



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 O&M Building security system and fencing is being installed this week. The collector substation piers and foundation pads are finishing up in the coming days. Installing conduit and beginning steel equipment installation this week. Currently 66% of T-Line structures have been set. Additionally, stringing and sagging transmission line cable has begun. Collection system plowing progress is at 49%. The final foundations have been poured and backfilled. The first tower component deliveries are scheduled to arrive July 18. There are currently 35 crane pads built and ready to receive and set tower components.