



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 is substantially complete. Remaining work there focuses on installing equipment to manage wind turbine communications. Wanzek is currently installing the perimeter fence, wiring termination cabinets, and installing the Vestas Windfarm Management System at the collection substation. All T-Line structures have been set and anchored. Additionally, stringing and sagging transmission line cable is at 97% complete. Collection system plowing progress is at 94%. There are currently 72 crane pads built and ready to receive and set tower components. 45 full sets of Turbine Components have been delivered to date. Erection is underway with 38 Base-Mid sections stacked and 17 complete towers topped off.