



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 sprinkler system is being finished this week. The collector substation work on setting steel is complete. Wanzek is now installing equipment, running wiring, and fabricating the bus bar. Currently 95% of T-Line structures have been set. Additionally, stringing and sagging transmission line cable is at 11% complete. Collection system plowing progress is at 49%. There are currently 39 crane pads built and ready to receive and set tower components. The first tower component deliveries began July 18. Sixteen full sets of Turbine Components have been delivered to date. Erection has begun with the first top off planned to finish today.