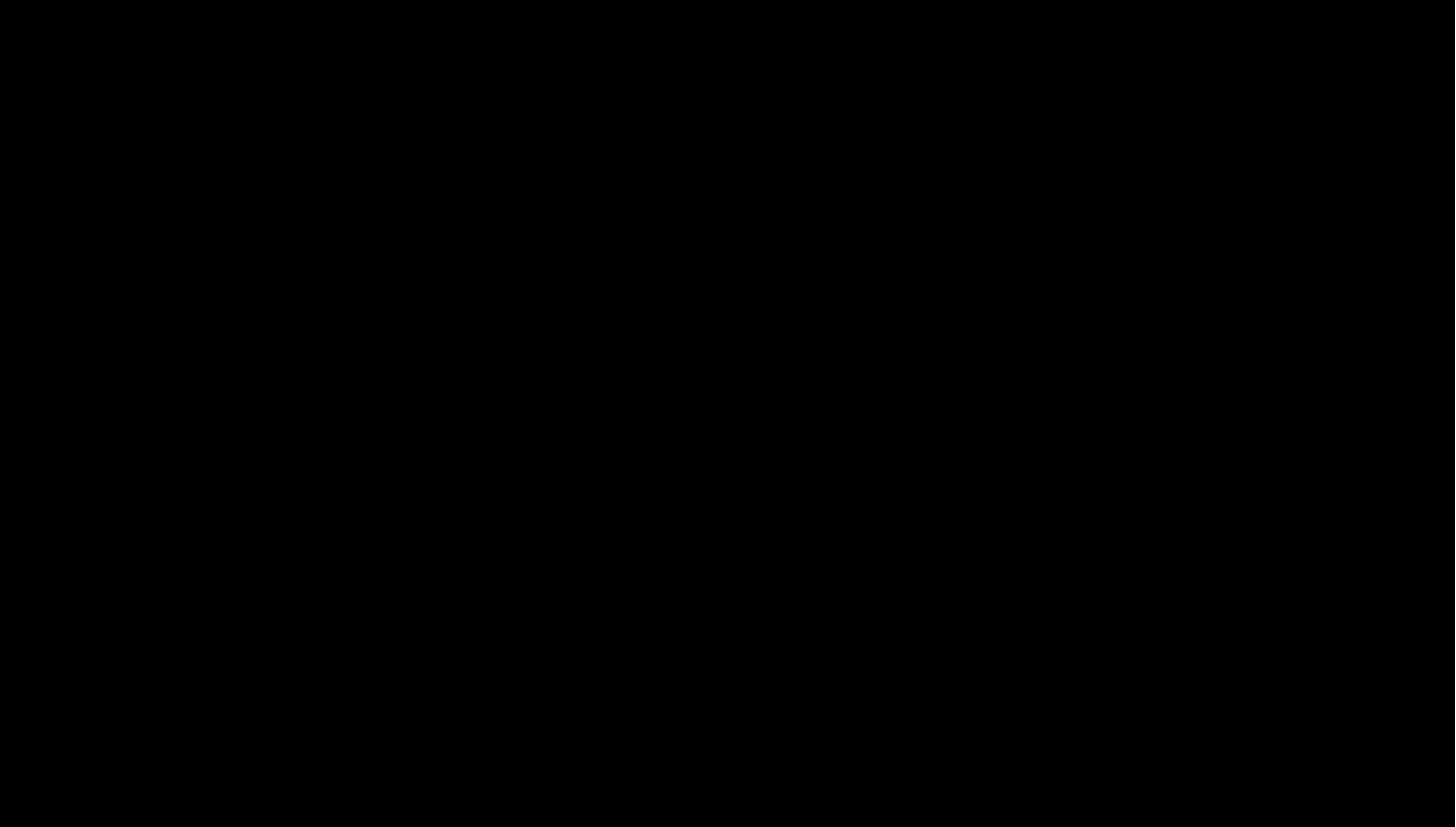


Figure 1
Rose Creek Wind Project
Rose Creek Wind, LLC
Project Location
Mower County, Minnesota

- Previous Archaeological Site
- Project
- 0.5-mile Buffer
- Section Boundary
- County Boundary
- State Boundary



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Figure 2

Rose Creek Wind Project

Rose Creek Wind, LLC

Project Overview

Mower County, Minnesota

Existing Rose Wind Turbine

Existing Adams Wind Turbine

Existing Substation

Existing Collector Line

Project Boundary

0.5-mile Buffer

Adams Wind

Rose Wind

Section Boundary

County Boundary

State Boundary

Previous Archaeological Site

National Register Listed Property

Date (3/9/2021)

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April 5, 2021

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Gokhan Andi
Project Developer
Consolidated Edison Development
4301 W. 57th St, Suite 131
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

RE: Rose Creek Wind Repower Project
Mower County
SHPO Number: 2021-1247

Dear Mr. Andi:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project. Information received on March 10, 2021 has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the State Historic Preservation Office by the Minnesota Historic Sites Act (Minn. Stat. 138.665-666).

