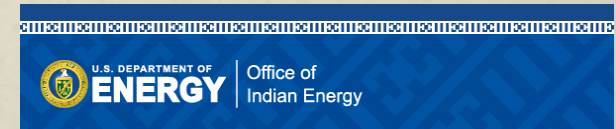


DEPLOYMENT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CLEAN ENERGY ON INDIANS LANDS

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS (EBCI)

2018 DOE OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY ANNUAL PROGRAM REVIEW



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10th December 2018

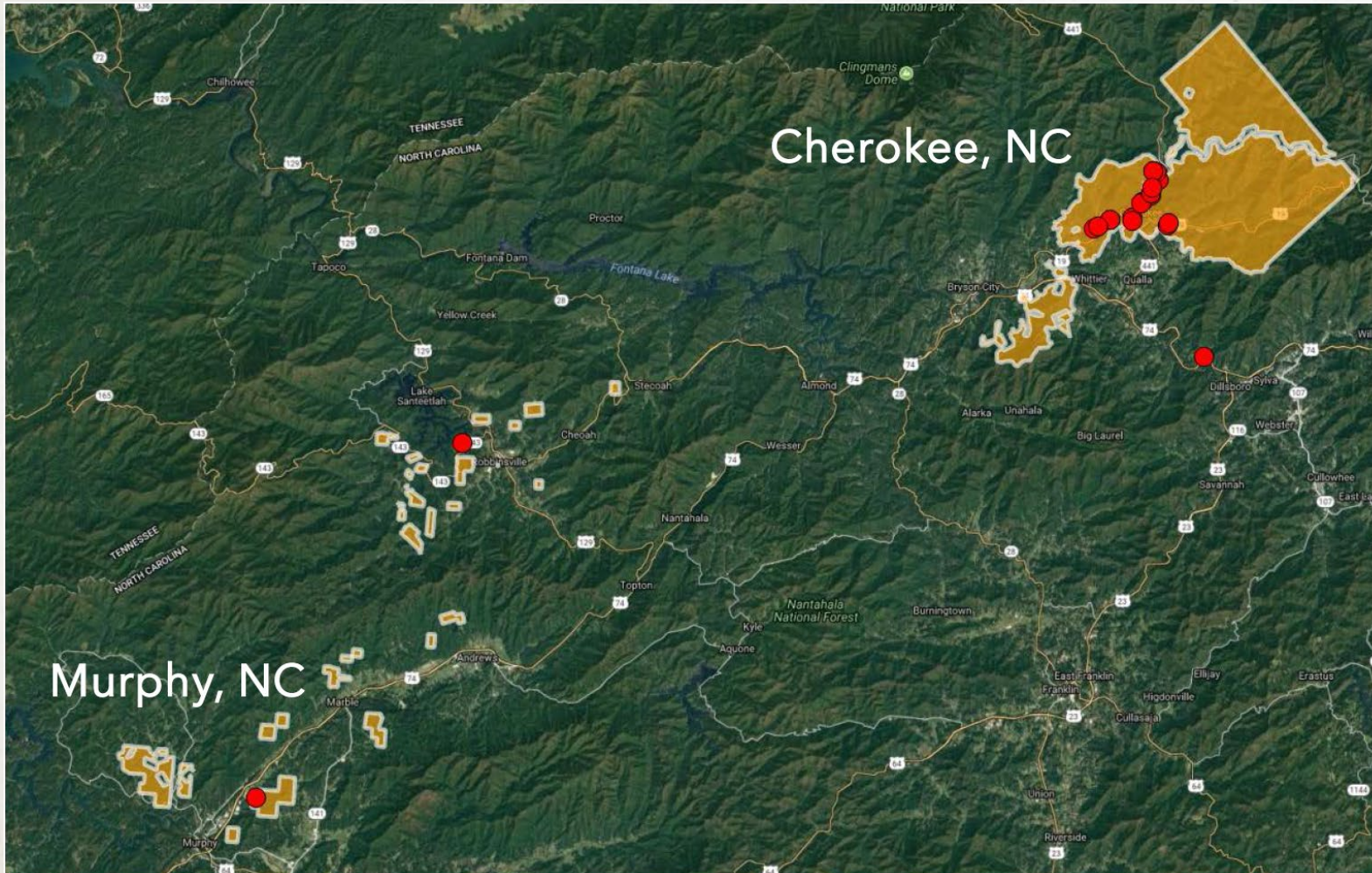
OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- About the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- EBCI Energy Goals
- Goal and Objectives
- Deployment Location and Designs
- Construction Progress
- Project Summary



