

## **Appendix K-1 – Tribal Outreach 2021**

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## **Sample of Letter Sent to the Contact List**

## VIA US MAIL AND EMAIL

November 5, 2021

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### RE: Request for Comments on Lake Wilson Solar Energy Project in Murray Co, MN

Dear Jaylen Strong:

On behalf of Lake Wilson Solar Energy LLC (Lake Wilson Solar), Invenergy LLC is gathering information and requesting agency comments for the proposed Lake Wilson Solar Project (Project) in Murray County, Minnesota (**Figure 1**). The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the proposed Project, request comments or questions from you regarding the Project, seek your input concerning permits or approvals that may be required, and identify other interests you may have in the Project Area (herein described) or surrounding vicinity.

The Project is located southeast of the City of Lake Wilson in Sections 13 and 24, T106N, R43W (Chanarambie Township) and Sections 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27 and 30, T106N, R42W (Leeds Township), Murray County, Minnesota (Project Area). A map of the Project site location and boundary is enclosed for your reference (**Figure 1**). The Project Area consists of approximately 3,318 acres. The proposed footprint of the Project is approximately 1,581 acres. Land use within the Project Area is currently row-crop agriculture.

The Project has a proposed nameplate solar energy generation capacity of up to 150 megawatts (MW) alternating current (AC) and includes an approximately two hundred fifty (250) foot long 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that will connect the Project substation to a new Northern States Power Company switchyard. The point of interconnection is an existing transmission line that crosses through the Project Area. The Project also includes a 50 MW/200 Megawatt hour (MWh) battery energy storage system (BESS).

The proposed Project facilities include:

- Solar modules, inverters, and racking;
- On-site electrical collection lines;
- A Project substation;
- A step-up power transformer;
- A switchyard, to be permitted, constructed, and operated by Northern States Power Company;
- An overhead transmission line (gen-tie);
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS);
- Fencing;
- Access roads;

- An Operations and Maintenance (O&M) building; and
- Ancillary equipment and buildings as necessary.

The proposed Project solar array layout, other facility locations and engineering design/layout have not been finalized at this time. Foundations for the solar arrays will likely be driven steel piles. Fencing will consist of an appropriately sized fence material and equipped with security gates as needed. Gates will be secured with lock boxes.

Access will be controlled by Lake Wilson Solar with access provided to local emergency response officials as needed. Access roads will be installed as necessary to allow access to Project facilities for O&M of the Project. Access road construction typically includes stripping the surface vegetation root zone for the width of the road and placing compacted aggregate over the stabilized subgrade. Mechanical stabilization, such as geotextile reinforcement, may also be employed on top of compacted subgrade before aggregate placement.

The O&M building, Project substation, BESS and step-up transformer are currently planned to be located near one another in the central portion of the Project Area. The Project switchyard is currently planned to be located directly adjacent to the Project Substation and the existing transmission line with which the Project will connect to the grid. The electrical collection lines between the solar arrays/inverters and Project substation will be 34.5 kV and may be installed aboveground or direct buried in a trench at a reasonable and standard industry practice depth. Directional boring may be used to install collectors at some portions of the Project. An approximately 250 foot 115kV overhead electrical transmission (gen-tie) line will be installed between the Project substation and the switchyard.

Lake Wilson Solar will seek a Site Permit (SP), and a Certificate of Need (CN) from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for the Project. Lake Wilson Solar plans to submit the SP and CN applications to the PUC in December 2021 or January 2022. Construction of the Project is anticipated to begin after issuance of the SP and CN which would likely be in the Spring of 2023. Lake Wilson Solar plans to construct the Project on a schedule that facilitates an in-service date in 2024.

We welcome any comments your agency may have at this time and throughout the PUC SP and CN application processes. Please provide comments within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Any written comments provided in response to this letter will be incorporated into the PUC's review of the SP Application.

If you require further information or have questions regarding this matter, please contact me by phone at (918) 237-6417 or email at [mcrowl@invenergy.com](mailto:mcrowl@invenergy.com) and/or Joe Sedarski at [joe.sedarski@westwoodps.com](mailto:joe.sedarski@westwoodps.com).

