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December 22, 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 December 22, 2014, the following work has been completed:

Construction Overview Bison Substation

	% Complete	Scheduled Start Date	Scheduled Complete Date
Bison Substation			
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	2/7/15
Testing / Commissioning	0%	TBD	TBD

Construction Overview Line 0955

	Vegetative Management	Construct Foundations	Erect Support Structures	Stringing Conductors
Fargo to MN Border (Line 0955)				
Segment 1: Structures 1- 88	100%	100%	100%	20%
Segment 2: Structures 89 – 187	100%	100%	100%	33%

Note – Line stringing crews are actively working again in North Dakota.

Tree Mitigation Plan

Xcel has contracted with the Cass County Soil Conservation District 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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