

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. It was a good week for TSD, with no curtailment of work due to weather or any other 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	8	36	5	41	EA	88%
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

Plans are to pour the final foundation for the BSSE project on Thursday, February 8th, which is ahead of the previously sent schedule. Tri-State Drilling is down to one crew this week, with five foundations to complete.

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.