According to your March 9, 2021 cover letter, ConEdison Development is planning to repower an existing wind farm in Mower County. The proposed project includes the decommissioning of 11 existing wind turbines, constructing 5 to 7 new, larger wind turbines, and installing new collector lines, staging areas, and construction access.

Due to the nature and location of the proposed project, we recommend that a Phase IA literature review be conducted to assess the potential for architectural and archaeological resources being located within the proposed project area. If, as a result of this assessment, a Phase I archaeological survey is recommended, this survey should be completed. The Phase I survey must meet the requirements of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Identification and Evaluation and should include an evaluation of National Register eligibility for any properties that are identified.

The Phase Ia literature review and assessment should take into account not only direct impacts, but potential indirect impacts of the project as well. Indirect impacts can include the introduction of visual, atmospheric, or audible elements that may have an effect on any historic structures that are listed in the National or State Register of Historic Places, as well as any changes to a historic property's use.

The resulting cultural resources report should include a map with clearly marked project areas including the location of the new turbines, any new laydown yards, crane paths, and other larger above-ground equipment structures in relation to any identified cultural resources (architectural properties and archaeological sites). The report should discuss ways in which the project will avoid impacting, both directly and indirectly, any cultural resources that are identified.

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Please note that this comment letter does not address the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR § 800. If this project is considered for federal financial assistance, or requires a federal permit or license, then review and consultation with our office will need to be initiated by the lead federal agency. Be advised that comments and recommendations provided by our office for this state-level review may differ from findings and determinations made by the federal agency as part of review and consultation under Section 106.

If you have any questions regarding our review of this project, please contact me at kelly.graggjohnson@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Kelly Gragg-Johnson

