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Subject: Proposed Data Centers in Kiowa, OK - Project Overview & Contacts

Hi Hope,

Here are the project updates and updated contact information we spoke about. Thank you again for attending the meeting, I really appreciated your help.

Project Summaries

1. Project PCDC – Iris Energy (IREN) & Ernst & Young (EY)

Iris, an Australian-based company, has purchased approximately 300 acres. Plans call for a multi-phase data center modeled after their premier facility in Sweetwater, Texas. They are working with Ernst & Young (EY) in Austin, Texas, based out of London England. According to Iris representatives, the facility will operate as a closed-loop system, requiring minimal water usage except during startup.

Per the meeting yesterday Project PCDC current schedule, optimistically, is to begin construction in mid-2026, with Phase One becoming operational by mid-2028. The project will continue with multi-phased construction, ultimately ramping up to a completed hyperscale facility projected to consume approximately 1 GW of power daily. No specific timeline was provided for full build-out beyond Phase One.

The developers intend to model this facility after their two premier sites in Sweetwater, Texas. For context, the combined power usage of Sweetwater 1 and 2 is 2.75 GW.

Tentative Schedule for Local Efforts outlined in the Oklahoma Local Development Act (62 O.S. §§ 850–869) :

- Monday, December 1: Pittsburg County Commissioners meeting to begin formation of a TIF review committee, with primary focus on taxing entity representation and county legal representation.
- Monday, December 8: Pittsburg County Commissioners meeting to continue formation of the TIF review committee, focusing on potential at-large members.

ODOT District Engineer Anthony Echelle was unable to attend yesterday's meeting but called today for an update. He is available to assist as these projects progress. We discussed the potential use of the Kiowa rail spur that was used during the power plant construction as well as large turn lanes and other potential measures to safely get materials and equipment on and off highway 69.

2. Project Pittsburg DC – Black Mountain Energy Storage (ASX:BME) & Cloud HQ

Led by Black Mountain Energy Storage in Austin, TX, based out of western Australia and Cloud HQ based out of Washington D.C.. Approximately 1,200 acres have been purchased, with the potential for an additional 300 acres. Developers are securing utility right-of-way (ROW) for a water line from McAlester's secondary water

source at Coal Creek (Fairly Road). The original 36" line proposal has shifted to a 12–20" line. Attempts to secure ROW along the Union Pacific Railroad (UP RR) and Highway 69 have been unsuccessful. As well as attempts to secure water from the City of Atoka and the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP). Unlike Iris’s design, this facility will use an open-loop system, resulting in substantial daily water loss through evaporative cooling.

Per previous conversations, Project Pittsburg PCDC has outlined a very optimistic schedule, aligned with the former Project PCDC timeline of construction beginning in late 2026, with scaled operations anticipated to come online by late 2027. This timeline will be extended.

I do not have an update for Project Pittsburg DC.

Recent Legislative Context

There is growing state-level interest in this economic sector. The Oklahoma Legislature has shown its intent to support such projects through the proposed Data Centers Act of 2025 (HB 1919). An Interim Study on the impact of data center expansion in Oklahoma was recently released on October 21, 2025, indicating a strong legislative focus on this area of development.

The study emphasized the need for transparency, municipal oversight, and responsible resource management as these facilities expand. Since local governments are often the primary point of contact for such developments, her insights are directly relevant to the projects now proposed in Kiowa. The full study is available on the [Oklahoma House of Representatives Website](#).

Contact List of Known Stakeholders:

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Thanks again,

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