



NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, D/B/A XCEL ENERGY, INC.

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CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE – COURTENAY WIND FARM

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Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel Energy) provides the following update to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on construction activity at the Courtenay Wind Farm. Wanzek Construction, Inc. (Wanzek) is the general contractor. Construction management teams from Wanzek and Xcel Energy are on-site and engaged in construction management. Construction of access roads to turbine locations is complete for the year at 88% completion. Existing road upgrades are complete for the year at 19% completion. Excavation of turbine foundations is complete for the year with 60 excavations completed to date. Mud mat pours are complete for the year with 60 completed to date. Monolithic foundation pours are complete for the year with 60 completed to date. Backfill of the foundations is ongoing with 44 locations completed to date. Backfill of the remaining 16 foundations will continue this week.