



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. The two final O&M Building footing walls were poured last week. Forms will be stripped this week. AB Systems has mobilized to the site to begin backfill and electrical work for the O&M Building foundation. The second collection substation main power transformer was delivered to the project site on December 7th and offloaded onto its pad on December 8th. PTI Manitoba has completed dressing out and oil filling of the first MPT. PTI Manitoba also began oil filling the second MPT but they were short approximately 350 gallons. Additional oil has been ordered and oil filling activities will continue this week.