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Substation This week, the contractor erected bus supports, switch supports and (4) 230kV switches. They also received materials, drilled out holes in the switch bases, and installed ground grid. They encountered a problem with the bolts for attaching the switch bases to the switch support legs. The 2 ¼” bolts were correct to the design specification but they need to be 2 ¾” in order to have at least ¼” of thread protruding through the nut.

Line Progress - This week, the contractor spotted 60 complete structures (445 to date), framed 66 complete structures (433 to date), dug 51 holes (395 to date), set 46 structures (377 to date), and installed 47 sets of grounding systems (245 to date). They received poles, conductor, and miscellaneous hardware at the Page, Casselton, and Mapleton yards. They also pulled and sagged conductor and fiber from structures 2-40 (61,956’ of conductor and 20,652’ of fiber), and worked on access roads. Their subcontractor, installed 7 foundations this week (27 to date).

Safety: Contractors held tail board meetings each day with a discussion of safety concerns relevant to the task for the day. JHA discussions were held during the tail board meeting and forms were completed for that. Line contractor had their monthly safety meeting this week. They discussed the 7 incidents they have had on this project. Employees also made comments noting: secure your loads (cribbing, 4x4, equipment, etc found), don’t worry about the deadline – do your job, help each other out, assign tasks to individuals, explain the job briefings with new crew members, watch radio traffic during wire pulling, and watch smoking when in wheat fields. Line contractor had 1 incident this week. Foundation subcontractor, also had 1 incident this week.

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