



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 the O&M Building is nearly done with completion of a false ceiling, bathroom tiles, and paint expected next week. Oil containment wall were poured last week for the collector substation transformers. Collector substation piers have begun to be poured. Transmission line structures are beginning to be set with 10% of structures installed and a majority of guy anchors already installed. Collection system plowing has begun and 23% of plowing is complete. 92 foundations have been excavated, 85 foundations have been poured and 70 foundations are backfilled. Foundations are being poured at a rate of 2-3 per day.