



**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: 5/25/2017**

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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. The construction management team from Wanzek is 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. Wanzek has completed the spring work and signatures on the Final Completion Certificate are pending. Seeding is completed and the SWPPP will be transferred to Xcel Energy when the Final Completion Certificate is signed. Stutsman County has provided verbal approval that Wanzek has met county requirements for the project and is working on obtaining sign off from all townships in the project footprint. The Final Completion Certificate will be signed once this is obtained.