CHEROKEE, NC

- ❖ **QUALLA BOUNDARY IS COMPRISED OF ~ 56,000 ACRES IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**
- ❖ **MUCH OF BOUNDARY IS NEXT TO GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK (GSMNP)**
- ❖ **DEEDED AND TRUST PARCELS LOCATED IN SURROUNDING COUNTIES**
 - ❖ Additional ~4,000 acres
- ❖ **NEARING 16,000 ENROLLED MEMBERS; ROUGHLY 7 – 8,000 LIVE ON QUALLA BOUNDARY**





- To protect, preserve, and ensure the wise utilization of the limited natural resources located on Tribal Lands for the Cherokee people in the most efficient manner and in an effective way;
- That the natural beauty of Tribal lands and natural resources, which are the basis of our cultural and economic well-being, are preserved and protected;



TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 636 (2007)

- To identify opportunities for economic and community development for the Tribe that promote sustainable development;
- To identify energy cost savings opportunities for the Tribe.

- ❖ Established Tribal Energy Goals
- ❖ Award DoE Tribal Energy Program “First Steps” grant awarded in 2007
- ❖ Strategic Energy Plan was generated in 2009

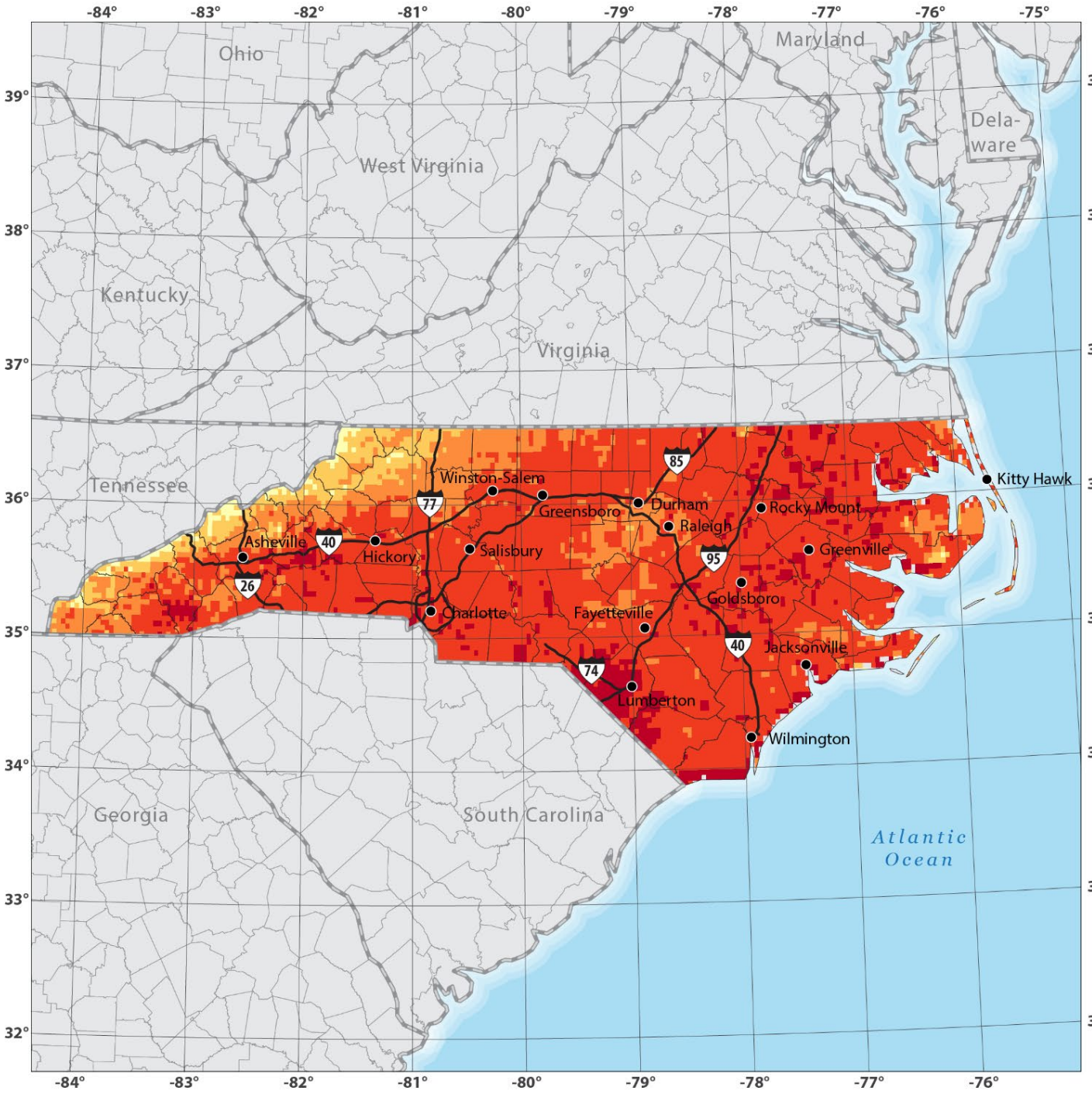
- 1) Promote Indian Tribal energy development, efficiency and use.
 - ❖ Reduction of energy consumption through the deployment of this solar PV array
- 2) Reduce or stabilize energy costs
 - ❖ Murphy Electric Power Board nearing capacity and reduction of EBCI needs would benefit expanding community
- 3) Enhance and strengthen Tribal energy and economics infrastructure related to natural resource development
 - ❖ Partnership with Siemens will provide training to EBCI enrolled members for the operation of the solar PV array, increasing skills and capacity of the Tribe
- 4) Bring electrical power and service to Indians lands
 - ❖ Solar array fosters renewable energy and aligns energy investment with EBCI long-term vision of energy independence
- 5) Support and promote EBCI participation in strategic energy initiatives
 - ❖ EBCI is embarking on energy independence and self-reliance goals that will diversify revenues resources and increase skill competencies of EBCI enrolled members by providing new job market opportunities

