



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 tree screen was completely planted this week and the bituminous road has been paved up to the gate. The collector substation piers and foundation pads have been constructed and Wanzek is currently installing conduit and steel equipment this week. Currently 93% of T-Line structures have been set. Additionally, stringing and sagging transmission line cable continues. Collection system plowing progress is at 49%. Plowing is expected to continue this Friday. There are currently 39 crane pads built and ready to receive and set tower components. The first tower component deliveries began July 18. Six full sets of Turbine Components have been delivered to 6 sites this week. Erection has begun with one base-mid to date.