Kelly Gragg-Johnson
Environmental Review Specialist

cc: Pamela Flynn, Merjent

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Contact Name	Affiliation	Introductory Project Email Date (from DOC)	Initial Response Date	Method (Phone/Email)	Contact Phone No.	Contact Email	Comment Summary	Merjent/ConEd Response	Method (Phone/Email)	Date	Needs Follow-Up? (Yes/no)	Follow-Up Communications
Amanda Burnette	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	4/22/2021	4/23/2021	Voicemail	218-760-5564	amy.burnette@lojibwe.net	No interest in Mower County. Asked about reason for DOC email.	Acknowledged voicemail. Referred to DOC regarding Ex Order 19-24 policy.	Email	4/27/2021	No	
Dylan Goetsch	MIAC	N/A	4/26/2021	Email	651-724-3325	dylan.goetsch@state.mn.us	Consult with MIAC if project intersects 21MW0002.	Acknowledgement.	Phone Email	5/26/2021	No - Project does not intersect known Native American burial sites	
Jaylen Strong	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	218-753-6017	jaylen.strong@boisforte-nsn.gov	N/A	Merjent follow-up voicemail to introductory letter	Voicemail	5/14/2021	No	
Jill Hoppe	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	218-878-7129	jillhoppe@fdirez.com	N/A	Merjent follow-up voicemail to introductory letter	Voicemail	5/14/2021	No	
Noah White	Prairie Island Indian Community	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	651-385-4175	noah.white@piic.org	N/A	Merjent follow-up voicemail to introductory letter	Voicemail	5/14/2021	No	
Rob Hull	Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe	N/A	5/17/2021	Phone	218-475-0111	thpo@grandportage.com	Send introductory information; will comment	Acknowledgement.	Phone	5/17/2021	No	Follow up introductory email sent 5/20/2021
Cheyenne St. John	Lower Sioux Indian Community	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	507-697-8682	cheyenne.stjohn@lowersioux.com	N/A	Merjent follow-up phone call to introductory letter	Voicemail	5/17/2021	No	
Terry Kemper	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	320-532-7780	terry.kemper@millelacsband.com	N/A	Merjent follow-up phone call to introductory letter	Voicemail	5/17/2021	No	
Kade Ferris	Red Lake Nation	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	218-679-1691	kade.ferris@redlakenation.org	N/A	Merjent follow-up phone call to introductory letter	Voicemail	5/17/2021	No	
Leonard Wabasha	Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	952-496-6120	leonard.wabasha@shakopeedakota.org	N/A	Merjent follow-up phone call to introductory letter	Voicemail	5/17/2021	No	
Samantha Odegard	Upper Sioux Community	4/22/2021	5/17/2021	Phone	320-564-6334	samanthao@upperSiouxcommunity-nsn.gov	Initial comments: Would like to stay informed of the project; may want to participate survey or micrositeing coordination	Acknowledgement.	Phone	5/17/2021	Yes - Contact again pre any additional field surveys and post field survey	Email 7/1/2021 acknowledge interest; email 8/18/2021 project update (new boundary); email 8/30/2021 project update (field survey schedule); 10/22/2021 field survey details & invite
Jaime Arsenault	White Earth Nation	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	218-983-3285 ext 58	jaime.arsenault@whiteearth-nsn.gov	N/A	Merjent follow-up voicemail to introductory letter	Voicemail	5/17/2021	No	
Leonard Wabasha	Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	4/22/2021	5/17/2021	Email	952-496-6120	leonard.wabasha@shakopeedakota.org	Initial comments: Would like to stay informed of the project; suggested contact with OSA MIAC and MN Dakota THPOs; Requests copy of archaeological survey report and ongoing updates	Acknowledgement.	Email	7/1/2021	Yes - Contact again post field survey (survey report requested)	Email 7/1/2021 acknowledge interest; email 8/18/2021 project update (new boundary); email 8/30/2021 project update (field survey schedule);
Cheyenne St. John	Lower Sioux Community	4/22/2021	5/18/2021	Email	507-697-8682	cheyenne.stjohn@lowersioux.com	Initial comments: High potential to impact known cultural sites and/or burials; would like to participate in planning discussions	Acknowledgement.	Email	7/1/2021	Yes - Contact again post field survey	Email 7/1/2021 acknowledge interest; email 8/18/2021 project update (new boundary); email 8/30/2021 project update (field survey schedule);
Jaylen Strong	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	218-753-6017	jaylen.strong@boisforte-nsn.gov	N/A	Merjent follow-up email to introductory letter	Email	5/20/2021	No	
Jill Hoppe	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	218-878-7129	jillhoppe@fdirez.com	N/A	Merjent follow-up email to introductory letter	Email	5/20/2021	No	
Noah White	Prairie Island Indian Community	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	651-385-4175	noah.white@piic.org	N/A	Merjent follow-up email to introductory letter	Email	5/20/2021	No	
Terry Kemper	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	320-532-7780	terry.kemper@millelacsband.com	N/A	Merjent follow-up email to introductory letter	Email	5/20/2021	No	
Kade Ferris	Red Lake Nation	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	218-679-1691	kade.ferris@redlakenation.org	N/A	Merjent follow-up email to introductory letter	Email	5/20/2021	No	
Jaime Arsenault	White Earth Nation	4/22/2021	N/A	N/A	218-983-3285 ext 58	jaime.arsenault@whiteearth-nsn.gov	N/A	Merjent follow-up email to introductory letter	Email	5/20/2021	No	



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April 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Rose Creek Wind Project, Mower County, Minnesota
Project Introduction and Request to Initiate Coordination

ConEdison Development (CED) is planning to re-power an existing wind farm in Mower County, Minnesota. The following is a brief introduction to the Rose Creek Wind Project (Project or Repower Project). The Project is in Adams and Lodi Townships (see attached Figure 1).

Project Description

The currently operating Rose Wind project, owned by CED, consists of 11 turbines that were built in 2004 and 2005. The Repower Project will involve decommissioning the 11 Rose Wind turbines (see attached Figure 2) and constructing 5 to 7 new, larger turbines. The Repower Project will be called Rose Creek Wind, LLC. The 11 existing Rose Wind turbines that will be decommissioned range in size from 1.5 to 1.65 megawatts (MW), for a total power generation capacity of 17.4 MW. They were originally developed by seven separate limited liability companies and are all connected to a nearby substation that delivers the electricity to Dairyland Power. The new turbines will not necessarily be built in the same locations as the existing turbines but will be in the general vicinity. The Repower Project will have a nameplate capacity of up to 17.4 MW.

Regulatory Framework

The existing 11 turbines were originally granted Conditional Use Permits by Mower County. Because the existing turbines were originally permitted by Mower County, the Repower Project does not have a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) Site Permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MNPUCC). Because the repowered Rose Creek Wind Project will be larger than 5 MW and owned by a single operating entity, it will require a new LWECS Site Permit.

CED has engaged Merjent, Inc. (Merjent), an environmental consulting firm based in Minneapolis, to assist with environmental review and permitting for the Project. Merjent's services to Rose Creek Wind include agency consultations and cultural resources field surveys.