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

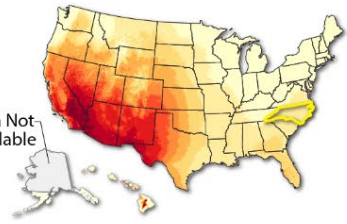
Cherokee River Valley Casino & Hotel

Opened in fall of 2015

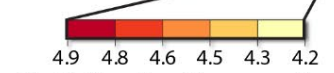
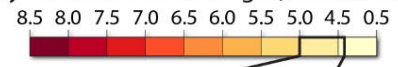




Direct Normal Solar Resource of North Carolina

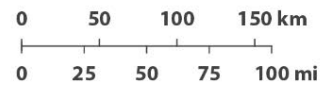


Fifty-state Resource Range (kWh/m²/Day)



North Carolina Resource Range

This data provides annual average daily total solar resource averaged over surface cells of 0.038 degrees in both latitude and longitude, or, nominally, 4 km in size. The insolation values represent the resource available to concentrating systems, and were created using the PATMOS-X algorithms for cloud identification and properties, the MMAC radiative transfer model for clear sky calculations, and the SASRAB model for cloud sky calculations. The data are averaged from hourly model output over 8 years (2005-2012).



This map was produced by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy.
Nicholas Gilroy, April 4, 2017



Deployment of Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy on Indian Lands-

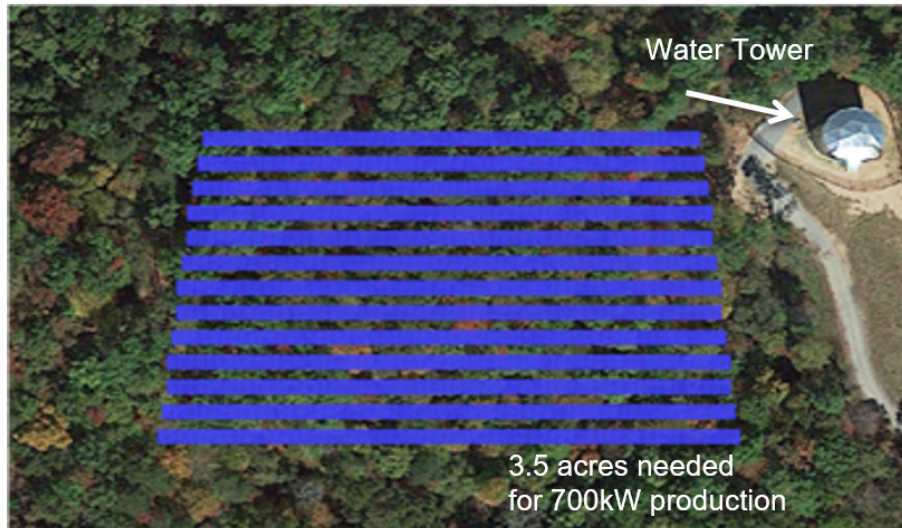
A Community Solar Project

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI)

Control Number: 1660-1525

Project Summary

Deploy a ground mounted solar PV array on the Murphy, NC reservation to generate 700 kilowatts of renewable energy. This community scale PV farm would supply power to four buildings totaling 155,352 sq. ft.: casino (110,400 sq. ft.), hotel (23,000 sq. ft.), and two administrative buildings (10,976 sq. ft. each). All power generated would be consumed onsite. Due to the site location's topography, civil work will be required to prepare the land for the PV panel installation. The rural utility company is nearing its generation capacity so this project will alleviate some of their electrical demand and will aid in their growth capabilities. More importantly, this green energy project will foster further economic, cultural and social opportunities and greater energy independence for the EBCI community, which aligns with the EBCI Strategic Energy Plan.



