



## Appendix C

*Records of Communication and Letters of Support*



*Julian Bear Runner*

# Oglala Sioux Tribe

## Office of the President

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February 27, 2019

Frank Rapp  
Lookouts Alternative Energy, LLC  
157 BIA 2  
Buffalo Gap, SD 57722

Lynn Rapp  
Lookouts Alternative Energy, LLC  
103 Oak Street  
Buffalo Gap, SD 57722

**RE: Letter of Continued Support - Lookouts Solar Park Project**

This serves as a letter of continued support for your efforts with the "Lookouts Solar Project", based on prior Oglala Sioux Tribal Council Resolution No. 16-50 initial support.

In my absence, thank you for providing a brief presentation to my staff on February 5, 2019, along with your partners from WIRCON in my office. As well, for your follow up telephone call on February 15<sup>th</sup> requesting my letter of support, and indicating that you would be meeting with the Tribal Rural Water Supply System and/or Tribal Water Resources Department regarding any necessary water use permits for the construction portion of your project. As well, you indicated that after the project is complete, water permits will be obtained for water use for solar panel cleaning purposes only, subject to water use permit requirements.

During the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with my staff, there were several ideas mentioned, in addition to your project we'd invite you to participate in, one being a Tribal Renewable Energy Summit that I'd like to promote as one of my Presidential Initiatives. We'd like to showcase new technologies in this industry, successful initiatives currently implemented by other Tribes, as well as highlight the process of getting projects into operation such as yours onto the Pine Ridge Reservation. Secondly, with this effort I want to demonstrate my wholehearted support for the "Green New Deal" initiative! I will be making my formal support of this effort to the public as well.

As I understand your particular project, it is located on 840 acres of allotted trust land owned by Lois Wilson Rapp, located within the exterior boundaries of the Pine Ridge Reservation. Your company, entitled "*Look Outs Alternative Energy, LLC*" initially presented your project to the Oglala Sioux Tribe Economic and Business Development (EB&D) Committee on April 8, 2016. The EB&D Committee heard the presentation provided by the both of you related to your company, in which you requested a Resolution from the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council in support. As well, the EB&D Committee considered the information submitted at that time and forwarded the matter onto the full Tribal Council for action. Tribal Council determined that this project is in the best interest of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and its Members, thus approving Tribal Council Resolution No. 16-50.

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**Look Outs Solar Project continued support**

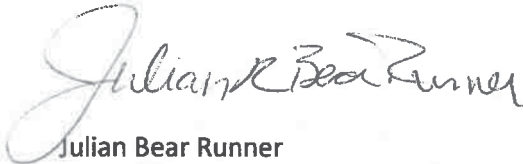
Moreover, during the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting you mentioned you have had the support of the last two (2) Tribal Administrations, though we do not have a record of this on file in our office, we ask that you please provide any/all pertinent information as soon as possible regarding this support you mentioned. Additionally, our office just received a February 19, 2019 notice from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission regarding *EL18-059 – In the Matter of the Application of Lookout Solar Park I, LLC for a Permit of a Solar Energy Facility in Oglala Lakota County.*

I remain confident that your project will help others along their way in seeking to promote renewable energy on the Pine Ridge Reservation. I would like to see our Tribe convert the decaying fossil fuel economy into a new, green economy that is environmentally sustainable, economically secure and socially just, for the ultimate betterment of our future generations.

In closing, I trust that you will report back to my office on all matters involving your project. This will help keep me and the Tribal Council apprised of any/all developments. Please confirm with my office that you have indeed received the proper water use permits for your project upon receipt. Additionally, Tribal Council or I may request periodic reports on the progress of your project, so please be prepared to provide that as needed.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the office at (605) 867-8487. Wopila!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julian Bear Runner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Julian Bear Runner  
President, Oglala Sioux Tribe

CC: Jennifer Spotted Bear, Secretary, Oglala Sioux Tribe  
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RESOLUTION OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL  
OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE  
(AN UNINCORPORATED TRIBE)

RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE IN SUPPORT OF LOOK OUTS SOLAR PROJECT TO BE LOCATED ON INDIVIDUAL INDIAN TRUST LAND OWNED BY LOIS WILSON RAPP.

