

Appendix E
Tribal Correspondence

Appendix D is organized as follows:

Table 1. Minnesota Federally Recognized Tribal Nation Contact List

This table includes the individuals from the Federally Recognized Tribal Nations in Minnesota that received project notification letters. All correspondence was sent via email unless otherwise indicated.

Sample Letter

A sample project notification letter that was sent to Tribal Nations is provided. All Tribal Nations received the same letter.

Table 2. Minnesota Federally Recognized Tribal Nations Correspondence Summary

This table provides a summary of correspondence sent and received.

Minnesota Tribal Nations Correspondence.

Copies of correspondence sent to and received from Tribal Nations are included. Emails are provided.

Table 1. Tribal Government Contact List

Table 1 – Tribal Nation Contact List

Tribal Nation/Organization Name	Contact Name	Email	Recipient Type
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Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Evan Schroeder	evanschroeder@fdlrez.com	Primary Addressee
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Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Caleb Dunlap	calebdunlap@fdlband.org	Copied
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Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Wayne Dupuis	waynedupuis@fdlband.org	Copied
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Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Toby Stephens	tobys@grandportage.com	Copied

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Kyle Fairbanks	kyle.fairbanks@llojibwe.net	Copied
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Leon Staples	leon.staples@llojibwe.net	Copied
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Mike Chosa	mike.chosa@llojibwe.net	Copied
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Steve White	steve.white@llojibwe.net	Copied
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Upper Sioux Community	Jeremy Hamilton	jhamilton@uppersiouxcommunity-nsn.gov	Copied
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White Earth Nation	Henry Fox	henry.fox@whiteearth-nsn.gov	Copied
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White Earth Nation	Michael Fairbanks	michael.fairbanks@whiteearth-nsn.gov	Primary Addressee

Sample Project Notification Letter



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April 23, 2026

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[ADDRESS LINE 2]
Sent via email: [EMAIL]

[NAME]
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Subject: Great River Energy and Meeker Energy
Kimball Substation and 115-kV Transmission Line Project in Stearns County, Minnesota
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Docket No. ET2,E121/TL-26-182

Dear [NAME] and [NAME]:

Great River Energy, wholesale electric provider to Meeker Energy, is proposing to build approximately 4 miles of new 115-kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line in Maine Prairie and Luxemburg Townships, in Stearns County, referred to as the Kimball Substation and 115-kV Transmission Line Project (Project). The transmission line will power Meeker Energy's proposed Kimball Substation. The transmission line and substation are needed to ensure that Meeker Energy can continue to reliably serve its members' electrical power needs.

As shown on the enclosed Fact Sheet, the Project will consist of a new tap line from Great River Energy's existing 115-kV ME-BW transmission line to the new Kimball Substation location. Great River Energy is considering two routes for the new transmission line. These routes are shown on the attached map. Your feedback is important in deciding the proposed route. The new 115-kV transmission line will be constructed and owned by Great River Energy. The Kimball Substation will be constructed and owned by Meeker Energy.

Great River Energy and Meeker Energy intend to submit a Route Permit application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for the Project in June 2026. Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2028 after the receipt of all necessary approvals and authorizations. The Project current should be energized in 2029.

The Project will primarily use direct-buried steel structures. Typical pole heights will range from 70 to 90 feet above grade and spans between structures will generally range from 400 to 500 feet. Final design, which will occur after the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission issues a Route Permit, will

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determine the final span distances, as well as the need for specialty poles (for example, steel poles on foundations).

Construction will generally occur within a 100-foot-wide right-of-way easement that Great River Energy will obtain to construct, operate and maintain the transmission line. The 100-foot-wide right-of-way easement will be centered on the transmission line and reach 50 feet on either side of the structure line. When following roads, Great River Energy's standard practice is to place these structures on private property just outside of road right-of-way to minimize the amount of private property needed for the construction and operation of the transmission line.

Great River Energy would appreciate any comments that you may have on the Project. Please contact me at 763-445-5210 or mstrohful@GREnergy.com should you have questions, need additional information, or would like to set up a pre-application coordination meeting.

Sincerely,

GREAT RIVER ENERGY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Strohfus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Strohfus
Project Manager, Transmission Permitting

Enclosure: Project Fact Sheet

cc: Andrew Levi, Merjent



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Kimball Substation & 115-kV transmission line

Great River Energy, wholesale electric supplier to Meeker Energy, is proposing to build approximately four miles of new 115,000-volt (115-kilovolt or 115-kV) overhead transmission line in Maine Prairie and Luxemburg Townships in Stearns County. The transmission line is needed to power a planned new Kimball Substation along Caldron Road so that Meeker Energy can continue to reliably serve its members' electrical power needs.

Overview

This project will include the construction of approximately four miles of transmission line between Great River Energy's existing ME-BW 115-kV transmission line and Meeker Energy's new substation along Caldron Road in Maine Prairie Township. See map on back. Great River Energy is currently considering two route alternatives for the new transmission line as depicted on the map. Your input is important in deciding the route. Direct-embedded steel structures with heights between 70 and 90 feet above grade and spans between 400 and 500 feet will be used for the transmission line.