Key Personnel/Organizations

- Chris Greene - Technical POC
- Amanda Strohm & DeMakus Straton – Grants Office POCs
- Cameron Cooper – Commerce Division POC
- Siemens Government Technologies, Inc.- Partner for design and build, and training program

Budget and Timeline

Federal funds: \$1.0M Cost-share: \$1.0M Total: \$2.0M

Key Milestones & Deliverables

Year 1:	Siemens to Design/Build Solar PV array, and train tribal members to install, operate and maintain system
Year 2:	Savings begin to be captured and tracked, and results shared with the community and school.

Project Outcomes

This system is expected to cost \$2.0M and is projected to generate 1,007,340kWh with an annual savings of \$99,122, based on a blended electrical rate of \$0.0984/kWh. Assuming the \$1.0M DoE grant, the tribe's simple payback is anticipated to be 10.1 years. This project will also include a community awareness communication plan and school education program to further promote energy conservation and the use of renewable energies. Additionally, tribal members will be trained to install, operate and maintain the system, and leverage these skills for future solar projects on tribal land or within the community.

A 700 kW solar PV project to foster economic, cultural and energy independence for the EBCI Tribe.

Baseline Energy

Siemens anticipates that no energy produced by the solar array will be consumed outside the campus. The energy baseline for the site is defined below in Table 2 and is based on the yearly electrical consumption of Harrah's Cherokee River Valley Casino Campus. The Casino's monthly demand averages 2,530 kW and has a daily average consumption of 31,391 kWh.

Table 2: Energy Baseline FY 2016

Usage Period	kWh Usage
Oct 01-31 2015	957,445
Nov 01-30 2015	861,914
Dec 01-31 2015	955,588
Jan 01-31 2016	872,910
Feb 01-29 2016	789,726
Mar 01-31 2016	843,732
Apr 01-30 2016	848,472
May 01-31 2016	953,865
Jun 01-30 2016	1,070,636
Jul 01-31 2016	1,167,548
Aug 01-31 2016	1,174,789
Sep 01-30, 2016	1,000,456
Total	11,497,081

Table 3: Summary of Baseline system size of 700 kW DC

	Baseline Energy (kWh/yr)	Electricity Savings (kWh/yr)	Electricity Savings Yr 1 (\$/Yr)	Percentage Savings (%)
Solar Photovoltaic System	11,497,081*	1,019,870**	\$100,355	8.9

* Baseline of FY16 Utility Usage

** Yearly production of solar array degrades at a 0.7% rate annually after year 1

PROPOSED CABLING ROUTES TO SUBSTATION



Water Tower Ground Mount Option:

A1. 700 kW fixed solar array, steel pile footings, steel rack design, string inverters located on racking. Metering will be located at this location. Cabling will be 7200 volts.

B1. _____ Proposed Cabling direct burial

B2. _____ Proposed cable route using directional boring for connecting array into site power system. Directional boring will terminate at transformer pad.

B3. Represents a cable pull vault to be located in the hashed off parking area. No parking spaces will be affected.

C1. Pad mounted 750 kVA transformer to be located in grassy area. Conduit will be run from transformer pad along the outside of the building into the electrical room.

C2. Electrical tie in would be in electrical room. Tie in would be in the 480 volt system.

● Proposed Bore Hole Location

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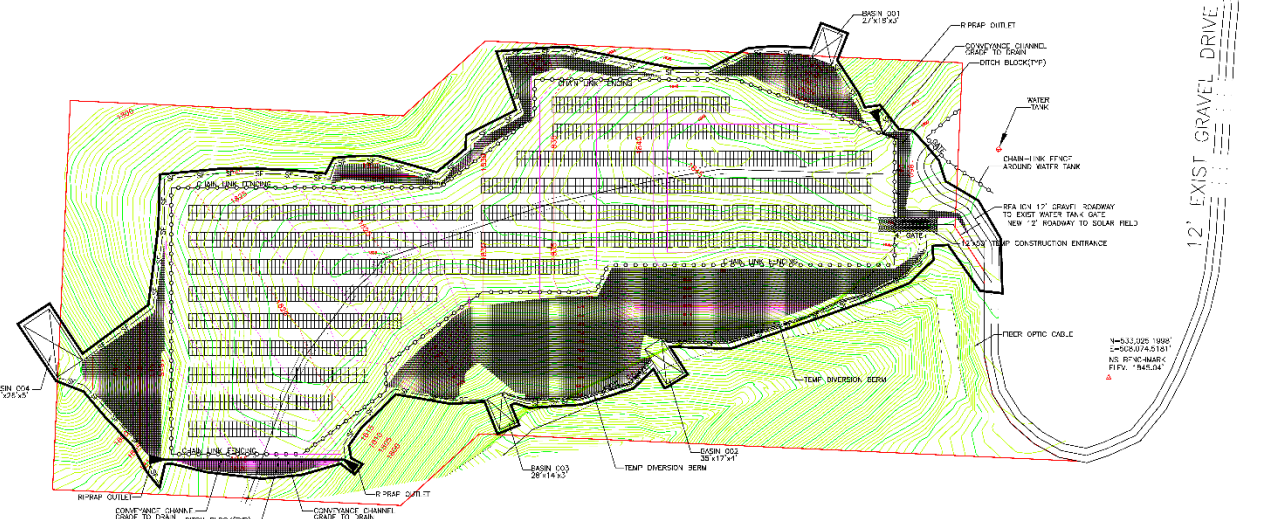
B1. _____ Option 1 Proposed Cabling direct burial route for connecting array into site power system. Idea is to put underground in conduit to match existing site utilities and ensure reliability.

