



DE-FOA-0002740 Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP)

Adaptable Grid Project

Full Application – Partnership Documentation

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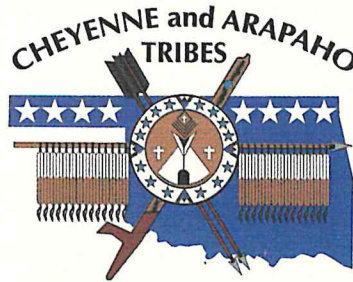
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Reggie Wassana
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor



February 24, 2023

Secretary Jennifer Granholm
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585-0002

Dear Secretary Granholm,

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are proud to support Oklahoma Gas & Electric's (OG&E) application for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). We believe that OG&E's Adaptable Grid Project, and the related Community Benefits Plan we have discussed with them, will improve regional resilience, and bring significant value and benefits to the people of Oklahoma. OG&E expects to spend greater than \$9 million on 10 circuits enabling a flexible grid for the following communities within the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal Lands: Bison, Hennessey, Lacey, Oklahoma City, Seiling, Waukomis, and Yukon.

OG&E has invited us to partner with them to uncover ways that members in our community can take advantage of the opportunities that will arise in a new Clean Energy Economy, created from OG&E efforts in energy transformation. OG&E has established a Grant Office to pursue its own BIL grant opportunities and would like to expand their scope by partnering with us to provide input and analysis that would support tribes, collaborate with local communities, and assist in organizing joint approaches that can benefit many individuals across the vast region that OG&E serves. In addition, OG&E can help us understand and pursue education, workforce, and economic development programs they currently partner with and support.

OG&E's Grant Office will work in coordination with our Office of Grants and Research. Our Planning and Development (P&D) team has three components: Research, Grant Writing, and Tribal Expansion and Construction; this office will begin to engage with the OG&E team to understand how we can coordinate and support each other in future grant opportunities. This collaboration aligns directly with the guiding principles set out in our 2017-2021 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS Plan).

We are excited to support OG&E's proposed Adaptable Grid Project as it will improve regional resilience and bring significant value and benefits to the people of Oklahoma. These benefits are not just specific to grid resilience but are also related to job creation and economic development within the region.

Sincerely,

Governor, Reggie Wassana

Frank S Johnson Sr., Executive Director & Chairman
CTUA Board

February 28, 2023

Secretary Jennifer Granholm
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585-0002

Dear Secretary Granholm,

The Chickasaw Nation is proud to support Oklahoma Gas & Electric's (OG&E) application for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). We believe that OG&E's Adaptable Grid Project, and the related Community Benefits Plan we have discussed with them, will improve regional resilience, and bring significant value and benefits to the people of Oklahoma. OG&E expects to spend greater than \$19 million on 17 circuits enabling a flexible grid for the following communities within the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Lands: Ada, Ardmore, Byng, Cobb, Davis, Dickson, Dougherty, Durant, Fox, Francis, Gene Autry, Healdton, Hennepin, Kenefic, Madill, Maysville, Milburn, Norman, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Ratliff City, Rosedale, Sulphur, Tatum, Washington, and Wayne.

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It is our belief that continued successful business diversification, economic development, and expansion of programs will lead to even greater opportunities for the Chickasaw Nation to exercise self-determination in a manner that will benefit the Chickasaw people today and build a brighter future for our children and grandchildren.

We are excited to support OG&E's proposed Adaptable Grid Project as it will improve regional resilience and bring significant value and benefits to the people of Oklahoma. These benefits are not just specific to grid resilience, but also related to job creation and economic development within the region.

Sincerely,



Executive Director & Chairman, CTUA Board



Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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Gary Batton
Chief

Jack Austin, Jr.
Assistant Chief

February 22, 2022

Secretary Jennifer Granholm
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0002

Dear Secretary Granholm:

The Choctaw Nation is proud to support Oklahoma Gas & Electric's (OG&E) application for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program that was established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). OG&E expects to spend approximately \$8 million on eight circuits enabling a flexible grid for the following communities within the Choctaw Nation tribal lands: Blue, Bokchito, Cameron, Durant, Poteau, Rock Island, and Shady Point.

