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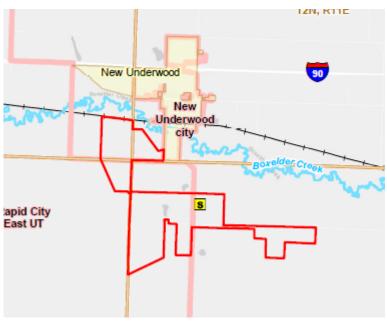
# Project Developer

Wild Springs Solar

- Wild Springs Solar, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Geronimo Energy, LLC, a National Grid Company
- We develop, construct, own, and operate renewable energy projects
- 2,400 MW of wind and solar in operation or under construction
- ~100 utility-scale and community solar projects completed

#### **128 MW Solar Energy Facility**

- Located south of New Underwood in Pennington County
- Project Area ~1,499 acres with voluntary lease agreements
- Interconnect to the WAPA New Underwood Substation
- PPA executed for 2022 COD with construction as early as fall 2021









✓ ~150 construction jobs, ~4 full-time jobs



✓ ~\$12 million in new tax revenue over 20 years



✓ ~\$190 million in capital infrastructure improvements



~\$500,000 in new charitable funding for host community over 20 years – unique to Geronimo



Hundreds of thousands in increased local and state spending

# **Permitting Overview and Field Studies**



- Local: Conditional Use Permit from Pennington County
- State: Facility Permit from the SD PUC
- Federal: Environmental Assessment/FONSI from WAPA



STUDY	STATUS
Sharp-tailed Grouse and Greater Prairie Chicken	
Lek Surveys	Complete – No Leks Identified in 2017 or 2020
Ground Based Raptor Nest Surveys	Complete – No Raptor Nests identified in Project Area
Wetland Delineations	Jurisdictional Determinations Received
Cultural Resource Surveys	SHPO Concurrence Received
Breeding Bird Surveys	(June 2020 and years 2 & 4 post construction)

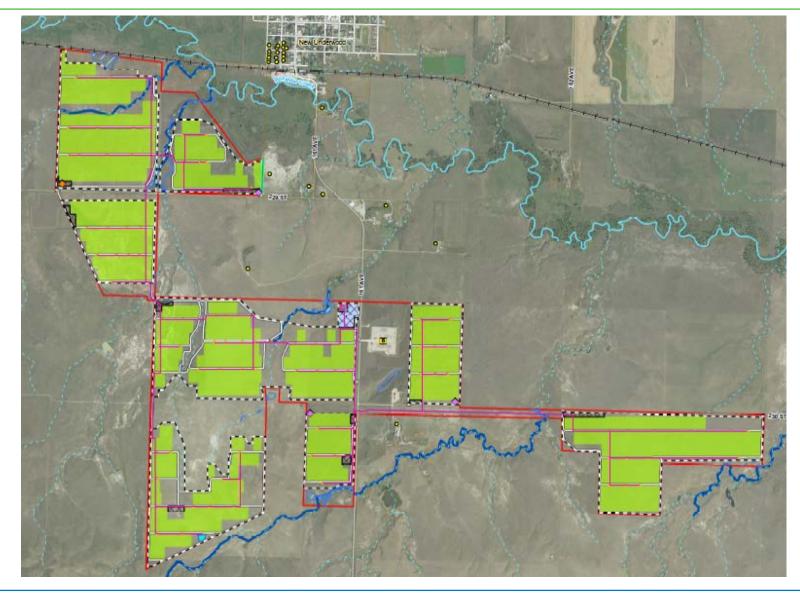
**2.** An inverter's job is to convert DC electricity into Alternating Current (AC) electricity. **3.** AC electricity is then pumped into the local electric grid, either through transmission lines (C) or via local distribution lines or substations (D).

**1.** Sun beams radiate onto solar panels (A). Solar panels then convert the solar energy into Direct Current (DC) electricity. The DC electricity is then sent to the inverter (B).

> **4.** The electricity produced by solar energy projects is high quality and offers many electrical grid benefits, such as reducing power fluctuations and providing energy at peak demand times (such as in the middle of a hot summer when air conditioners are constantly running).

## Solar Project Footprint





#### What Does it Look Like Inside the Fence?





# What Does It Look Like from a Road?





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### Key Parts of a Solar Facility – Access Roads





## Key Parts of a Solar Facility – Delivery





### Key Parts of a Solar Facility – Pier Installation

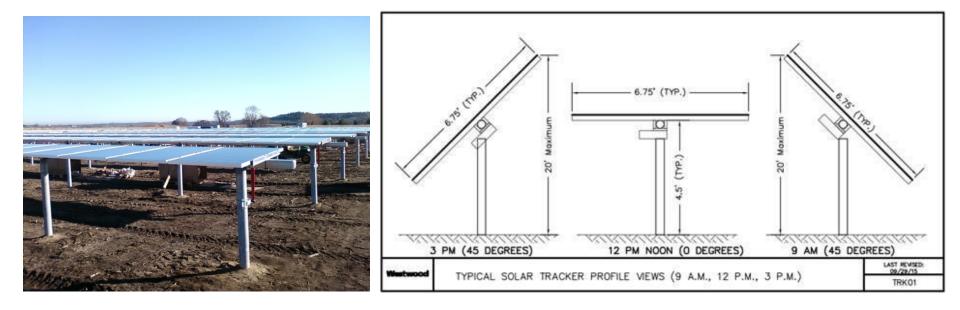






## Key Parts of a Solar Facility – Solar Array





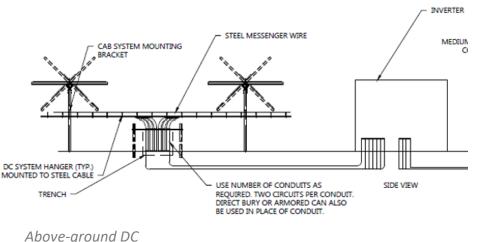
## Key Parts of a Solar Facility – Elect. Collection



- Electrical collection system will be installed below-ground, above-ground, or a combination of both:
- Below-ground: DC collection providing power to the inverters and AC collection providing stepped up power from inverter skids to substation trenched or ploughed.
- Hybrid: DC collection providing power to the assigned inverter/transformer skid strung above-ground under panels. AC collection providing stepped up power from inverter skids to substation trenched or ploughed.







### Key Parts of a Solar Facility – Substation





#### Key Parts of a Solar Facility – Restoration/Revegetation







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