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**VIA EMAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Steven M. Kahl, Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: QUARTERLY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT  
ADVANCE PRUDENCE—1,550 MW WIND PORTFOLIO &  
304.2 MW DAKOTA RANGE WIND APPLICATION  
CASE NOS. PU-17-120 AND PU-17-372

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, provides the following quarterly construction progress report in compliance with the North Dakota Public Service Commission's December 6, 2018 ORDER ON SETTLEMENT in the above-referenced cases.

This quarterly report contains trade secret information consistent with the information described in the Company's March 29, 2017 Application for Trade Secret Protection, and approved in the North Dakota Public Service Commission's ORDER GRANTING TRADE SECRET PROTECTION dated August 2, 2017 in Case No. PU-17-120 and in the Company's October 10, 2017 Application for Trade Secret Protection, and approved in the North Dakota Public Service Commission's ORDER GRANTING TRADE SECRET PROTECTION dated June 13, 2018 in Case No. PU-17-372. In accordance with Section 69-02-09-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, a single copy of the trade secret version of this quarterly report is provided in a sealed envelope marked **PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE**.

89 PU-17-372 Filed 05/01/2019 Pages: 4  
Compliance filing - Q1 Construction Progress Report - redacted  
Northern States Power Company  
David Sederquist

149 PU-17-120 Filed 05/01/2019 Pages: 4  
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**Q1 2019 REPORT**

Below is an update on the activity for each approved project during January, February, and March of 2019.

**Foxtail**

The project is still on track for commercial operation in September 2019.

Below are the Q1 2019 completed milestones:

02/05/19	Control building was offloaded and installed in the substation.
03/22/19	O&M building was erected and enclosed.

**Blazing Star I**

The project is still on track for commercial operation in December 2019.

Below is the Q1 2019 completed milestone:

03/05/19	Site Permit Amendment Approved by MPUC at Agenda Meeting (Docket No. IP-6961/WS-16-686).
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**Blazing Star II**

The project is on track for commercial operation in September 2020.

Below are the Q1 2019 completed milestones:

01/01/19	Start of Balance of Plant (BOP) Engineering.
03/01/19	MISO Transmission System Impact Study Complete.
03/21/19	Completed acquisition of the project from Geronimo.

**Freeborn**

The project is still on track for commercial operation in December 2020.

Below are the Q1 2019 completed milestones:

03/15/19	MPUC issued the Written Order for the Route Permit (Docket No. IP-6946/TL-17-322) denying all petitions for reconsideration.
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**Crowned Ridge (Power Purchase Agreement)**

The project is still on track for commercial operation in December 2019.

Below is the Q1 2019 completed milestone:

03/29/19	The Second Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) signed. The date by which the <b>[PROTECTED DATA BEGINS</b>
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**Crowned Ridge II (Build-Own-Transfer)**

The project is currently forecasted for commercial operation in March 2020. This represents a slight shift in our initial expectation regarding commercial operation (from fourth quarter 2019).

Below are the Q1 2019 completed milestones:

- 02/05/19      Crowned Ridge 5-mile Transmission Line Permit approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC). (Docket No. EL18-019)
- 03/19/19      Received the Phase One System Impact Study (SIS), which is part of the MISO studies needed for interconnection.

**Lake Benton II (Build-Own-Transfer)**

The project is still on track for commercial operation in December 2019.

Below are the Q1 2019 completed milestones:

- 02/25/19      Received the Federal Aviation Administration “Determination of No Hazard” ruling.
- 03/14/19      Received MPUC written order for the construction of the Lake Benton II Wind Project. (Docket No. IP-6903/WS-18-179)
- 03/31/19      PPA Suspension Agreement executed to allow existing project decommissioning to begin.

**Clean Energy #1 (Power Purchase Agreement)**

The project is still on track for commercial operation in December 2019.

Below are the Q1 2019 completed milestones:

- 02/08/19      Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – ALLETE Clean Energy filed the finalized wind turbine locations with the FAA.
- 03/19/19      ACE executed the Full Service Agreement (FSA) with GE to perform all Wind Turbine Generation (WTG) maintenance for the first 15 years of the project, with 5-year term extension option.

**Dakota Range I and II**

The project is still on track for commercial operation in November 2021.

Below are the Q1 2019 completed milestones:

- 03/08/19      South Dakota Supreme Court filed order dismissing the appeal of site permit after settlement reached.
- 03/22/19      Closed the Purchase and Sale (PSA) with APEX Clean Energy, LLC.

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Please feel free to contact me at (701) 241-8632 or [dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com](mailto:dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David H. Sederquist". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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SR. CONSULTANT, REGULATION & FINANCE