



December 29, 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 29, 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,

Jacob Thompson, PE
Project Manager
Barr Engineering Company

c: Tom Hillstrom – Xcel Energy; Shanna Braun – Barr Engineering Co.