WHEREAS, the Oglala Sioux Tribe organized in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 on December 14, 1935 by adopting a federally approved Constitution and By-laws, and the Tribal Council is the governing body of the Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Constitution authorizes the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, in Article IV, Section 1(f) to manage all economic affairs of the Tribe, and in Section in Section 1(x) to manage and protect Tribal lands, and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 1(t) of the Constitution gives the Tribal Council the power to delegate its enumerated powers to subordinate boards or officers, reserving the right to review their actions taken by virtue of such delegated power, and

WHEREAS, the Economic and Business Development Committee is a standing committee of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council and has been delegated the power to oversee all matters relating to economic development on behalf of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2016, members of the Economic and Business Development Committee heard a presentation by Frank Rapp and Lynn Rapp related to their company, "Look Outs Alternative Energy LLC," and their plans to pursue the Look Outs Solar Project to be located on 840 acres of allotted land owned by Lois Wilson Rapp, all as described in the attached documents (herein, the "Project"), and

WHEREAS, the Rapps requested a Resolution from the Tribal Council in support of the Project, and

WHEREAS, the Economic and Business Development Committee considered the information submitted by the Rapps and voted to forward the issue of supporting the Project to the full Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has considered the matter and determined that it is in the best interest of the Tribe and its members to support the Project, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Oglala Sioux Tribe supports the "Look Outs Solar Project" as described in the documents attached hereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-50

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C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

I, as undersigned Secretary of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the vote of: 12 For; 1 Against; 0 Abstain; 1 Not Voting; during a REGULAR SESSION held on the 18th day of MAY, 2016.

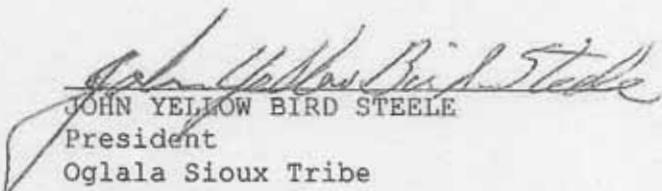


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Secretary

Oglala Sioux Tribe

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JOHN YELLOW BIRD STEELE

President

Oglala Sioux Tribe





## Record of Communication

### Report of the Local Review Committee for the Lookout Solar Park I, LLC

#### PUC Docket EL 18-059

**Date of Communication:** July 26, 2019

**Communication From:** Star Means, Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation of Oglala Lakota County, star@thundervalley.org

**Communication To:** Elizabeth Ricciardi, KLJ, 701-355-8474, elizabeth.ricciardi@kljeng.com

**Type of Communication:** TELEPHONE

**Attachment(s):** No

**Body of Communication:** On July 26, 2019, KLJ contacted Ms. Means, Housing Development at Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation to discuss housing opportunities on the Pine Ridge Reservation (Reservation).

Ms. Means explained that the Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation is not a Tribal program; rather, it's a non-profit program run by Tribal members. The program is dedicated to educating Tribal members about homeownership and facilitating homebuying. The program also develops homes and community facilities on the Reservation. The development is all on fee land; therefore, the homeowner is responsible for paying taxes. They recently developed seven single-family homes and a 12-unit apartment complex. They are in the process of completing 14 more single-family homes. They also recently completed a community center with a bunkhouse (i.e., rental units for short-term stays).

Ms. Means explained that the majority of the residences on the Reservation are mobile housing units and HUD housing (i.e., US Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]-administered rental housing for low-income residents).

## Liz Ricciardi

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:40 PM  
**To:** scottsogge@hs-sd.org  
**Subject:** RE: Lookout Solar Park Project - Housing Hot Springs

Good afternoon Scott,

Just dropping you a line and wondering if you have had a chance to look at my email below. Perhaps a telephone conversation would work better?

Thanks!  
Liz

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 4:14 PM  
**To:** 'scottsogge@hs-sd.org' <scottsogge@hs-sd.org>  
**Subject:** Lookout Solar Park Project - Housing Hot Springs

Good afternoon Scott,

My name is Liz Ricciardi, Project Manager at KLJ. KLJ has been contracted to the Local Review Committee (designated by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission) to conduct a review of potential social and economic impacts from the Lookout Solar Park I project proposed approximately 15 miles east of Buffalo Gap (please see attached map for your reference).

I'm developing the analysis for the project and was wondering if you wouldn't mind helping me by answering a few questions (to the best of your knowledge).

1. Are you aware of the Lookout Solar Park I Project?
2. What is the current housing situation like in Hot Springs?
  - a. Are there many rental properties?
  - b. Are there a lot of single-family homes for sale?
  - c. Are there any new developments planned, recently completed, or ongoing?
3. Do you know if there are any mobile home parks that rent spaces to campers (short-term)?
4. Do you have any concerns pertaining to the solar park?