Permits and easements

The project requires a route permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) before any construction activities can begin. The MPUC encourages outreach with nearby landowners, Tribes, federal and state agencies, and local governments prior to submitting a route permit application. Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216I requires all route permit applications to include only one route. Landowner and agency input will affect which route alternative is proposed in the application.



Typical 115-kV braced-post structures.

If the MPUC issues a route permit, Great River will work with county, township and local authorities to acquire all approvals necessary to complete the work. Landowners along the proposed line route will also be contacted to discuss easement agreements, tree removal, construction access and practices, and restoration.

Public involvement

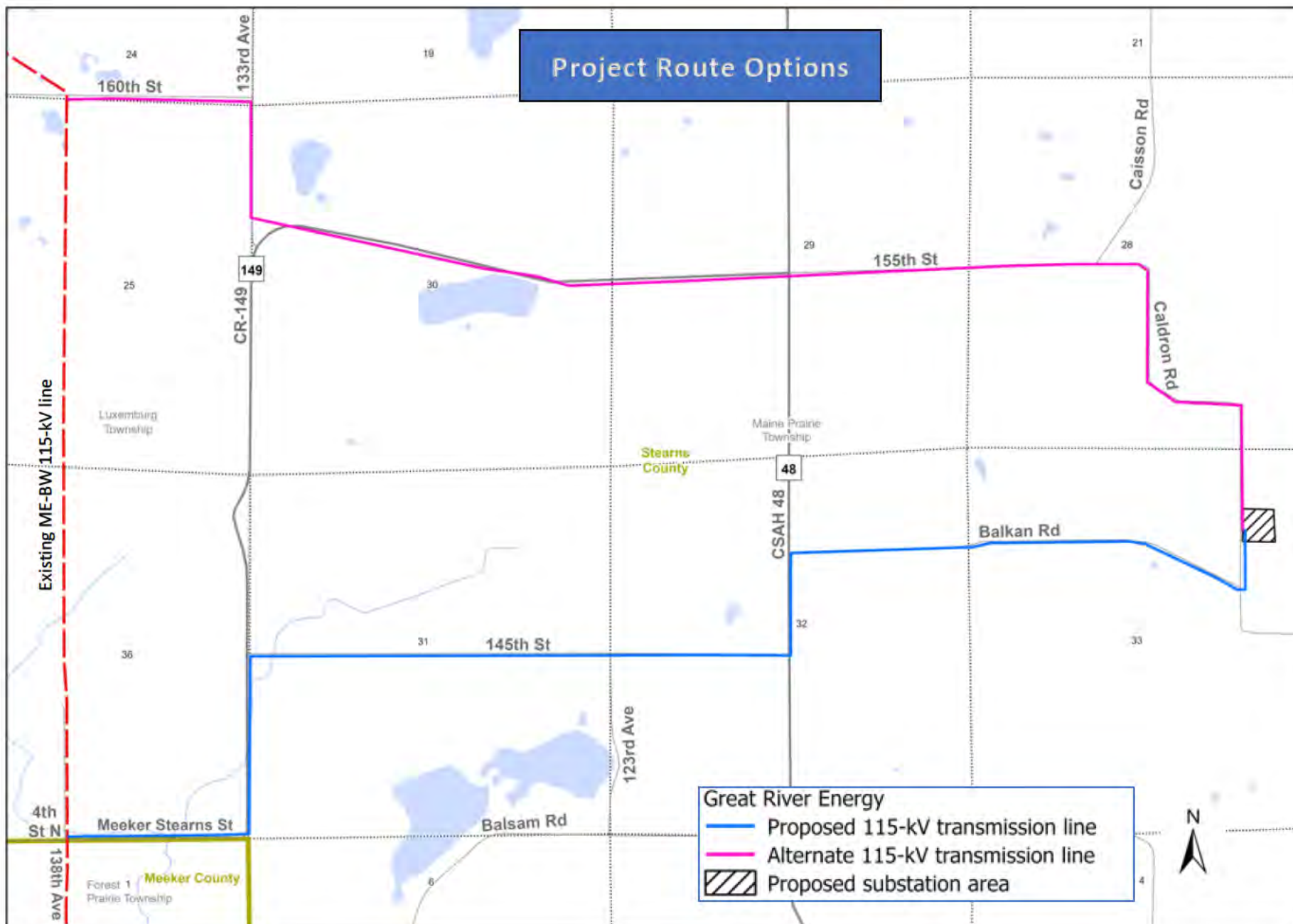
In addition to Great River Energy's early outreach, the MPUC's route permitting process includes opportunities for interested parties to engage and comment on the project. Property owners along the route will be notified when an application is filed and when the MPUC holds public meetings seeking interested parties' input.

