

February 9, 2015

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 February 9, 2015, 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	2/7/15
Testing / Commissioning	0%	4/6/15	TBD

**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%	100%	100%
Segment 2: Structures 89 – 187	100%	100%	100%	100%

\* - % complete does not include interphase spacer (IPS) work that must be done on some spans in ND. OPGW splicing is also not complete.

**Tree Mitigation Plan**

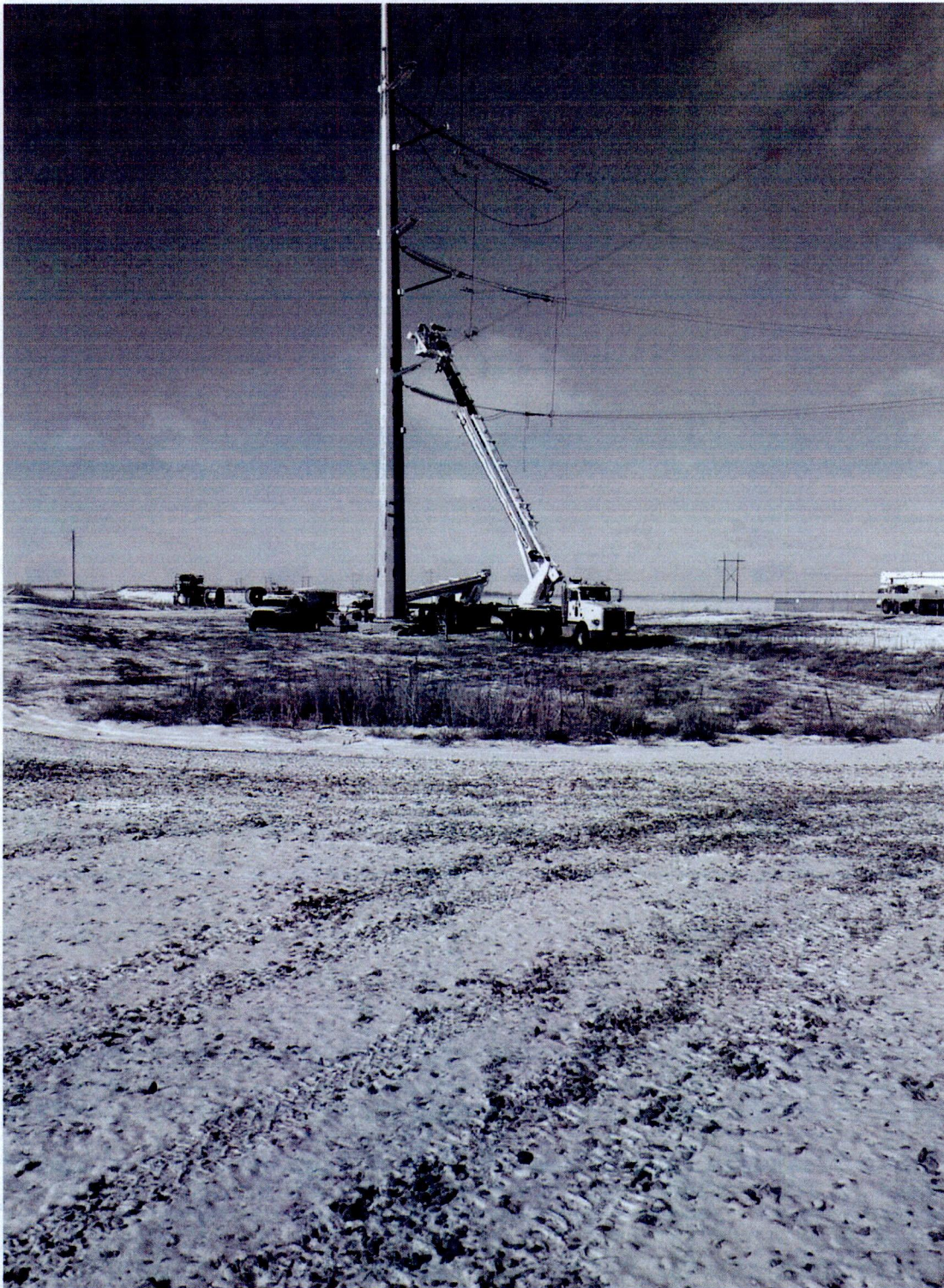
Xcel has contracted with the Cass County Soil Conservation District for replanting trees as required under the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan. Trees are planned on being replanted in 2015.