B2. _____ Option 2 Proposed Cabling directional bore route

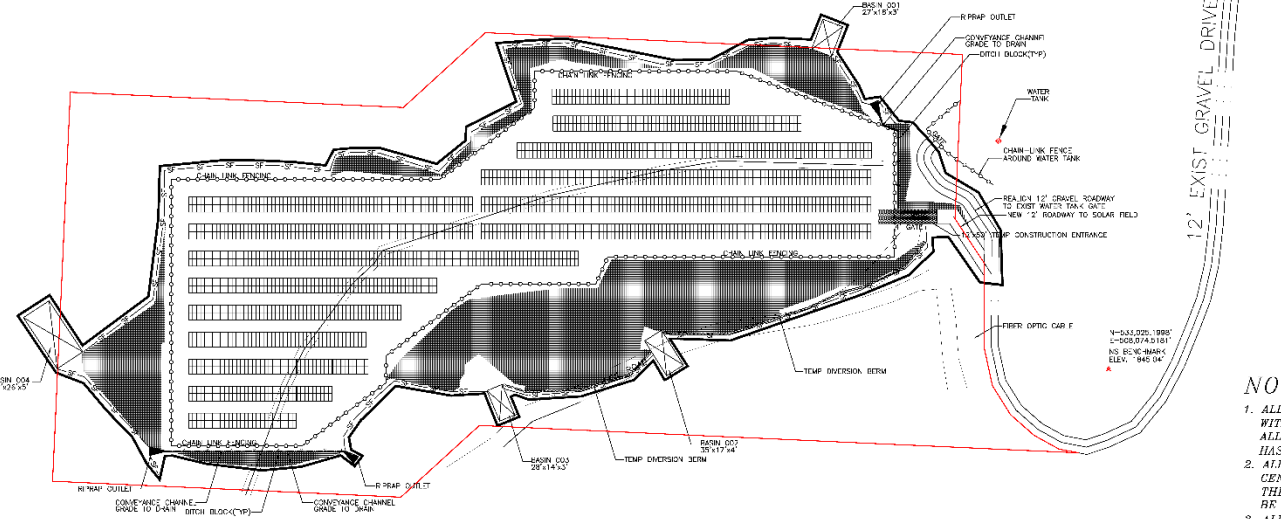
C1. Electrical tie in would be in electrical room or in transformer yard. Tie in would be in the 480 volt system.

- ❖ Exact route yet TBD (2017 Doe Presentation)
- ❖ Slight variance near site due shift in array location
- ❖ Issue was that the original location footprint crossed property boundary
 - ❖ Would have required additional surveying and 2nd round of TCGE approval

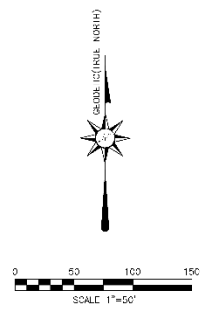
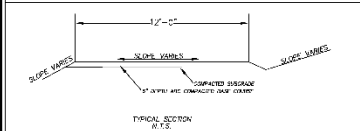
Erosion Control Plan



PROPOSED SOLAR SITE EROSION CONTROL PLAN WITH CONTOURS



PROPOSED SOLAR SITE EROSION CONTROL PLAN WITHOUT CONTOURS



BASIN	C	I	A	Q10
		in/hr	acres	cfs
001	.5	2.05	0.40	0.4'
002	.5	2.05	0.65	.67
003	.5	2.05	0.32	0.33
004	.5	2.05	1.90	.95

LEGEND

- SEDIMENT BASIN
- WIRE BACKED SILT FENCE
- TEMP DIVERSION BERMS
- CONVEYANCE CHANNELS
- DITCH BLOCK
- AREA OF DISTURBANCE
- TEMP CONST ENTRANCES
- SLOPE MATTING
- RIPRAP OUTLET