Cultural Resources File Search

MNDOC LWECS application guidance stipulates consideration of cultural and archaeological resources in a project area and within 0.5-mile of the project boundary. A layout for the new turbines and other Project components, including new collector lines, staging areas, and construction access, is pending; however, Merjent conducted a preliminary file search for the project boundary plus a 0.5-mile buffer. A database search request was submitted to the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the results were compared to information available on the Minnesota Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA Portal).

The file search identified three recorded archaeological sites and one archaeological site lead within 0.5 mile (see the table below and Figures 1 and 2). Two of these (21MWe and 21MW0002) intersect the current Project boundary. CED proposes to avoid direct impacts to cultural resources through Project design, if feasible. Merjent proposes to conduct a full literature search in advance of any field surveys. Merjent anticipates that the initial cultural resources field surveys will be conducted in May 2021.

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Previous Archaeological Sites within 0.5 Mile of the Project Boundary

Site Number	Site Type/Function	Location (Town-Rang-Sect)	NRHP Status
21MWe*†	Lithic Scatter/Site Lead		Unevaluated
21MW0002*	Earthwork/Burial Mound		Unevaluated
21MW0045	Lithic Scatter/Workshop		Unevaluated
21MW0046	Lithic Scatter/Workshop		Unevaluated

*Site intersects Project boundary

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†As an alpha site, the location of this site has not been confirmed by a cultural resources professional

Project Timeline and Outreach

The projected timeline for the Project is to submit the MNPUC application in the summer of 2021 and begin construction in Spring 2022. The purpose of this initial Project outreach is to 1) inform you of the proposed Project; 2) to address any initial questions or concerns you may have about the Project; and 3) to identify interest in consultation or coordination on the Project. CED and Merjent have also submitted initial consultation requests to the Minnesota OSA and SHPO.

Merjent, on behalf of CED, would like to invite you to a virtual meeting with CED, Merjent, and MNDOC to provide an overview of the Project and the anticipated Project timeline, and to provide a forum for any initial questions or concerns. Merjent proposes to host an introductory 30-minute meeting during one of these days/times:

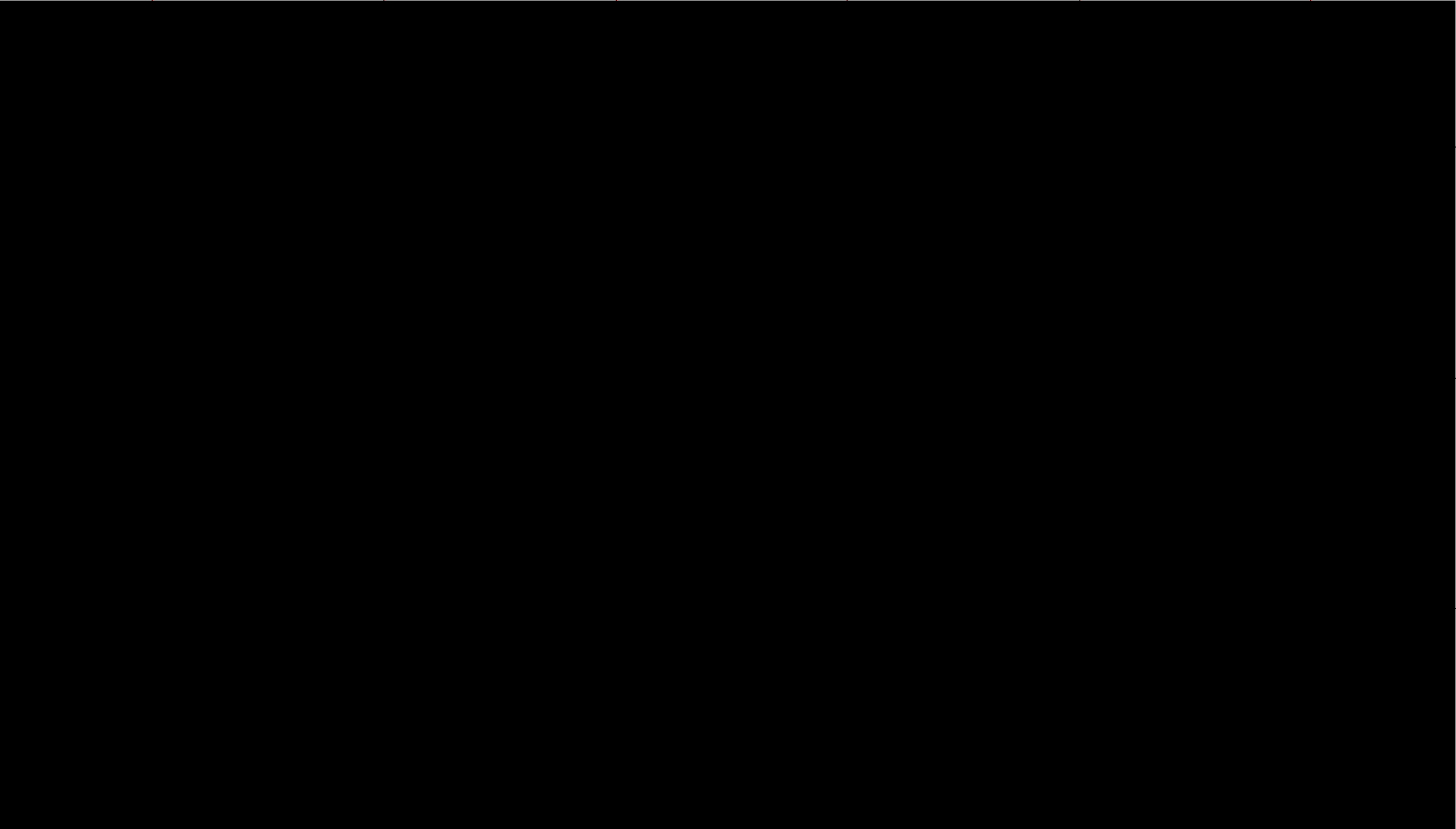
May 6, 1:00 – 1:30 PM CST

May 7, 11:00 – 11:30 AM CST

If you have interest and availability to attend a meeting, please contact Pamela Flynn at Merjent, CED's cultural resources consultant for this project, at 612-756-4977 or at pamela.flynn@merjent.com, with a preferred meeting time. We will send out an invitation for the best time.

Merjent, on behalf of CED, looks forward to hearing from you by April 30 so that we can make final plans for the meeting. If you have any questions regarding the Project, the proposed meeting, or the information presented here, please contact Pamela Flynn at Merjent, 612-756-4977 or at pamela.flynn@merjent.com, or Gokhan Andi, CED Project Developer, at 507-215-6301 or at andig@conedceb.com.

Attachments: Figure 1: 7.5' USGS Topographic Project Location Figure
Figure 2: Aerial Project Overview Figure