OG&E has invited us to partner with them to uncover ways on how members of our community can take advantage of the opportunities that will arise in a new Clean Energy economy, created from OG&E's efforts in energy transformation. OG&E has established a Grant Office to pursue its own BIL grant opportunities and would like to expand its scope by partnering with us to provide input and analysis that would support tribes, collaborate with local communities, and assist in organizing joint approaches that can benefit many individuals across the vast region that OG&E serves. In addition, OG&E can help us understand and pursue education, workforce, and economic development programs they currently partner with and support.

In the Choctaw Nation, "Together We're More" defines who we are as a Nation. We extend this thread to our partners and ensure that the values of our partners align with the values of our Nation. We believe that partnerships are the best way to improve infrastructure in southeast Oklahoma and look forward to partnering with OG&E on building the energy transformation.

We are excited to support OG&E's proposed Adaptable Grid Project as it will improve regional resilience and bring significant value and benefits to the people of Oklahoma. These benefits are not just specific to grid resilience, but also related to job creation and economic development within the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Batton".

Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

February 23, 2023

Secretary Jennifer Granholm
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585-0002

Dear Secretary Granholm,

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is proud to support Oklahoma Gas & Electric's (OG&E) application for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). We believe that OG&E's Adaptable Grid Project, and the related Community Benefits Plan we have discussed with them, will improve regional resilience, and bring significant benefits to the people of Oklahoma. OG&E expects to spend greater than \$6 million on five circuits enabling a flexible grid for the following communities within the Citizen Potawatomi Tribal Lands: Choctaw, Konawa, Maud, Midwest City, Nicoma Park, Oklahoma City, Spencer, St. Louis, and Tecumseh.

OG&E has invited us to partner with them to uncover ways that members in our community can take advantage of the opportunities that will arise in a new Clean Energy Economy, created from OG&E efforts in energy transformation. OG&E has established a Grant Office to pursue its own BIL grant opportunities and would like to expand their scope by partnering with us to provide input and analysis that would support tribes, collaborate with local communities, and assist in organizing joint approaches that can benefit many individuals across the vast region that OG&E serves. In addition, OG&E can help us understand and pursue education, workforce, and economic development programs they currently partner with and support.

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Sincerely,

Linda Capps
Vice Chairman
Citizen Potawatomi Nation

February 27, 2023

Secretary Jennifer Granholm
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585-0002

Dear Secretary Granholm,

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is proud to support Oklahoma Gas & Electric's (OG&E) application for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program under its Smart Grid Program.

We have enjoyed a strong working relationship with OG&E in the past and look forward to building upon that relationship moving forward. We have been working with OG&E on a concept that would establish a partnership to assist customers with the highest level of need by setting up a letter of guarantee for deposits on their behalf to eliminate barriers to getting electric service. This partnership will ensure that those who face disadvantages or hardships can receive this important type of support from OG&E, Catholic Charities, Homeless Alliance, and possibly others.

We intend to work with OG&E to develop a community benefit agreement for this purpose as part of their Adaptable Grid Project. We think that this could be strengthened by working with OG&E to include other institutions and community support groups in this effort. This program will also provide additional benefits such as the chance to receive advice about improved energy efficiency or other programs supporting education regarding clean energy.

All in all, we are excited and look forward to supporting OG&E's **Adaptable Grid Project** and the clean energy transition by partnering with OG&E to support customers in need.

Sincerely,



Patrick Raglow
Executive Director
Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

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February 27, 2023

Secretary Jennifer Granholm
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Granholm,

The staff and volunteer leadership of the Homeless Alliance wholeheartedly supports Oklahoma Gas & Electric's (OG&E) application for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program under its Smart Grid Program.