SOILS: MOIST ORANGE TO RED FINE SANDY SILT (ML)
 AREA OF DISTURBANCE: 3.91 ACRES
 HYDRAULIC INFO: Q10 = 2.05 IN
 FROM NOAA ATLAS 14 COORDINATES (LAT 35.1128°, LONG -83.9920°)

- NOTES:**
- ALL SLOPES ARE TO BE HYDROSEEDING OR PLANTED IF DISTURBED WITHIN 15 WORKING DAYS OR 21 CALENDAR DAYS WHICHEVER IS SHORTER. ALL GRASSED SLOPES SHALL BE REHYDROSEEDING OR REPLANTED IF THE GRASS HAS NOT GROWN. 100% COVERAGE IS TO BE GUARANTEED.
 - ALL STORM WATER CONVEYANCE CHANNELS SHALL HAVE DITCH ROCKS EVERY 20 FEET CENTER TO CENTER. ALL OUTLETS SHALL HAVE CLASS A RIPRAP OUTLET BLANKETS. THE RIPRAP BLANKETS SHALL HAVE FILTER FABRIC UNDER THE RIPRAP AND SHALL BE 2:1 LENGTH TO WIDTH OF THE CHANNEL. WIDTH AND SHALL BE 12" DEEP.
 - ALL THE SEDIMENT BASINS ARE TO BE KEPT OPEN AND CLEANED OUT ONCE THEY HAVE BECOME HALF FULL OF SEDIMENT.
 - PONDS AND EROSION CONTROL CAN BE REMOVED ONCE FINAL GRADING AND PERMANENT VEGETATION IS ESTABLISHED.
 - EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ARE ONLY REQUIRED IN DISTURBED AREAS.
 - ALL ROADWAYS ARE TO BE GRAVELED AFTER INSTALLATION OF UTILITIES OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF EARTH MOVING ACTIVITIES.
 - ALL SLOPE MATTING TO BE EXCELCLIER TYPE MATTING OR EQUAL STAPLED IN PLACE.
 - ALL AREAS INSIDE THE FENCE AND THE 3' PERIMETER OUTSIDE OF THE FENCE SHALL BE GRASSSEED WITH A LOW GROWTH AND MAINTENANCE VEGEATION SUCH AS CLOVER OR ZOYSIA. ALL OTHER DISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE HYDROSEEDING AS PER THE GRASS CHARTS ON THE EROSION CONTROL STANDARD SHEET.
 - ALL SLOPE FILLS SHALL BE COMPACTED TO 95% OF THE STANDARD PROCTOR MAXIMUM DRY DENSITY (ASTM D998).
 - IF DUST IS GENERATED BY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, THE SITE SHALL BE WATERED DOWN BY A WATER TRUCK TO CONTROL THE DUST.

NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY
1	ISSUED FOR PERMIT	24 JUN 2018	KRA

DESIGNED BY	CHECKED BY	DATE
KRA	KRA	24 JUN 2018

SCALE: AS SHOWN

PROJECT NUMBER: 2018-15

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATE: JUNE 24, 2018

PROJECT: CHEROKEE COUNTY HARRAH'S SOLAR SITE

ENGINEER: KRA

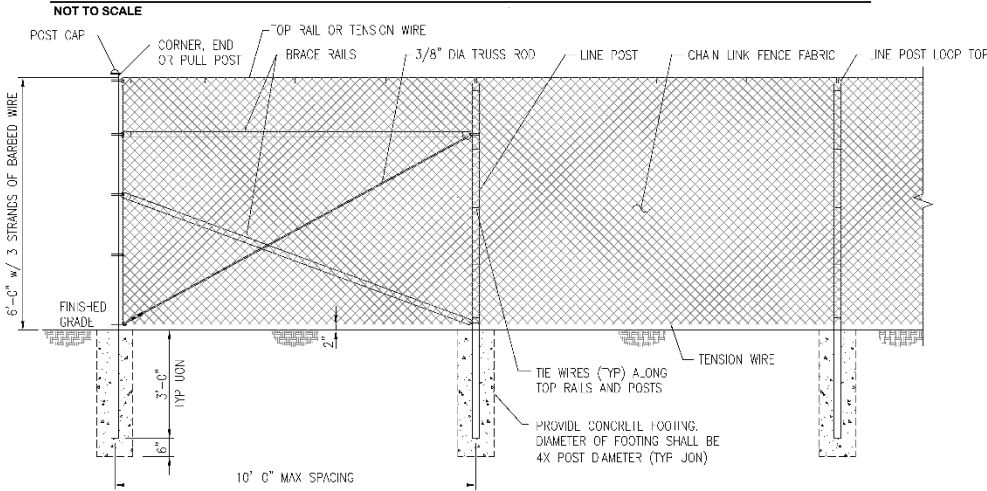
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LOCATION: EASTERN BRAD OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