Construction of the solar park is anticipated to require approximately 200 workers on average. Housing on the Reservation is limited, so I'm inquiring with immediately surrounding areas to get a feel for what the housing situation is like nearby.

Thank you so much for your help/time.  
Liz

## Liz Ricciardi

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**From:** Naugle, Mark <Mark.Naugle@k12.sd.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2019 8:09 AM  
**To:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Subject:** RE: Lookout Solar Park Project

Sorry for my delay in getting back to you.

Yes I am aware of the project  
The capacity of our buildings is about 1,000 currently – we are looking at building an additional building in Hermosa

Yes we have room for more

I have no concerns about the park

Mark Naugle  
Superintendent  
Custer School District  
605.673.3154

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi <elizabeth.ricciardi@kljeng.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 3:36 PM  
**To:** Naugle, Mark <Mark.Naugle@k12.sd.us>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXT] Lookout Solar Park Project

Good afternoon Mr. Naugle,

Just dropping you a line and wondering if you have had a chance to look at my email below.  
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**From:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 3:02 PM  
**To:** [mark.naugle@k12.sd.us](mailto:mark.naugle@k12.sd.us)  
**Subject:** Lookout Solar Park Project

Good afternoon Mr. Naugle,



My name is Liz Ricciardi, Project Manager at KLJ. KLJ has been contracted to the Local Review Committee (designated by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission) to conduct a review of potential social and economic impacts from the Lookout Solar Park I project proposed approximately 15 miles east of Buffalo Gap (please see attached map for your reference).

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1. Are you aware of the Lookout Solar Park I Project?
2. What is the current capacity of the schools in your district?
3. Do the schools in your district have the capabilities to accept additional students (temporarily and/or permanently)?
4. Do you have any concerns pertaining to the solar park?

I thank you so much for your help. Please let me know if you have any additional questions/concerns associated with this project.

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## Record of Communication

### Report of the Local Review Committee for the Lookout Solar Park I, LLC

#### PUC Docket EL 18-059

**Date of Communication:** August 22, 2019

**Communication From:** Administrative Assistant, Oglala Lakota 65-1 School District, TELEPHONE (605) 288-1921

**Communication To:** Elizabeth Ricciardi, KLJ, 701-355-8474, elizabeth.ricciardi@kljeng.com

**Type of Communication:** TELEPHONE/EMAIL

**Attachment(s):** Yes

**Body of Communication:** On July 26 and August 14, 2019, KLJ contacted Superintendent Dr. Anthony Fairbanks of the Oglala Lakota 65-1 School District via email to inquire about the district's current capacity and availability to accept additional students (see attached). On August 22, 2019, KLJ contacted the Oglala Lakota 65-1 School Board via telephone to discuss the district's current capacity and availability to accept additional students. The Administrative Assistant of the school board stated that three schools in the district have the availability to accept additional students. In addition, the district is currently expanding one of their schools, which will have the availability to accept additional students upon completion of expansion.

## Liz Ricciardi

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:38 PM  
**To:** 'Anthony.fairbanks@k12.sd.us'  
**Subject:** RE: Lookout Solar Park Project

Good afternoon Dr. Fairbanks,

Just dropping you a line and wondering if you have had a chance to look at my email below. Perhaps a telephone conversation would work better?

Thanks!  
Liz

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 3:08 PM  
**To:** Anthony.fairbanks@k12.sd.us  
**Subject:** Lookout Solar Park Project

Good afternoon Dr. Fairbanks,

My name is Liz Ricciardi, Project Manager at KLJ. KLJ has been contracted to the Local Review Committee (designated by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission) to conduct a review of potential social and economic impacts from the Lookout Solar Park I project proposed approximately 15 miles east of Buffalo Gap (please see attached map for your reference).

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## Record of Communication

### Report of the Local Review Committee for the Lookout Solar Park I, LLC

#### PUC Docket EL 18-059

**Date of Communication:** August 28, 2019

**Communication From:** Kevin Coles, Superintendent, Hot Springs 23-2 School District, 605-745-4942, kevin.coles@k12.sd.us

**Communication To:** Elizabeth Ricciardi, KLJ, 701-355-8474, elizabeth.ricciardi@kljeng.com

**Type of Communication:** TELEPHONE/EMAIL

**Attachment(s):** Yes

**Body of Communication:** On July 26 and August 14, 2019, KLJ contacted Superintendent Kevin Coles of the Hot Springs 23-2 School District via email to inquire about the district's current capacity and availability to accept additional students.

