

## Big Stone South to Ellendale Project



# ▶ BSSE Line Construction Project Weekly Status Report

Case No. PU-13-840

Al Koeckeritz ▶ Otter Tail Power Company ▶ 11/13/2018

**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** – Brink continued working in North Dakota but did not complete any conductor pulls. Dahn continued to place poly mats for access.

Montana-Dakota Utilities weekly report is included in this report.

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	-	41	0	41	EA	100%
Haul Structures	0	41	0	41	EA	100%
Set Structures	0	41	0	41	EA	100%
Pull Conductor (per thousand feet)	0	21	27	48	KFT	40%

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This week's plans

Brink will continue with stringing activities. Dahn will continue placing poly mats as needed. Currently, plans are for Brink to complete stringing by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Per the permit with North Dakota, the project has planted trees to establish habitat for wildlife on a landowner's property that gave us permission to do so. This week wire cages were placed around the trees to prevent wildlife or livestock from browsing.

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.

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Weekly Update for November 3 to November 9, 2018

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**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co's & Otter Tail Power Company's Big Stone South to Ellendale 345KV Transmission Line Project in Dickey County, ND Case No. PU 13-840 Notice of Ellendale 345kV Substation Construction weekly update from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Email update #62)**

Dear Mr. Lein:

MDU's general contractor Highmark Erectors continues to work on miscellaneous items to finish the substation. We are monitoring the grass growth on site. MDU Electricians are onsite working on testing and commissioning the substation.

As they relate to the PSC order and Substation construction: no safety issues, no property damage issues, no public roadway issues, no environmental or cultural issues were encountered or brought to our attention.

Thank you and if you have any further questions about substation construction activities, feel free to contact me at:

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