We have enjoyed a strong working relationship with OG&E for 20 years and look forward to building upon that relationship moving forward. We have been working with OG&E on a concept that would establish a partnership to assist customers with the highest level of need by setting up a letter of guarantee for deposits on their behalf to eliminate barriers to getting electric service. This partnership will ensure that those who face disadvantages or hardships can receive this important type of support from OG&E, Catholic Charities, Homeless Alliance, and possibly others.

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Sincerely,

Dan Straughan
Executive Director
The Homeless Alliance, Inc.

Chad Jordan, CEO
The Last Mile

March 2, 2023

Secretary Jennifer Granholm
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585-0002

Dear Secretary Granholm,

Last Mile is proud to support Oklahoma Gas & Electric's (OG&E) application for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program under its Smart Grid Program.

As an organization that is in our developing stages, we believe that having a partner with OG&E's standing and connections will help accelerate our mission. We have been working with OG&E on a concept that will leverage our workforce development framework as part of the creation of a statewide education and workforce development program in an initiative stemming from OG&E's **Adaptable Grid Project**. This partnership will enable people from diverse backgrounds to come together and learn about the future Clean Energy Economy in a partnership led by OG&E. We anticipate a coalition of supporters, led by OG&E to ultimately provide workforce development, education workshops, leading to internships and jobs as these opportunities evolve.

We intend to work with OG&E to develop a community benefit agreement for this purpose as part of their **Adaptable Grid Project**. We think that this could be strengthened by working with OG&E to include other higher education institutions and community support groups. This partnership will further the energy goals and plans of the state of Oklahoma as we march toward the future of energy. We look forward to working with OG&E to shape this program to include a growing set of skills and capabilities that will increase diversity, equity, inclusiveness, and accessibility to quality jobs in these growing fields.

All in all, we are excited to support OG&E's proposed **Adaptable Grid Project** as it will improve regional resilience and bring significant value and benefits to the people of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,


Chad Jordan, CEO
The Last Mile



February 23, 2023

Secretary Jennifer Granholm
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585-0002

Dear Secretary Granholm,

Oklahoma State University Oklahoma City (OSU-OKC) is proud to support Oklahoma Gas & Electric's (OG&E) application for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program under its Smart Grid Program.

We have enjoyed a strong working relationship with OG&E in the past and look forward to building upon that relationship moving forward. OG&E has proved to be a reliable partner to the campus and the community we serve through their continued support of the academic programs, providing a direct career path to a high-wage industry. Without this partnership, the programs at OSU-OKC would find it challenging to maintain industry relevance, along with difficulty gaining access to the latest equipment and knowledgeable industry professionals willing to work with our students.

We have been working with OG&E on a concept that will leverage our existing education partnership in the creation of a statewide education and workforce development program in an initiative stemming from OG&E's **Adaptable Grid Project**. This partnership will enable people from diverse backgrounds to come together and learn about the future Clean Energy Economy in a partnership led by OG&E. We anticipate a coalition of supporters, led by OG&E to ultimately provide workforce development, education workshops, leading to internships and jobs as we these opportunities evolve.

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All in all, we are excited to support OG&E's proposed **Adaptable Grid Project** as it will improve regional resilience and bring significant value and benefits to the people of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

Scott Newman, Ed.D.
President
Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City

March 8, 2023

Secretary Jennifer Granholm
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585-0002

Dear Secretary Granholm,

The Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board (COWIB) is proud to support Oklahoma Gas & Electric's (OG&E) application for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program under its Smart Grid Program.

We have enjoyed a strong working relationship with OG&E in the past and look forward to building upon that relationship moving forward.

We have been working with OG&E on a concept that will leverage our existing partnership in the creation of a Statewide education and workforce development program in an initiative stemming from OG&E's **Adaptable Grid Project**. This partnership will enable people from diverse backgrounds to come together and learn about the future Clean Energy Economy in a partnership led by OG&E. We anticipate a coalition of supporters, led by OG&E to ultimately provide workforce development, education workshops, leading to internships and jobs as we these opportunities evolve.

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Sincerely,



Ashley Sellers, CEO