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TYPICAL 3 STRAND BARBED WIRE AND SINGLE EXTENSION ARM CONFIGURATION

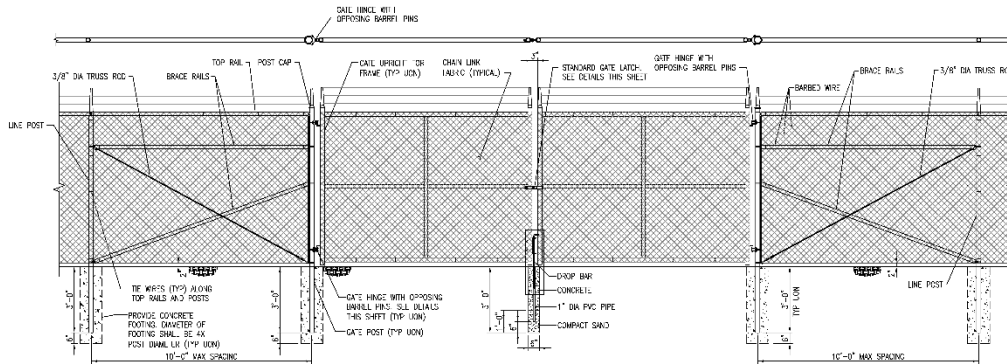


TYPICAL FENCE AND CORNER PANEL ELEVATION

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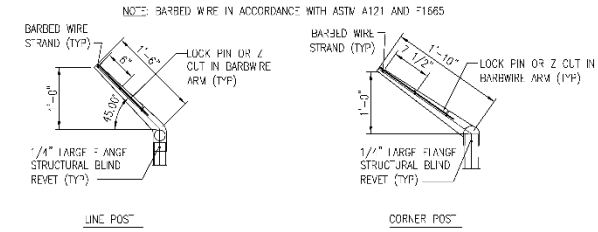
GENERAL NOTES:

1. WELDED GATE FABRICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM F900.
2. GATE FRAME MEMBERS TO BE SPACED NO GREATER THAN 8R APART VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY.
3. APPLY ZINC RICH PAINT TO WELDED JOINTS.
4. GATES TO BE INSTALLED WITH POSITIVE LOCKING GATE LATCHES.
5. PROVIDE LOCKABLE DROP BARS AND GATE HOLDBACKS WITH DOUBLE GATES.
6. FENCE SHALL BE 8R TALL WITH 3 STRANDS OF BARBED WIRE TO MEET MEC REQUIREMENTS.
7. FENCE DESIGN SHALL MEET ASTM F2611 AND F1712 REQUIREMENTS.
8. FENCE INSTALLATION SHALL MEET ASTM 9567 REQUIREMENTS.
9. CONCRETE SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 2500PSI COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH.
10. FENCE SHALL BE GROUNDED AT EVERY CHANGE IN DIRECTION AND NOT MORE THAN 160R APART PER NEC REQUIREMENTS.
11. MINIMUM FENCING SETBACKS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 - 10R FROM ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT WITH LIVE PARTS
 - 15R INSIDE VEHICULAR ACCESS
 - 3' FROM EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE ACCESS



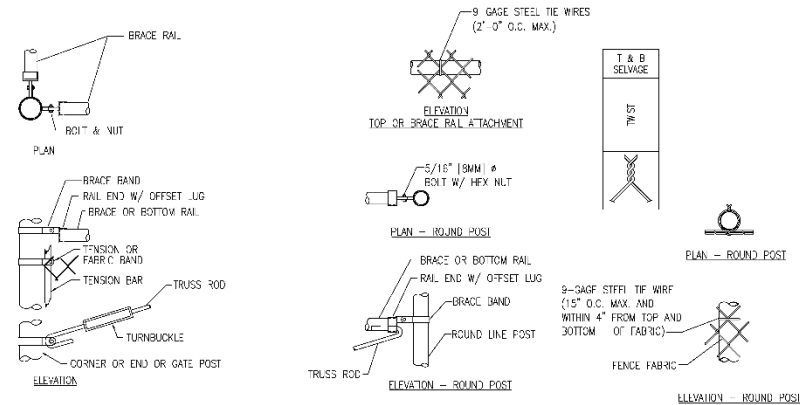
TYPICAL DOUBLE SWING GATE

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SINGLE EXTENSION ARM DETAILS

