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Good Afternoon,

Please note that Otter Tail County would like to announce the release (availability) of the final Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) document for the proposed Star Lake Casino Development. You will find that I have attached a press release confirming this announcement.

We appreciate your publishing this Press Release at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks! Marsha

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Press Release:

Star Lake Casino Development

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DOCUMENTS

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA, May 22, 2017:

Otter Tail County is announcing the release of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the proposed Star Lake Casino Development (project). The proposed project is a resort with a gaming facility, hotel, restaurants, conference center, RV park, and associated support buildings and parking. The project incorporates potable water treatment and wastewater treatment systems. Connected actions involve a new transmission line segment, a new distribution substation, and replacement of an existing overhead transmission line with an underground transmission line, as proposed by Great River Energy and Lake Region Electric Cooperative. The new transmission line segment will serve the electric load for the proposed Star Lake Facility.

The EAW may be obtained from the May 22nd EQB Monitor (<https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/eqb-monitor>) and via the County's website (<http://www.co.otter-tail.mn.us>). The public comment period begins on May 22nd and ends June 21st, 2017. Written comments may be sent to: Bill Kalar, Land and Resource Management Director, Otter Tail County, Government Services Center, 540 West Fir, Fergus Falls, MN 56537 or via email bkalar@co.ottertail.mn.us.

In addition to the written public comment period, a Public Information Meeting will be held June 15th at the Pelican Rapids School Auditorium from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Public Information Meeting will provide the public an opportunity to participate in the public comment period with public testimony and an opportunity to gather information regarding the project.

A decision about the need for a more detailed analysis of the potential impacts of the project through the completion of an Environmental Impact Statement will be made by the Otter Tail County Board following the close of the public comment period.