APPENDIX G:
Tribal Coordination

Tribe Contact List
Lake Wilson Solar Project
Murray County, MN

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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 if 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;

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- 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 and/or Joe Sedarski at joe.sedarski@westwoodps.com.

Sincerely,

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Mark D. Crowl
Manager, Renewable Development

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

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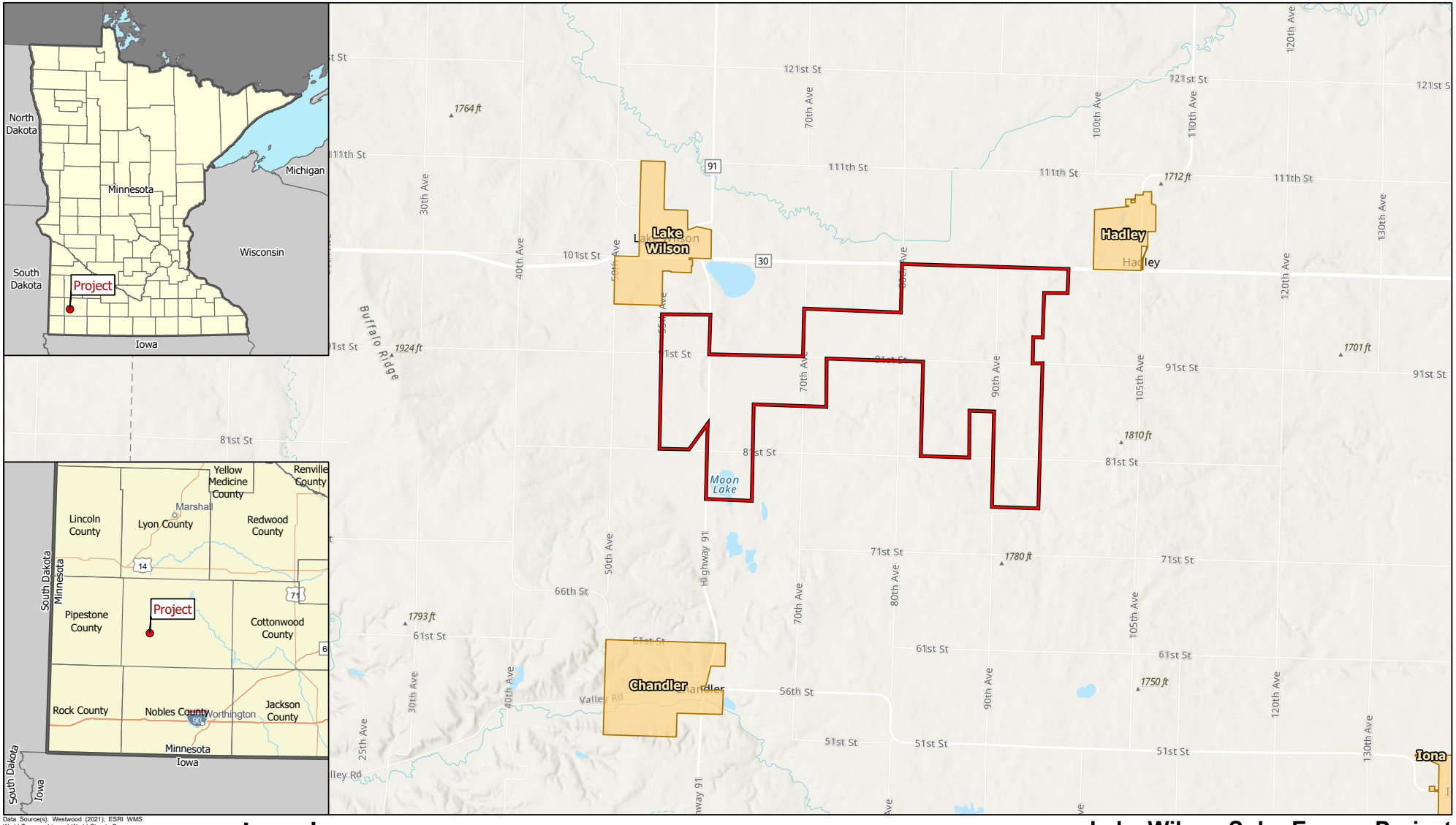

Data Source(s): Westwood (2021); ESRI WMS World Topographic and World Streets Basemaps (Accessed 2021); U.S. Census Bureau (2020).

Legend

- Project Area
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Lake Wilson Solar Energy Project

Murray County, Minnesota

Project Location

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Responses Received – 2021

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

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Lake Wilson Solar contracted Westwood Professional Services, Inc. (Westwood) of Minnetonka, Minnesota to conduct a Phase I Archeological Survey in November 2021 for the proposed Project. The Project will be comprised of 150-megawatt (MW) solar energy generation and related facilities. At this time, the Project is being conducted at a state-level review due to anticipated requirements of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) as part of the Site Permit (SP) Application process as required under the Power Plant Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216E). The Project area consists of approximately 2,677 acres. The proposed footprint of the Project is approximately 1,581 acres. Land use within the Project area is currently row-crop agriculture.

On September 15 and 16, 2021, Westwood Cultural Resources Manager Ryan Grohnke examined files maintained by the Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA) and the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Review of information from these offices included an examination of site maps, archaeological site forms, burial files, historic structure inventories, and survey reports for the Project area and surrounding one-mile buffer. No previously recorded resources were found to be present in the area examined.

Fieldwork was carried out by Westwood Principal Investigator Rigden Glaab and Archaeological Technicians Brian Joby Hunt, Ryan Steeves, Lindsay Schwartzkopf, and Daniel Schneider between November 16 and November 19, 2021. No cultural resources were identified within the Project Area of Potential Effect (APE) by Westwood archaeologists during the Phase I Survey. The Project APE consisted of the 2021 proposed Project footprint of 1,574 acres. Additional surveys for new portions of the Project Area are planned for the fall of 2022.

