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From: Mueller, Connie <connie_mueller@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 1:16 PM
To: Patrick Smith
Subject: Re: Crocker Wind Farm - Grassland and Wetland Easements

Why don't you give me a call at 8:30 on Thursday.

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On Mon, Jan 25, 2016 at 11:18 AM, Patrick Smith <Patrick@geronimoenergy.com> wrote:

Hi Connie,

Thursday should work great! 8:30 to 9:30 or after 10:30 works for me. Thank you for pulling the information together. I might pull one of our title folks in on the conversation in order to help facilitate the conversation.

Patrick Smith

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From: Mueller, Connie [mailto:connie_mueller@fws.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 11:01 AM

To: Patrick Smith
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Patrick,

We are in the process of pulling the easement files and researching the details of the contracts.

Would you like to follow up on Thursday am with a call? I am available between 7 am and noon.

Connie

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On Fri, Jan 22, 2016 at 2:13 PM, Patrick Smith <Patrick@geronimoenergy.com> wrote:

Hi Connie,

Thank you for talking the other day. As we discussed Geronimo's Crocker project is located near the town of Crocker South Dakota, while the wind farm is in Clark County our interconnection is located in Day County. Our plan to avoid

grassland easements was complicated when one of our landowners backed out of the project creating a block that prevented us from going north with our transmission line without impacting USFWS easements. Attached is a map showing the easements, our general project location, the land not available to us because of landowner issues and general location information. Notably, the project boundary is still under development though it is primarily going south as other directions take the project to lower elevations.

When we talked, you mentioned that some of these easements have exceptions in their exhibits that might pave the path to an interconnection of the project without involving the services interests. We are open to that idea and others that might allow for the project to avoid the Service's interests. We are also interested in continuing the conversation about going through the programmatic process to obtain a permit or consent for occupation of land that is under easement with the Service. Would the end of next week be sufficient time for us to have a productive follow up conversation on the routing of the line?

Best Regards,

Patrick

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