

Big Stone South to Ellendale Project



▶ BSSE Line Construction Project Weekly Status Report

Case No. PU-13-840

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Project Overview – The BSSE Project is a 163-mile 345kV transmission line that runs from the Big Stone, South Dakota Substation to the Ellendale, North Dakota Substation. Approximately 10 miles of the line is in Dickey County North Dakota.

Weekly Progress – Tri-State Drilling (TSD) continued foundation drilling and pouring operations in North Dakota for the BSSE Project transmission structures. Last week was a challenging week, with concrete pours curtailed part of the week due to the extremely cold temperatures that were below the allowable pour range. However, they completed the foundation for one of the largest structures on the project. Other than the weather, there were no issues or concerns.

North Dakota Construction Activity	Completed this Week	Completed to date	Remaining to do	Total to do	UOM	% Complete
Tree Clearing (by parcel)	-	8	0	8	Parcel	100%
Drill Pier Foundations	4	15	26	41	EA	37%
Haul Structures	0	0	41	41	EA	0%
Set Structures	0	0	41	41	EA	0%
Pull Conductor (per thousand feet)	0	0	48	48	KFT	0%

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This week's plans

Tri-State Drilling pulled one crew from the BSSE project to move to another project, so they are down to two crews. Plans for this week are to complete five foundations in North Dakota.

Environmental – New critical habitat, T&E species, bald eagles or golden eagles

None to report this week

Cultural impacts – cultural, paleontological, archeological, historical, or grave discoveries

None to report this week

Damage to UG facilities

None to report this week

Landowner/Public Issues or complaints

None to report this week

Extraordinary Events – such as death of T&E species

None to report this week

Safety - injuries to any person or equipment damage

None to report this week

Additional Filing Documents

None to report this week