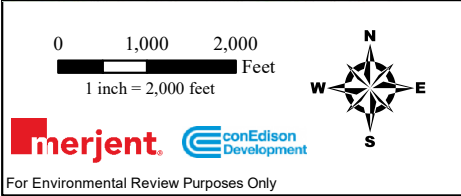
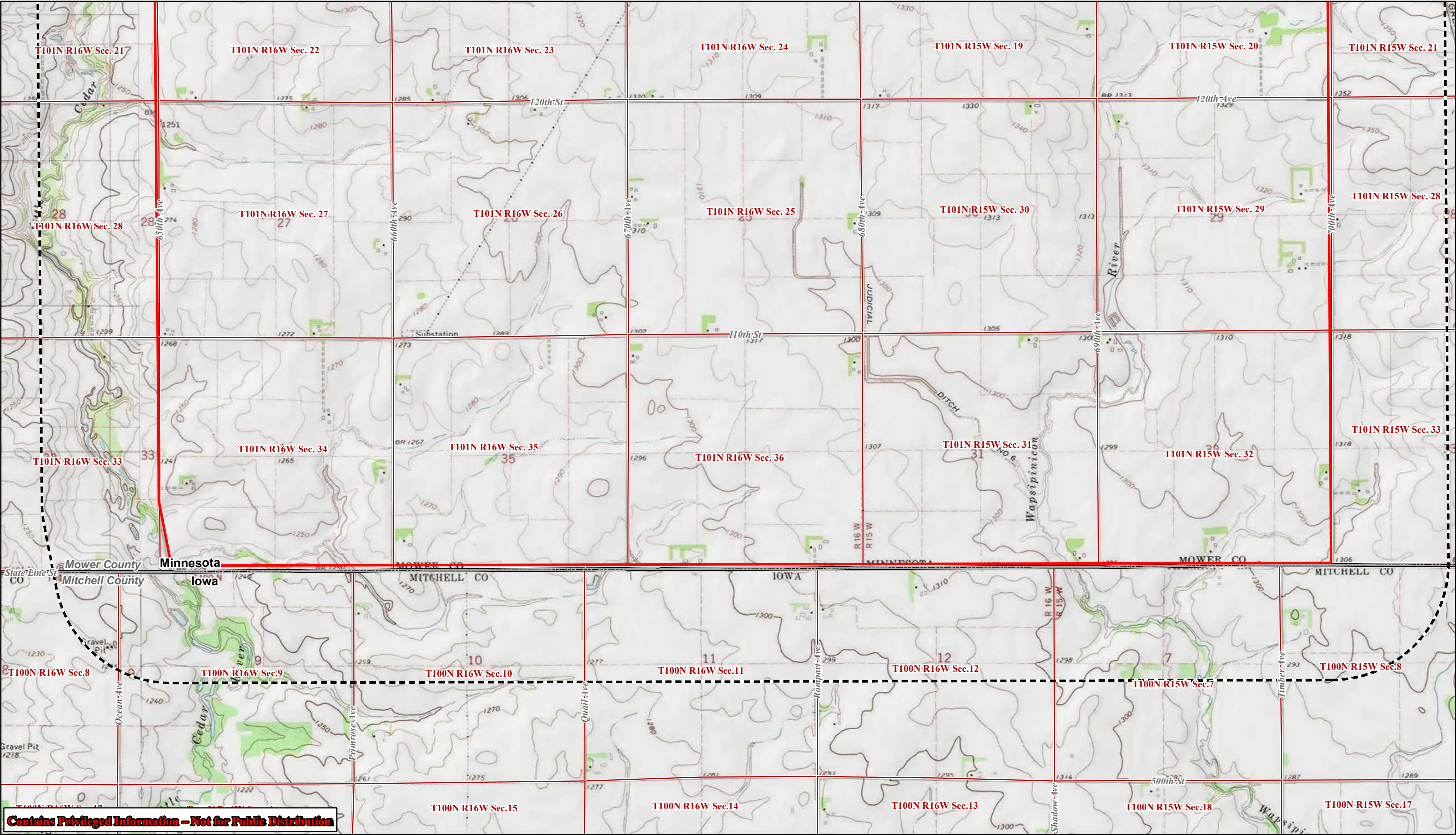
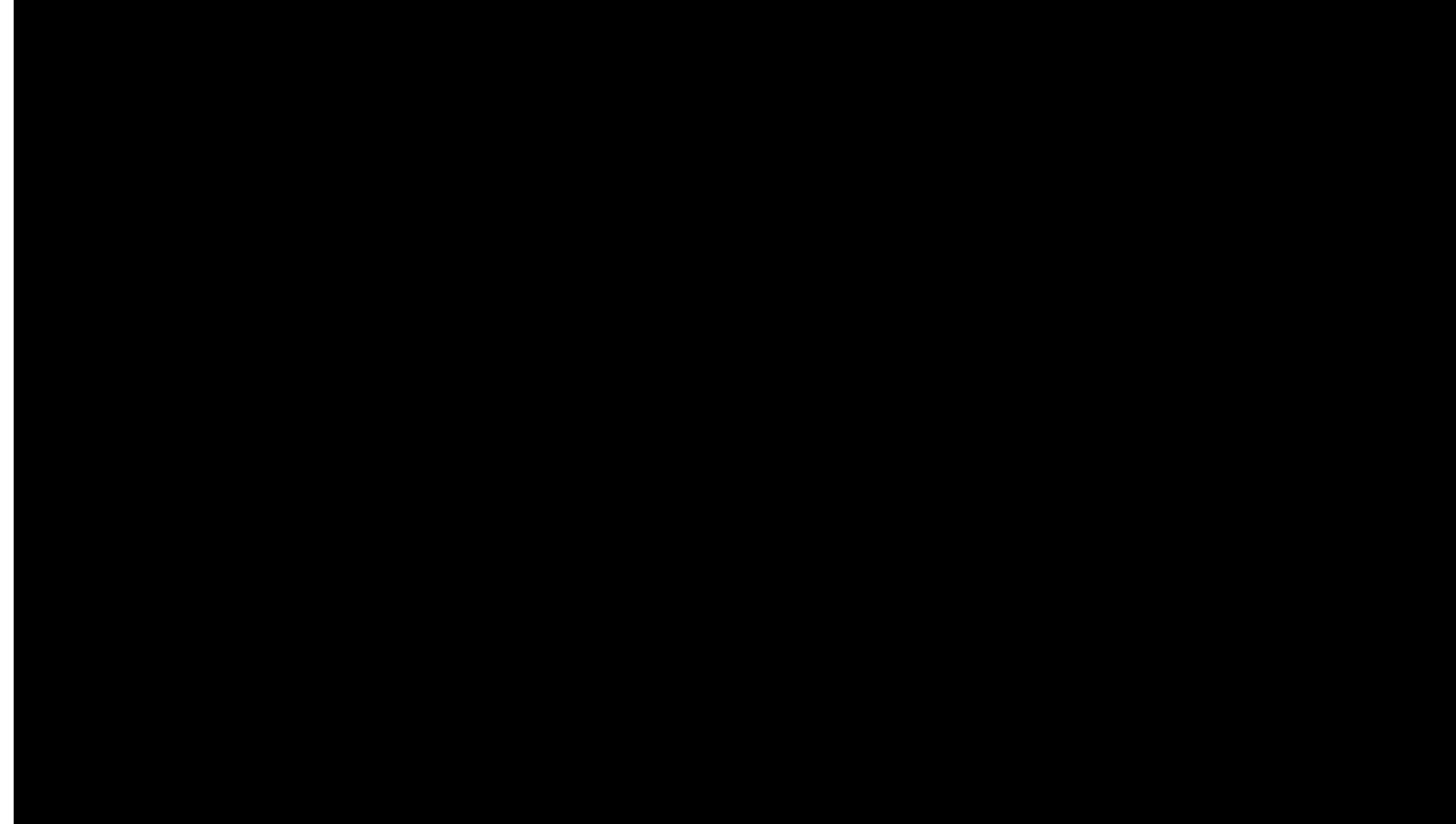