Schedule

MPUC permitting	Q1 2026 – Q1 2027
Survey/design	Q2 2027 – Q3 2028
Easements/ Environmental permits	Q2 2028 – Q4 2028
Construction start	Q3 2028
Energization	Q2 2029

Quick facts

Length	– Approximately 4 miles
Structures	– Direct-embedded steel poles 70 to 90 feet above grade
Spans	– 400 to 500 feet apart
Right of way	– 100-foot-wide (50 feet each side of pole centerline)



Great River Energy representatives

For project updates and information, visit greatriverenergy.com/Kimball or contact:

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Table 2. Tribal Government Correspondence Summary

Table 2 – Summary of Tribal Nation Correspondence

Tribal Nation/Organization Name	Action	Description	Date
1854 Treaty Authority	Correspondence Sent	Introduction email, letter and project map. No response.	April 23, 2026
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Phone Call Made	Voicemail left with THPO regarding arrival of project notification letter.	April 20, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Introduction email, letter and project map. No response.	April 23, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Follow up email with project information sent to THPO. No response.	May 14, 2026
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Phone Call Made	Voicemail left with THPO regarding arrival of project notification letter.	April 20, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Introduction email, letter and project map. No response.	April 23, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Follow up email with project information sent to THPO. No response.	May 14, 2026
Grand Portage Bank of Lake Superior Chippewa	Phone Call Made	Voicemail left with THPO regarding arrival of project notification letter.	April 20, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Introduction email, letter and project map. No response.	April 23, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Follow up email with project information sent to THPO. No response.	May 14, 2026
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Phone Call Made	Voicemail left with THPO regarding arrival of project notification letter.	April 20, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Introduction email, letter and project map. No response.	April 23, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Follow up email with project information sent to THPO.	May 14, 2026
	Correspondence Received	Received determination of no historic properties from THPO.	May 20, 2026
Lower Sioux Indian Community	Phone Call Made	Voicemail left with THPO regarding arrival of project notification letter.	April 20, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Introduction email, letter and project map. No response.	April 23, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Follow up email with project information sent to THPO. No response.	May 14, 2026
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Phone Call Made	Spoke with THPO Mike Wilson regarding arrival of project notification letter.	April 20, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Introduction email, letter and project map.	April 23, 2026
	Correspondence Received	Email indicating no concerns.	April 27, 2026
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	Correspondence Sent	Introduction email, letter and project map. No response.	April 23, 2026
Prairie Island Indian Community	Phone Call Made	Voicemail left with THPO regarding arrival of project notification letter.	April 20, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Introduction email, letter and project map. No response.	April 23, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Follow up email with project information sent to THPO. No response.	May 14, 2026

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Red Lake Nation	Phone Call Made	Voicemail left with THPO regarding arrival of project notification letter.	April 20, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Introduction email, letter and project map. No response.	April 23, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Follow up email with project information sent to THPO. No response.	May 14, 2026
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	Phone Call Made	Voicemail left with THPO regarding arrival of project notification letter.	April 20, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Introduction email, letter and project map.	April 23, 2026
	Correspondence Received	Email indicating no concerns.	April 23, 2026
Upper Sioux Community	Phone Call Made	Voicemail left with THPO regarding arrival of project notification letter.	April 20, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Introduction email, letter and project map. No response.	April 23, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Follow up email with project information sent to THPO. No response.	May 14, 2026
White Earth Nation	Phone Call Made	Voicemail left with THPO regarding arrival of project notification letter.	April 20, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Introduction email, letter and project map. No response.	April 23, 2026
	Correspondence Sent	Follow up email with project information sent to THPO. No response.	May 14, 2026

1854 Treaty Authority

From: [Andrew Levi](#)
To: smyers@1854treatyauthority.org
Cc: [Strohfus, Mark GRE-MG](#); [Beth Rehfuss](#)
Subject: Kimball Substation and 115-kV Transmission Line Project Notification
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026 1:27:07 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[T1 1854 Treaty Kimball Notification 4.23.26.pdf](#)

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The Applicants intend to submit a Route Permit application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) in June 2026. The Applicants anticipate starting construction in Fall 2028 and energizing the Project in 2029. Please see the attached letter and fact sheet for additional details on the Project.

Great River Energy, on behalf of the Applicants, is providing notice of this Project to Tribal governments across Minnesota using the MPUC's Tribal Government and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer service lists.

We would appreciate any feedback you might have about the Project. Please reach out to Mark Strohfus with Great River Energy at 763-445-5210 or mstrohfus@GREnergy.com with questions, written comments, or to request a pre-application coordination meeting.

Regards,

Andrew Levi

On behalf of Mark Strohfus, Great River Energy

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Subject: Kimball Substation and 115-kV Transmission Line Project Notification
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026 1:27:19 PM
Attachments: [T2 Bois Forte Kimball Notification 4.23.26.pdf](#)
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[T21_Grand Portage Kimball Notification 4.23.26.pdf](#)

Good day,

I sent the following email earlier today. It was rejected as suspected spam; therefore, I am sending again to each person on the mailing list separately.

Thanks, Andrew

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Docket No: ET2, E121/TL-26-182.

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Stearns County, Minnesota.

LL THPO No. 26-243-NCRI

Dear Andrew Levi,

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 1:26 PM

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Subject: FW: Kimball Substation and 115-kV Transmission Line Project Notification
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026 3:39:35 PM
Attachments: [T58 MN Chippewa Kimball Notification 4.23.26.pdf](#)
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Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026 1:27:07 PM
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Subject: Kimball Substation and 115-kV Transmission Line Project Notification
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