On August 28, 2019, KLJ contacted Superintendent Coles via telephone to inquire about the district. Mr. Coles stated that he was not familiar with the solar park. The Hot Springs 23-2 School District has the capacity and space to accept additional students. However, depending on the time of year and number of students that would enroll, there could be issue with enough staffing to support additional students. If the students would enroll during the school year, there may not be enough teachers on staff, so the district would need to hire additional teachers. Mr. Coles stated that during the school year, it can be difficult to obtain additional teachers.



## Record of Communication

### Report of the Local Review Committee for the Lookout Solar Park I, LLC

PUC Docket EL 18-059

**Date of Communication:** July 30, 2019

**Communication From:** Willard Clifford, Manager, Oglala Sioux Rural Water System, 605-455-2767, willard@gwtc.net

**Communication To:** Elizabeth Ricciardi, KLJ, 701-355-8474, elizabeth.ricciardi@kljeng.com

**Type of Communication:** TELEPHONE

**Attachment(s):** No

**Body of Communication:** On July 30, 2019, KLJ contacted the Oglala Sioux Rural Water System Manager, Willard Clifford, to discuss potential water supply to the solar park.

Mr. Clifford stated that he was aware of the Project. He explained that the only water line in the solar park area is a 3-inch water line that runs from the main water line (approximately 6 miles away along BIA 2) to Frank Rap's property (local rancher). Mr. Clifford stated that water pressure through the 3-inch line is low, so it is boosted to increase pressure.

He stated that Lookout Solar could obtain water for the solar park from the existing 3-inch water line; however, the availability water capacity through that line is unknown and pressure is low. In addition, the water would have to go through Frank Rap's meter, which could impact his water availability. Lookout Solar would need to coordinate and develop a contract with Frank Rap regarding obtaining water from his 3-inch line and potentially conduct studies to determine how their water extraction from the 3-inch line would impact Frank Rap's water availability.

Mr. Clifford discussed other options for water supply to the solar park site, including a new distribution line and a well. However, he stated that the most viable option would likely be obtaining water from the existing 3-inch line (previously discussed).



Mr. Clifford stated that a new water line could be constructed to run from the main line (approximately 6 miles away along BIA 2) to the solar park site. Lookout Solar would need to investigate if they could construct a new line next to the existing 3-inch line or if they would need to construct the additional line in a new corridor. They would also need to determine if they would need an easement for constructing a new line.

Mr. Clifford explained that water wells in the area are “hit or miss” primarily because they are deep and typically geothermal. He stated that some people in the area have successful wells with sufficient capacity, while others have not been able to maintain successful wells, either because they can’t find a source or the source they find does not have sufficient capacity. In addition, most of the existing successful wells in the area have high mineral content (e.g., alkali and manganese); the water is not suitable for human or livestock consumption. He stated that there was a well on Frank Rap’s property at one time, but is unsure if the well is still there. He was not aware of any other wells in the area. Lookout Solar would need to dig test wells and test the water accordingly. They could drill multiple, connected wells for greater water capacity, if needed.

Mr. Clifford also informed KLJ that the main power supplier in the area is Black Hills Energy; WAPA is the main power source.



## Record of Communication

### Report of the Local Review Committee for the Lookout Solar Park I, LLC

PUC Docket EL 18-059

**Date of Communication:** July 25, 2019

**Communication From:** Mr. Joe Herman, Oglala Lakota County Sheriff, 605-441-6215

**Communication To:** Elizabeth Ricciardi, KLJ, 701-355-8474, elizabeth.ricciardi@kljeng.com

**Type of Communication:** TELEPHONE

**Attachment(s):** No

**Body of  
Communication:**

KLJ inquired with Sheriff Herman about the law enforcement services in Oglala Lakota County. The following is a summary of the questions and answers discussed during the telephone call.

Question: Do you provide law enforcement services to all towns/communities in Oglala Lakota County?