Although an archaeological survey was completed, the possibility of unidentified resources remains. If unrecorded archaeological sites are discovered during construction, all ground-disturbing activities in the area will stop and archaeologists at Westwood will be contacted. Further, if human remains are encountered during construction activities, all ground disturbing activity will cease and local law enforcement will be notified.

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If you require further information or have questions regarding this matter, please contact me by phone at (312) 508-8743 or email at mmonterrosa@@invenergy.com and/or Matthew Vollbrecht at (320) 229-2311 or email at matthew.vollbrecht@westwoodps.com.

Sincerely,

Invenergy LLC

Monica Monterrosa
Director, Renewable Development

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

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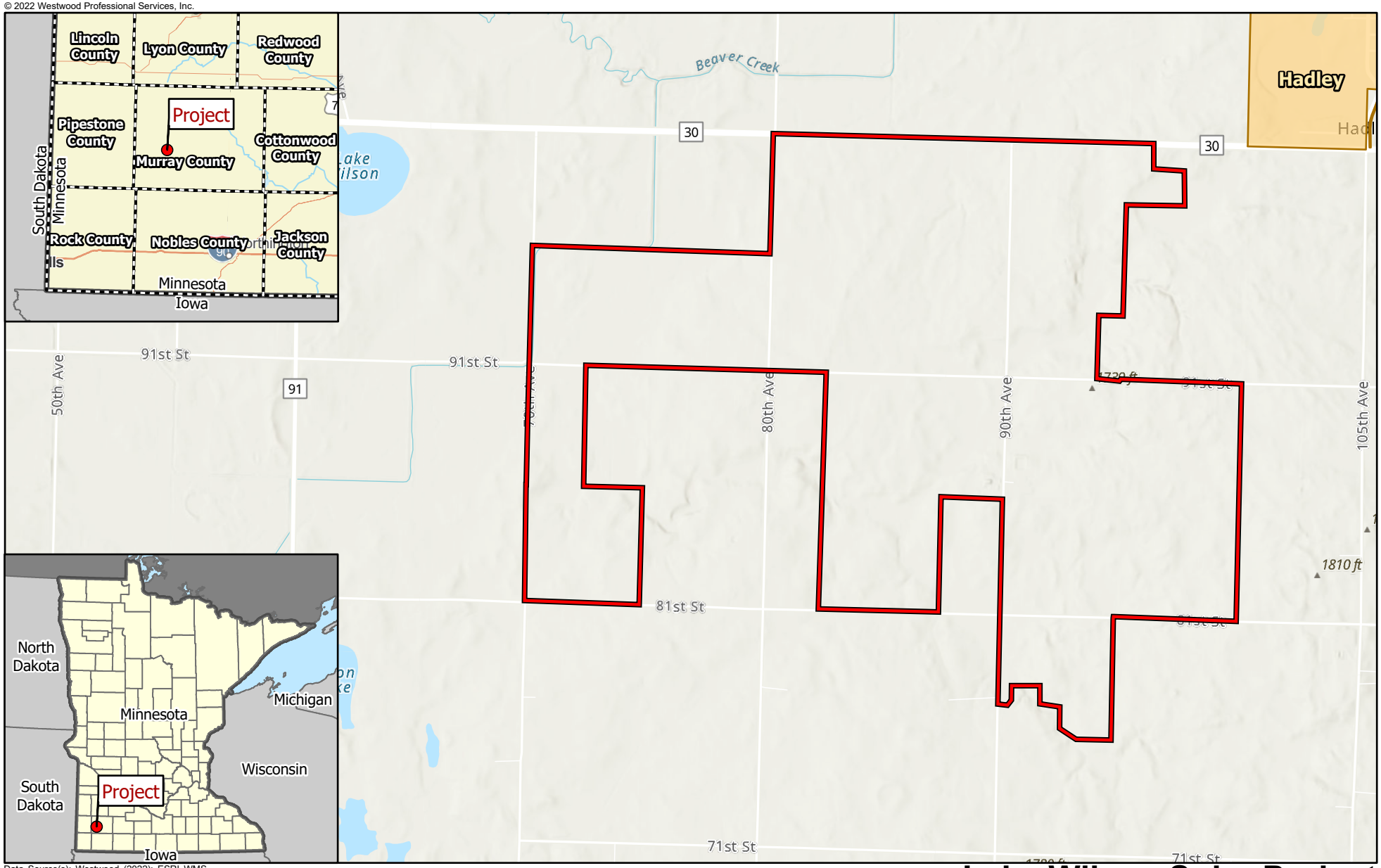

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From: Leonard Wabasha (TO) <leonard.wabasha@shakopeedakota.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:50 PM
To: Monterrosa, Monica
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lake Wilson Solar Project Murray County

Dear Monica Monterrosa
Thank you for your letter dated July 29, 2022, regarding the proposed Lake Wilson Solar Energy project in Murray County Minnesota.
As your desktop research has indicated no previously recorded sites in the project APE, I have no Concerns. In the event of an inadvertent discovery please contact local Law Enforcement (as stated in your correspondence) along with the State Archaeologists Office and my office at this email address.
Also, my mailing address is :

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Again, Thank You for the opportunity to consult, Have a Great Day!!

Respectfully,

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The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is a federally recognized, sovereign Indian tribe located southwest of Minneapolis/St. Paul. With a focus on being a good neighbor, good steward of the earth, and good employer, the SMSC is committed to charitable donations, community partnerships, a healthy environment, and a strong economy.

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