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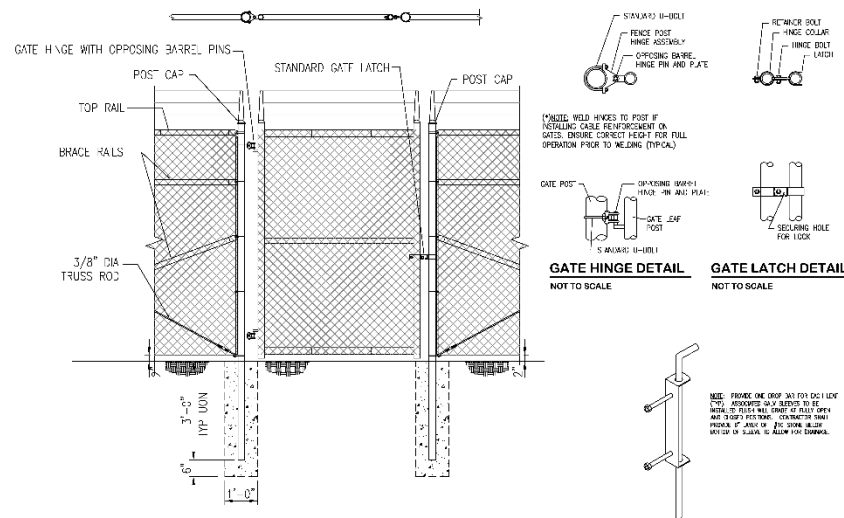


CORNER OR END POSTS

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LINE POST DETAILS

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TYPICAL FENCE SINGLE SWING GATE

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DETAIL DROP BAR

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TABLE OF EVENTS	
NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	Final Design

APPROVALS	DATE
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 NORTH CAROLINA
 PROJECT: MURPHY

FENCING DETAILS
 JUNE 2015
 SCALE: AS SHOWN

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 SHEET: G-102

April 4th – Clearing trees on site



April 4th



Groundbreaking held for solar farm at Valley River

May 29th



GROUNDBREAKING: Tribal officials and project officials break ground on the new solar farm at Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino on Tuesday, May 29. Shown (left-right) are – Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha, Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, Painttown Rep. Lisa Taylor, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Siemens Government Technologies Vice President for Automation and Service Sam Lewis, Harrah's Cherokee Valley River General Manager Lumpy Lambert, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, Wolfstown Rep. Jeremy Wilson, Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, and EBCI Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources Joey Owle. (Photo courtesy of Office of the Principal Chief)

July 11th



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July 11th



July 30th



July 30th



July 30th



August 17th



September 25th



September 25th



October 29th



October 29th – Racking installation



October 29th – EBCI Project Management



October 29th – Shading issue



December 7th – Problem solved



December 7th



December 7th



Example of Output Dashboard



The sum of the greenhouse gas emissions you entered above is of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent. This is equivalent to:

759 Metric Tons

Greenhouse gas emissions from

163
Passenger vehicles driven for one year

1,860,305
Miles driven by an average passenger vehicle

264
Tons of waste recycled instead of landfilled

37.8
Garbage trucks of waste recycled instead of landfilled

Carbon sequestered by

19,670
tree seedlings grown for 10 years

894
acres of U.S. forests in one year

6.2
acres of U.S. forests preserved from conversion to cropland in one year

CO₂ emissions from

85,406
gallons of gasoline consumed

830,421
Pounds of coal burned

10
tanker trucks' worth of gasoline

82
homes' energy use for one year

0.192
Wind turbines running for a year

114
homes' electricity use for one year

4.1
railcars' worth of coal burned

25,402
Incandescent lamps switched to LEDs

1,757
barrels of oil consumed

31,028
propane cylinders used for home barbeques

- **Progress updates**

- Deployment of 705 kW solar PV array **99%** complete
- Full testing of system initiated, completed, commissioned on Dec. 5th
- ROI → ~ 13 years

- **Challenges, Considerations, and Successes**

- Site adjustment, Delayed designs / permitting, Weather
- Permitting
 - EPA CGP: SWPPP
 - Section 7 of the ESA of 1973
 - Special Species Status: Indiana Bat & Northern Long-eared Bat (Myotis spp.)
 - Section 106 NHPA – “no adverse effect on unidentified cultural resources”
 - BIA Timber Permit
 - DOE – CatEx
 - Tribal Erosion Control Plan
- **Communication, Professionalism**

- **Next steps**

- Connect system to local fiber network for output monitoring
- Conduct training for Harrahs and EBCI staff: a must prior to system power up
- 3rd party commission testing
- Produce PR video with stakeholders
- Hold 2nd “official” ribbon cutting with stakeholders

PROJECT SUMMARY



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Cherokee Enterprises
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- All other contractors



Thank you!

Questions?