Answer: Yes; however, the Oglala Sioux Tribe (Tribe) provides separate law enforcement. Since the county is entirely within the boundaries of the Pine Ridge Reservation, the Tribe handles most of the law enforcement in the county. The Tribe also has their own fire department and emergency management. When there are incidents or calls involving non-Tribal members, the Oglala Lakota Sheriff's Department responds or is called to respond by the Tribal law enforcement. The Chief of Police for the Tribe is Robert Ecoffey, and his telephone numbers are 605-867-5141 and 605-867-8101.

When there are major events or calls for major emergency (e.g., active shooter, bomb threats, etc.) both the Oglala Lakota County Sheriff's Department and the Tribal law enforcement respond.

Question: Do you have any mutual aid agreements with Fall River and/or Oglala Lakota counties?

Answer: No.



Question: What are the most common issues/911 calls received by your office?

Answer: Generally, it's for non-members who are acting disorderly, driving drunk, or trespassing.

Question: Are you aware of the Lookout Solar Park I Project?

Answer: No, not aware of the Project.

Question: Do you have any concerns pertaining to construction and operation of the solar park?

Answer: No. Its primarily the Tribe's jurisdiction, since they are the primary responder.

Question: Do you have current capacity to address any emergency management issues related to the construction and operation of the Lookout Solar Park?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Do you have any special requests pertaining to emergency services meetings and planning with Lookout Solar (the construction and operation crew, in particular)?

Answer: No special requests; most of the emergency management requirements are handled through the Tribe, whom have their own laws and requirements.





## Record of Communication

### Report of the Local Review Committee for the Lookout Solar Park I, LLC

#### PUC Docket EL 18-059

**Date of Communication:** August 16, 2019

**Communication From:** Robert Ecoffey, Chief, Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety, 605-867-8101, recoffey@ostdps.org

**Communication To:** Elizabeth Ricciardi, KLJ, 701-355-8474, elizabeth.ricciardi@kljeng.com

**Type of Communication:** TELEPHONE and EMAIL

**Attachment(s):** Yes; email

**Body of Communication:** On July 25 and August 14, 2019, KLJ contacted Chief of Police Robert Ecoffey of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety via email to inquire about their current capabilities, knowledge of the Project, and any concerns pertaining to the Project.

On August 16, 2019, Chief Ecoffey contacted KLJ via telephone. Chief Ecoffey stated that their department was very familiar with the Project and they did not have any concerns pertaining to the Project. He stated that the solar park site is located in an isolated area with very few residences. His department does not receive very many 911/emergency calls for the area due to its isolated location. The Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety does not have any formal mutual aid agreements with Custer or Fall River County, but they coordinate and have good working relationships with Oglala Lakota County and Fall River County Sheriff's Departments. The Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety provides police, emergency, and ambulance services to locations within the Reservation; the Bureau of Indian Affairs provides fire management services.

Chief Ecoffey stated that his department currently has the capacity to address any issues/emergencies that arise during construction and operation of the solar park. The Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety does not have any special requirements for construction and operation of the solar park since it is located on Reservation land.



Chief Ecoffey stated that the Tribe has an emergency management office that responds to weather-related emergencies (e.g., flooding, major storms), lost individuals, and water-related rescue. They also have the capacity to address any issues/emergencies that arise during construction and operation of the solar park.

## Liz Ricciardi

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:41 PM  
**To:** recoffey@ostdps.org  
**Subject:** RE: Lookout Solar Park Project

Good afternoon Chief Ecoffey,

Just dropping you a line and wondering if you have had a chance to look at my email below. Perhaps a telephone conversation would work better?

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 2:12 PM  
**To:** recoffey@ostdps.org  
**Subject:** Lookout Solar Park Project

Good afternoon Chief Ecoffey,

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I'm developing the analysis for the project and was wondering if you wouldn't mind helping me by answering a few questions (to the best of your knowledge).

1. Do you have any mutual aid agreements with Custer, Oglala Lakota, or Fall River counties?
  - a. If so, are they for fire, ambulance, general law enforcement?
2. What are the most common issues/complaints received by your office?
3. What are the most common 911 calls received by your office?
4. Are you aware of the Lookout Solar Park I Project?
5. Do you have any concerns pertaining to construction and operation of the solar park?
6. Do you have current capacity to address any emergency management issues related to the construction and operation of the Lookout Solar Park?
7. Do you have any special requests, requirements, or laws pertaining to emergency services at the project site (the construction and operation crew, in particular)?

I thank you so much for your help. Please let me know if you have any additional questions/concerns associated with this project.