Figure 1
Rose Creek Wind Project
Rose Creek Wind, LLC
Project Location
Mower County, Minnesota

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| Previous Archaeological Site | Section Boundary |
| Project | County Boundary |
| 0.5-mile Buffer | State Boundary |





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Figure 2
Rose Creek Wind Project
Rose Creek Wind, LLC
Project Overview
Mower County, Minnesota

Existing Rose Wind Turbine

Existing Adams Wind Turbine

Existing Substation

Existing Collector Line

Project Boundary

0.5-mile Buffer

Adams Wind

Rose Wind

County Boundary

State Boundary

Previous Archaeological Site

Date: 3/17/2021

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Pamela Flynn

From: Pamela Flynn
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 7:20 AM
To: amy.burnette@llojibwe.net
Cc: Dan Flo; Andi, Gokhan; Heredia, Joan
Subject: ConEdison Rose Creek Wind Project, Mower County - Voicemail follow-up

Dear Ms. Burnette,

Thank you for the phone call regarding the email you received about the ConEdison Rose Creek Wind Project in Mower County, Minnesota.

As requested in your voicemail, I'm responding by email to address the two items mentioned:

- The Minnesota Department of Commerce conducts outreach to federally recognized tribal nations sharing geography with the State of Minnesota to address Governor Walz's Executive Order 19-24. If you have additional questions about the Minnesota Department of Commerce's policies or process, please reach out to the Department of Commerce's tribal liaison Mary Otto (mary.otto@state.mn.us, 651-358-4799).
- Based on your message, I have noted that this project is not in the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe area of geographic interest, and that you don't wish to be included in any follow-up.

Thank you,

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From: Leonard Wabasha (TO) <leonard.wabasha@shakopeedakota.org>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Pamela Flynn; Samantha Odegard; Cheyanne St. John; Noah.White@piic.org; franky.jackson@piic.org
Cc: Gronhovd, Amanda (ADM); Cerda, Melissa (MIAC) (Melissa.Cerda@state.mn.us); Goetsch, Dylan (MIAC)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Rose Creek Wind Project

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Dear Pamela Flynn,

Thank you for your correspondence and phone message regarding the ConEdison Rose Creek Wind Project. Because this project is impeding in a known burial area I suggest that you inform the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. The Office of the Stater Archaeologist and seek consultation with the other three Minnesota Dakota Tribal Nation THPO's. I have included them in this response for your convenience. And please keep the SMSC informed of the project as well. Thank you for contacting the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. Have a Great Day!!

Respectfully,



LEONARD WABASHA

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Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 4:16 PM
To: Pamela Flynn
Cc: Robert Larsen; mary.otto@state.mn.us
Subject: EXTERNAL: Rose Creek Windfarm- Mower Co.

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Pamela,

The Lower Sioux Indian Community (LSIC) has received your April 22nd, 2021 notice regarding the decommissioning of 11 Rose Wind turbines. According to the cultural resource file search and LSIC THPO database, it is our determination Rose Creek windfarm project has a high potential to adversely impact known cultural sites and/or burials.

Please consider the Lower Sioux Indian Community a consulting party to the Rose Creek Windfarm project, and continue to notify our office of opportunities to participate in planning discussions.

Thank-you,

Cheyenne St. John | Lower Sioux Indian Community
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
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Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:31 AM
To: jillhoppe@fdlrez.com
Cc: Andi, Gokhan; Dan Flo
Subject: RE: NOTICE:ConEdison Rose Creek Wind Project - Request to initiate tribal coordination
Attachments: Rose Creek Wind Project_Introductory Letter.pdf

Hello Ms. Hoppe,

This email is a follow-up to the phone message I left last Friday, May 14 and the email from Mary Otto, Minnesota Department of Commerce (see below and attached), regarding the ConEdison Rose Creek Wind Project in Mower County, Minnesota. On behalf of the applicant, I am reaching out to agencies that we have not heard back from to find out if you have an interest to be included in any further communications on this project. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you would like to be contacted again. I can be reached by email or cell phone (612) 756-4977.