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

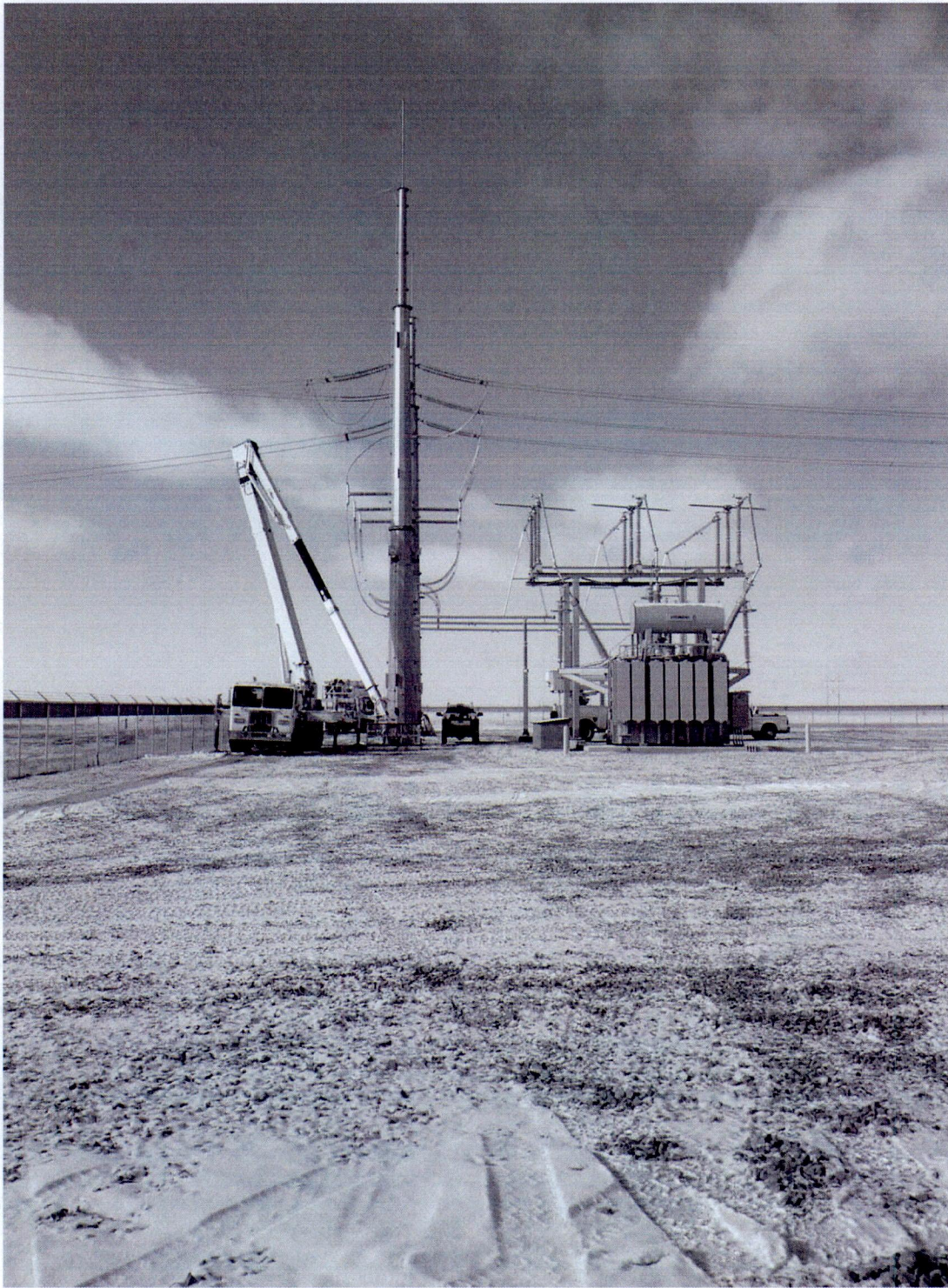
Sincerely,

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Project Manager  
Barr Engineering Company

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



2/4/15 – MJ Electric crew dead ending tower #1 entering Bison substation. Implosive devices were set off shortly after this photo.



2/4/15 – Lines are now connected in Bison substation. Line testing and commissioning will start in April 2015.