Liz

## Liz Ricciardi

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**From:** Marty Mechaley <MMechaley@custercountysd.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 1:43 PM  
**To:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Subject:** RE: Lookout Solar Park Project

Greetings,

We provide law enforcement services to all communities in Custer County. I do not have a current written mutual aid with either County for law enforcement services. We received 39,000 calls last year in the Communications Center, I do not have the statistics on the most common call – but most likely a traffic issue.

The project is on the Pine Ridge Reservation, if directly requested by Tribal Law Enforcement we would attempt to help in anyway. But -If not directly requested by Tribal Law Enforcement we will not enter the Reservation at anytime regardless of the situation or call.

The Town of Buffalo Gap has a volunteer fire department, the closest Ambulance would be out of Hot Springs.

As far as staffing levels for emergency management, I doubt we would be able to allocate much local resources.

If you are going to have any equipment/tools onsite, I would recommend taking security precautions due to potential theft or vandalism issues.

Thanks,

Marty Mechaley

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi [mailto:elizabeth.ricciardi@kljeng.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 10:13 AM  
**To:** Marty Mechaley  
**Subject:** Lookout Solar Park Project

Good afternoon Mr. Mechaley,

My name is Liz Ricciardi, Project Manager at KLJ. KLJ has been contracted to the Local Review Committee (designated by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission) to conduct a review of potential social and economic impacts from the Lookout Solar Park I project proposed approximately 15 miles east of Buffalo Gap (please see attached map for your reference).

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## Liz Ricciardi

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:42 PM  
**To:** frcso@gwtc.net  
**Subject:** RE: Lookout Solar Park Project

Good afternoon Mr. Evans,

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 11:06 AM  
**To:** frcso@gwtc.net  
**Subject:** Lookout Solar Park Project

Good afternoon Mr. Evans,

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1. Do you provide law enforcement services to all towns/communities in Fall River County?
2. Do you have any mutual aid agreements with Custer and/or Oglala Lakota counties?
  - a. If so, are they for fire, ambulance, general law enforcement?
3. What are the most common issues received by your office?
4. What are the most common 911 calls received by your office?
5. Are you aware of the Lookout Solar Park I Project?
6. Do you have any concerns pertaining to construction and operation of the solar park?
7. If you have mutual aid agreements with Custer and/or Oglala Lakota counties, do you have current capacity to address any emergency management issues related to the construction and operation of the Lookout Solar Park?
8. Do you have any special requests pertaining to emergency services meetings and planning with Lookout Solar (the construction and operation crew, in particular)?

I thank you so much for your help. Please let me know if you have any additional questions/concerns associated with this project.

## Liz Ricciardi

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**From:** Gary Woodford <gwoodford@custercountysd.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 7:37 AM  
**To:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Subject:** RE: Lookout Solar Park Project

Liz,

1. We are aware of Solar Park.
2. We do have concerns pertaining to construction within our county right-of-way. We do not feel that there is adequate room at various locations along the roadway route to accommodate the installation of the underground cable trenches. They have applied for and received permission to occupy the right-of-way.
3. There are no permits required for construction vehicles however there is a requirement that the roadway will be left in the condition it was before the start of construction.

As soon as engineering is complete we will have more stipulations in place.

Thanks,

Gary Woodford  
Custer County Highway Superintendent

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi [mailto:elizabeth.ricciardi@kljeng.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 9:24 AM  
**To:** Gary Woodford  
**Subject:** Lookout Solar Park Project

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Liz

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## Liz Ricciardi

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:43 PM  
**To:** kfranks@ostdps.org  
**Subject:** RE: Lookout Solar Park Project

Good afternoon Mr. Franks,

Just dropping you a line and wondering if you have had a chance to look at my email below. Perhaps a telephone conversation would work better?

Thanks!  
Liz

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 10:45 AM  
**To:** kfranks@ostdps.org  
**Subject:** Lookout Solar Park Project

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**From:** Liz Ricciardi  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:47 PM  
**To:** 'frchwydept@gwtc.net'  
**Subject:** RE: Lookout Solar Park Project

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## Record of Communication

### Report of the Local Review Committee for the Lookout Solar Park I, LLC

PUC Docket EL 18-059

**Date of Communication:** August 22, 2019

**Communication From:** John Long, Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 605-867-5126

**Communication To:** Elizabeth Ricciardi, KLJ, 701-355-8474, elizabeth.ricciardi@kljeng.com

**Type of Communication:** TELEPHONE

**Attachment(s):** No

**Body of Communication:** On August 22, 2019, KLJ contacted Superintendent John Long of the Bureau of Indian Affairs via telephone to inquire about his knowledge of the Project and emergency fire services the Bureau provides.

