

Appendix H

Agency Correspondence

From: [Melissa Schmit](#)
To: [Horton, Becky \(DNR\)](#)
Cc: [Collins, Melissa \(DNR\)](#)
Subject: RE: [External] voicemail
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 2:57:00 PM
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[Regal Expanded Land Control Area.zip](#)
[Fig03 Regal Land Control Area.pdf](#)

Hi Becky and Melissa,

Shapefiles of the above-ground collection corridor is attached. The files represent the "Land Control Area," or area easement area under lease agreements. The collection line will be located within this corridor and will be co-located with County Road 40 on the south side of the road when crossing the Platte River. An overview map is also attached for your reference.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your continued coordination on the Regal Solar Project.

Regards,

From: Horton, Becky (DNR) <becky.horton@state.mn.us>
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 8:23 AM
To: Melissa Schmit <melissa@geronimoenergy.com>
Cc: Collins, Melissa (DNR) <Melissa.Collins@state.mn.us>
Subject: RE: [External] voicemail

Hi Melissa,

Thanks for the call and update on the Regal Solar project changes.

Melissa Collins is the person who has taken my place for the region.

When you have shapefiles, please send them to both of us.

As we discussed, an updated NHIS review will be needed (which I understand you have submitted, or are working on submitting) and a license to cross will be required for crossing of the Platte River. The license to cross will likely require installation of swan type bird diverters. A more detailed review would need to be done by the DNR to determine if we have any additional comments.

Becky

From: Melissa Schmit <melissa@geronimoenergy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Horton, Becky (DNR) <becky.horton@state.mn.us>
Subject: RE: [External] voicemail



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From: Horton, Becky (DNR) <becky.horton@state.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Melissa Schmit <melissa@geronimoenergy.com>
Subject: RE: [External] voicemail

Hi Melissa,

My 11:00 meeting went long, so I'll call you tomorrow at 10.

I'll be calling from my cell phone, so it'll likely come up as unknown (not my DNR number).

Becky

From: Melissa Schmit <melissa@geronimoenergy.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Horton, Becky (DNR) <becky.horton@state.mn.us>
Subject: RE: [External] voicemail

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Hi Becky,

I will be available during both times at

. Thanks for the follow up!



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From: Horton, Becky (DNR) <becky.horton@state.mn.us>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 7:43 AM

To: Melissa Schmit <melissa@geronimoenergy.com>

Subject: [External] voicemail

Hi Melissa,

I got your voicemail.

I'll try to give you a call around 11:30 today. Or, 10 tomorrow.

Hope this works.

Becky

Rebecca Horton

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From: [Roxanne Achman](#)
To: [Melissa Schmit](#)
Cc: [Jordan B. Burmeister](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Regal Solar - Update
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 6:11:55 PM
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Melissa,

Thank you for the explanation and the corresponding maps. This makes complete sense.

Roxanne Achman | Department of Development Director



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From: Melissa Schmit <melissa@geronimoenergy.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Roxanne Achman <RAchman@co.benton.mn.us>
Cc: Jordan B. Burmeister <jordan@geronimoenergy.com>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Regal Solar - Update

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Roxanne,

The Project substation will be located south and slightly east of the intersection of 75th Ave NW and Acorn Rd NW and the MN Power substation will be north of the Project substation at the intersection of those roads. I have attached a more detailed map that will be included in the Addendum application to the PUC to provide some clarity. Note the pink box labeled “switching station area” is where the MN Power substation would be located and the light blue triangle is the Project substation location. The exact location of the gen-tie to connect the facilities has not yet been determined so the navy hashed area represents the potential area where that gen-tie could be located.

All of the easements have been secured and the above-ground lines will be located on private property with the exception of approximately 650 feet of land owned by Benton County along Halfway Crossing and Regal will seek a Utility Crossing Agreement from the county. I understand Jordan has been in touch with Chris Byrd regarding this area (another map is attached showing this area for your reference).

I hope answers your questions – maps always help! Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,



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From: Roxanne Achman <RAchman@co.benton.mn.us>
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Subject: [External] RE: Regal Solar - Update

Melissa,

Thank you for providing me with this information. Just a point of clarification. In your email below, you mention that the project substation will now be located east of the Langola Tap. Do you mean west?

Additionally, have all the easements been secured up to the new location? And, will the overhead lines be located on private property or within public right-of-way? The new substation will be at the intersection of 75th Ave NW and Acorn Rd NW?

Roxanne Achman | Department of Development Director



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From: Melissa Schmit <melissa@geronimoenergy.com>
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Subject: Regal Solar - Update

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Hi Roxanne,

Thank you for your time a few weeks ago to discuss the update to the Regal Solar Project. As we discussed, the Project's point of interconnection has been updated from the Platte River Substation to the Langola Tap following the completion of DPP1 by MISO and discussions with MN Power, GRE, and MISO. The Project substation will now be located east of the Langola Tap and the Project will interconnect to the substation via an above-ground 34.5 kV collection line. This modification required securing easements along a corridor to accommodate this change (see attached map). Regal is in the process of drafting an amendment to the MN PUC Site Permit Application to reflect this update and we anticipate filing before the end of the month. Please feel free to reach out with any additional questions you may have.

Thank you,



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