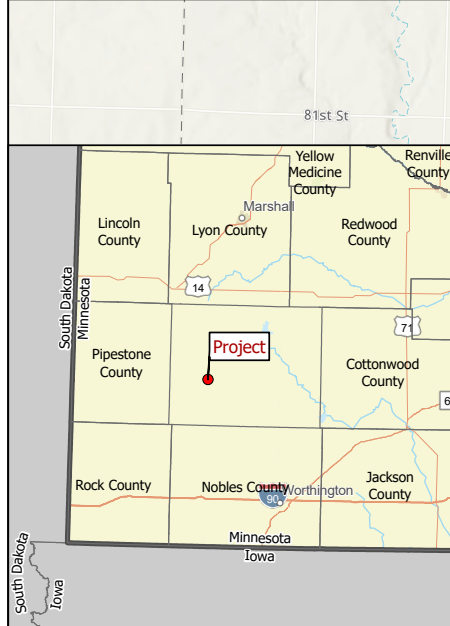
Sincerely,

**Invenergy LLC**



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Enc. Figure 1 Project Location - Lake Wilson Solar Energy Project

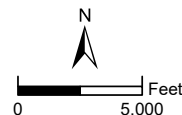
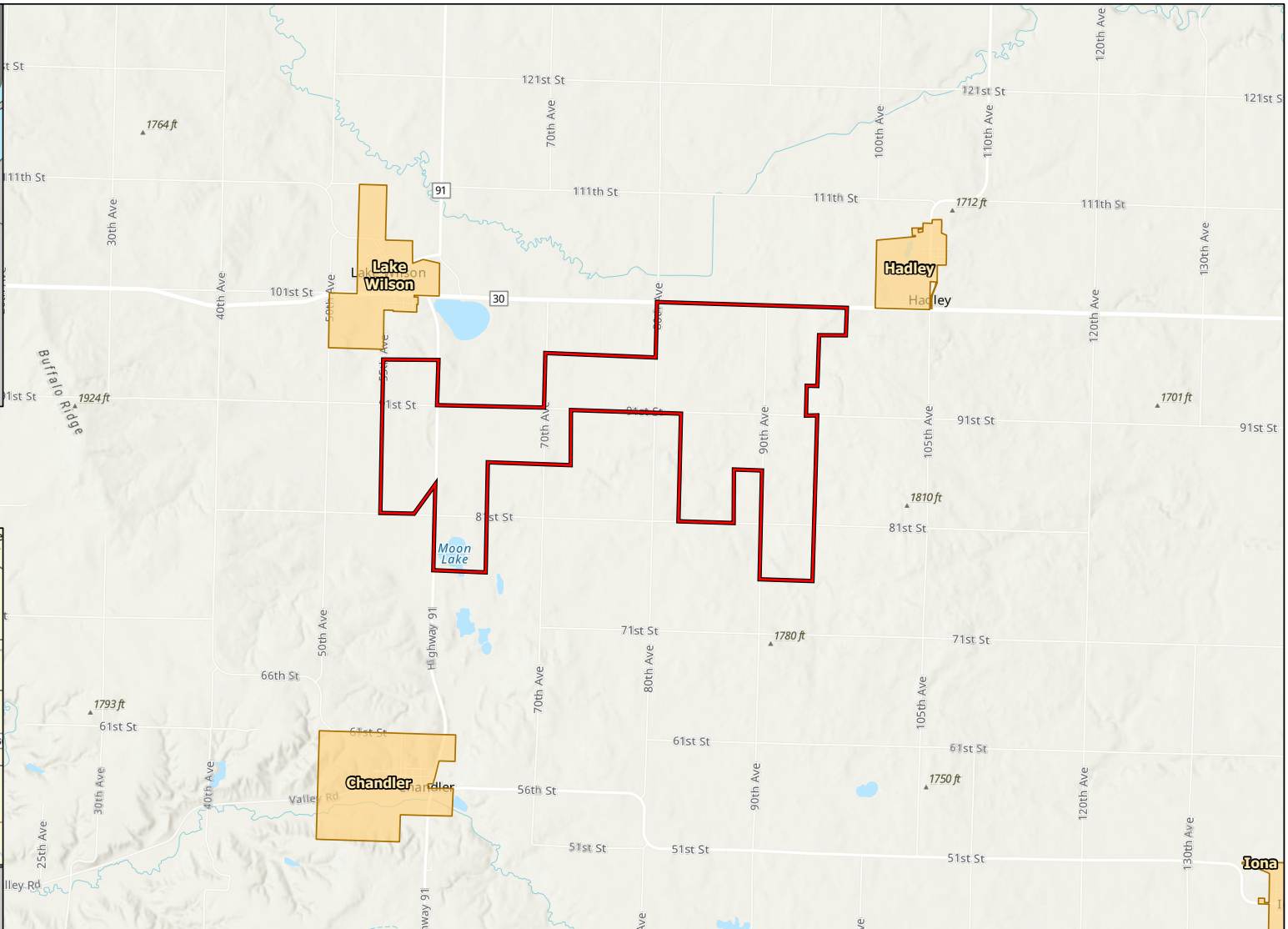


Data Source(s): Westwood (2021); ESRI WMS World Topographic and World Streets Basemaps (Accessed 2021); U.S. Census Bureau (2020).

### Legend

- Project Area
- County Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- State Boundary

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## Lake Wilson Solar Energy Project

Murray County, Minnesota

Project Location  
November 2021

FIGURE 1

## **Responses Received – 2021**

No responses to this letter were received from any of the Tribes contacted.