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Commissioners,

Due to the very wet conditions of last fall and the severe cold and snow conditions we've had this past winter, it has become necessary to revise the construction schedule of the Fargo CapX line. While we had originally planned to have the work completed this spring, we now expect to complete work in ND (and western MN) by the end of this year. We are still on track for the new line to go into service by May 1, 2015.

Construction on the 35 mile segment in ND will restart in earnest around June 15 and we will be stringing line westward to the most recently constructed tower (#65). We will begin constructing the final 64 structures to the new Bison Substation in early September and finish stringing this remaining segment in late October. Again, we plan to finish by the end of December.

Unfortunately, this schedule will likely involve some crop damage for most ND landowners this summer. We will be communicating our revised construction plans to landowners and local officials in the next 2-3 weeks. Landowners will be fully compensated for any losses.

More specific information about these changes are forthcoming and I will relay that to you as we develop our communication plan.

For your information, here are a few key points about the project:

- All tower foundations in ND were completed in February.
- Structures have been assembled and erected along approximately 60% of the route this winter.
- The final 64 structures in ND (for a total of 279) will be erected this fall.
- Line stringing was completed on the 3 mile segment from the Red River to the west, across I-29.

We are also planning to have a media tour of the line and new substation this summer during the final construction phase. We would be glad to have PSC commissioners or staff participate if desired. More information about that will be provided later.

Let me know if you have any questions and I will do my best to get you timely answers.

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