



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

**ND PSC Case#: PU-15-174**

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE – COURTENAY WIND FARM**

**DATE: 12/08/2016**

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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. 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 is complete. Circuit energization is complete. All 100 Turbines have been energized and the Commercial Operation Date was signed on December 1, 2016. The laydown yard is being reduced in size and job trailers are in process of being removed as on-site staff continues to be reduced. All other reclaim activity has halted due to the inclement weather received this week. The remaining SWPPP inspections, seeding, and light civil work will continue at spring thaw.