



October 16, 2014

North Dakota Public Service Commission

Case Number: PU-07-759

Re: **CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud MN 345kV Line Weekly Update**

North Dakota Public Service Commission:

This update letter serves to meet the weekly reporting requirements of the North Dakota Route Permit of the CapX2020 Fargo-St. Cloud transmission line project. As of October 13, 2014, the following work has been completed:

**Construction Overview Bison Substation**

|                              | % Complete | Scheduled Start Date | Scheduled Complete Date |
|------------------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Bison Substation</b>      |            |                      |                         |
| Access Road and Site Grading | 100%       | 7/29/13              | 9/30/13                 |
| Install Pad                  | 100%       | 10/1/13              | 3/14/14                 |
| Install Hardware             | 90%        | 1/1/14               | 11/30/14                |
| Testing / Commissioning      | 0%         | TBD                  | TBD                     |

Note: Bison sub completion delayed due to outage delays. Outage planned for Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to complete the North Dakota side of 345kV line (not the CapX2020 Fargo line).

**Construction Overview Line 0955**

|                                       | Vegetative Management | Construct Foundations* | Erect Support Structures | Stringing Conductors |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Fargo to MN Border (Line 0955)</b> |                       |                        |                          |                      |
| Segment 1: Structures 1- 88           | 100%                  | 100%                   | 26%                      | 0%                   |
| Segment 2: Structures 89 – 187        | 100%                  | 100%                   | 100%                     | 33%                  |

\*All tower foundations have been installed on the project.

Crews may perform cleanup work as needed. All tower sections have been framed. Two tower erection cranes now in North Dakota working in the project area.

**Tree Mitigation Plan**

Xcel is in the process of contracting with a successful bidder for replanting trees as required under the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan. Trees are planned on being replanted in 2015.

Please contact me (952-832-2662) if you have any comments or questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,

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