Mr. Long stated that he is aware of the Project and doesn't have any concerns. The Bureau of Indian Affairs provides emergency services for all wildland fires within the boundaries of the Reservation. Mr. Long explained that the Bureau does not provide emergency services for structure fires; the volunteer fire departments cover all structure fires. He stated that the Tribe is currently developing their own separate program for handling structure fires within the boundaries of the Reservation, but the program is not yet operational. If there is a fire at the solar park site that threatens grasslands surrounding the site, the Bureau of Indian Affairs would respond. However, if there is only a structure fire at the solar park site, then the volunteer fire department nearest to the site would likely respond.



## Record of Communication

### Report of the Local Review Committee for the Lookout Solar Park I, LLC

#### PUC Docket EL 18-059

**Date of Communication:** August 22, 2019

**Communication From:** Administrative Assistant, Smithwick Volunteer Fire Department, (605) 424-6515

**Communication To:** Elizabeth Ricciardi, KLJ, 701-355-8474, elizabeth.ricciardi@kljeng.com

**Type of Communication:** TELEPHONE

**Attachment(s):** No

**Body of Communication:** On August 22, 2019, KLJ contacted the Smithwick Volunteer Fire Department via telephone to inquire about their current capabilities, knowledge of the Project, and any concerns pertaining to the Project. The Administrative Assistant stated that their department is aware of the Project and doesn't have any concerns. She stated that their department would only provide emergency fire services to the solar park site if the other nearest responding departments needed assistance.



## Record of Communication

### Report of the Local Review Committee for the Lookout Solar Park I, LLC

PUC Docket EL 18-059

**Date of Communication:** July 31, 2019

**Communication From:** Aaron Everle, Administrative Assistant, Fall River/Oglala County Auditor's Office, 605-745-5130

**Communication To:** Elizabeth Ricciardi, KLJ, 701-355-8474, elizabeth.ricciardi@kljeng.com

**Type of Communication:** TELEPHONE

**Attachment(s):** No

**Body of Communication:** On July 31, 2019, KLJ contacted the Fall River/Oglala Lakota County Auditor's Office to discuss the Project. Ms. Aaron Everle, Administrative Assistant at the Auditor's Office, stated that she was aware of the Project and that it has been discussed at commissioners meetings since 2018. She stated that meeting minutes are available online at: [oglalalakota.sdcounties.org](http://oglalalakota.sdcounties.org).

She explained that Oglala Lakota County is currently in the process of establishing their own planning and zoning board/department. Once established and operational, the new planning and zoning board/department will handle all county services, and Fall River County will no longer facilitate county services for Oglala Lakota County. Ms. Everle stated that Fall River County approves of the Project and does not have any issues with the proposed location for the solar park or concerns related to the solar park.



## Record of Communication

### Report of the Local Review Committee for the Lookout Solar Park I, LLC

PUC Docket EL 18-059

**Date of Communication:** August 22, 2019

**Communication From:** Kim Kerkvliet, Planning Director, Custer County Planning and Economic Department, 605-673-8174, kkerkvliet@custercountysd.com

**Communication To:** Elizabeth Ricciardi, KLJ, 701-355-8474, elizabeth.ricciardi@kljeng.com

**Type of Communication:** TELEPHONE

**Attachment(s):** No

**Body of Communication:** On August 22, 2019, KLJ contacted the Planning Director for the Custer County Planning and Economic Department, Ms. Kim Kerkvliet, via telephone to discuss her knowledge of the Project, any concerns she might have, and potential impacts on the economy as a result of the Project. Ms. Kerkvliet stated that she was aware of the Project and didn't have any concerns pertaining to the solar park itself or the location of the Project. The Custer Planning and Economic Department is primarily involved with the permitting for the 34-kV transmission line proposed to run through Custer County.

Ms. Kerkvliet stated that Lookout Solar has completed the required permitting for the Project (through the planning department and highway department), except for one permit required for the proposed substation structure. She stated that the highway department doesn't have any concerns, except that there may be a couple of challenges during construction due to terrain.

She believes the Project will have a neutral impact on the economy in the region, and that it is good to see solar technology being attempted in the area.