



NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, D/B/A XCEL ENERGY, INC.

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CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE – COURTENAY WIND FARM

DATE: 11/17/2016

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. Vestas American Wind Technology, Inc. (Vestas) is the Turbine Supplier. Construction management teams from Xcel Energy, Wanzek, and Vestas are on-site and engaged in construction management. All Transmission Line work is now complete. All Collection cable plowing is now complete. All Turbine Component deliveries are now complete. Erection has been completed on 11/9. Circuit energization activities are continuing. Circuit 5, the final circuit, was energized on 11/14. 77 Turbines have been energized and commissioned to date. Seeding along roads continues and final reclamation work is being performed. The laydown yard is being reduced in size and job trailers are in process of being removed as on-site staff is being reduced.