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From: Pamela Flynn
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:53 AM
To: thpo@grandportage.com
Cc: Dan Flo; Andi, Gokhan
Subject: FW: ConEdison Development - Rose Creek Wind Project
Attachments: Rose Creek Wind Project_Introductory Letter.pdf

Good morning Mr. Hull,

This is a follow-up to our phone conversation last Monday, May 17 regarding the ConEdison Rose Creek Wind Project in Mower County, Minnesota. Attached is the original project information that we provided to the Minnesota Department of Commerce to initiate tribal engagement. The meeting proposed in the original letter was not held due to a lack of expressed interest.

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From: Pamela Flynn
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:34 AM
To: terry.kemper@millelacsband.com
Cc: Dan Flo; Andi, Gokhan
Subject: RE: NOTICE:ConEdison Rose Creek Wind Project - Request to initiate tribal coordination
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Good morning Mr. Kemper,

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From: Pamela Flynn
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Cc: Andi, Gokhan; Dan Flo
Subject: RE: NOTICE:ConEdison Rose Creek Wind Project - Request to initiate tribal coordination
Attachments: Rose Creek Wind Project_Introductory Letter.pdf

Hello Mr. White,

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From: Pamela Flynn
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:36 AM
To: kade.ferris@redlakenation.org
Cc: Dan Flo; Andi, Gokhan
Subject: RE: NOTICE:ConEdison Rose Creek Wind Project - Request to initiate tribal coordination
Attachments: Rose Creek Wind Project_Introductory Letter.pdf

Good morning Mr. Ferris,

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From: Pamela Flynn
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:38 AM
To: jaime.arsenault@whiteearth-nsn.gov
Cc: Dan Flo; Andi, Gokhan
Subject: RE: NOTICE:ConEdison Rose Creek Wind Project - Request to initiate tribal coordination
Attachments: Rose Creek Wind Project_Introductory Letter.pdf

Good morning Ms. Arsenault,

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From: Pamela Flynn
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:49 AM
To: Cheyanne St. John
Cc: Andi, Gokhan; Hansen, Sue; Dan Flo; Mandy Bohnenblust
Subject: ConEdison Development - Rose Creek Wind Repower Project - Project Update/Follow-up Communication
Attachments: RCW_Cultural_Figure1_ProjectOverview.pdf

Hello Ms. St. John,

I last contacted you about the Rose Creek Wind Repower Project via email in July. Since then, ConEdison has continued to conduct studies and revise the Project design accordingly. Based on the current design, Rose Creek has refined the project boundary (see attached figure).

On behalf of Rose Creek Wind, Merjent completed a cultural resources literature search for the Project site and found that there are no previously recorded archaeological sites within the updated Project boundary. Of the three previous sites within one mile (21MWe, 21MW0002, 21MW0046), none intersect or are adjacent to proposed project infrastructure.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:44 AM
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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:46 AM
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Cc: Andi, Gokhan; Hansen, Sue; Dan Flo; Mandy Bohnenblust
Subject: ConEdison Development - Rose Creek Wind Repower Project - Project Update/Follow-up Communication
Attachments: RCW_Cultural_Figure1_ProjectOverview.pdf

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Cc: Andi, Gokhan; Hansen, Sue; Dan Flo; Mandy Bohnenblust
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Thanks Pamela, please keep me informed of the progress of this project in Mower County. And if possible I would like to see the Arch. Study/Report when completed. Thanks again, Have a Great day!!



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Cc: Andi, Gokhan <andig@conedceb.com>; Hansen, Sue <hansens@conedceb.com>; Dan Flo <dan.flo@merjent.com>; Mandy Bohnenblust <mandy.bohnenblust@merjent.com>
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Hello Mr. Wabasha,

I have another update -- I am now looking at scheduling the initial archaeological survey on this project for next week (week of September 7). Please reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you again,

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Good afternoon Mr. Wabasha,

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Also, I've made a note of your request to see the archaeological survey report.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the Rose Creek Wind Repower Project.

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Thanks Pamela, please keep me informed of the progress of this project in Mower County. And if possible I would like to see the Arch. Study/Report when completed. Thanks again, Have a Great day!!



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Attachments: RCW_Cultural_Figure1_ProjectOverview.pdf; RCW_Cultural_Figure2_Aproximate_Survey_Area.pdf

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