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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Steven M. Kahl, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard
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RE: QUARTERLY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT
1,550 MW WIND PORTFOLIO & 304.2 MW DAKOTA RANGE PROJECT
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 Advanced Determination of Prudence (ADP) cases.

Order point 2 states:

- 2. NSP shall file quarterly construction progress reports until the last project is in service, indicating the development status of each project.*

Q4 2020 REPORT

Below is an update on the activity for each approved project during October, November and December of 2020. The Company is continually monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and the effect it could have on the projects that have not reached commercial operation. We will keep the Commission updated on any COVID-19 pandemic impacts in these quarterly filings.

Foxtail (150 MW, ND)

The project achieved commercial operation in December 31, 2019. The Aircraft Detection Lighting System was completed and operational on April 7, 2020.

Blazing Star I (200 MW, MN)

The project achieved commercial operation on April 3, 2020.

Blazing Star II (200 MW, MN)

Blazing Star II achieved commercial operation on January 28, 2021. The shift into 2021 was primarily due to COVID-19 supply chain issues with the turbine supplier, Vestas. The project experienced additional cost pressures as a result.

Below are the Q4 2020 completed milestones:

10/04/2020	BS2 Substation energized.
10/05/2020	First circuit energized.
11/02/2020	First turbine fully commissioned.
12/22/2020	Last circuit energized.
12/22/2020	Last turbine mechanically complete.
12/31/2020	56 th turbine fully commissioned (44 turbines remain).

Freeborn (200 MW, MN & IA)

Due to COVID-19 and permitting delays, Freeborn is currently forecasted for commercial operation by March 31, 2021 and is experiencing additional cost pressures as a result.

Below are the Q4 2020 completed milestones:

10/21/2020	First turbine topped off.
11/06/2020	Transmission line and substation energized.
11/20/2020	Turbine foundations completed.
12/18/2020	First collection circuit energized.
12/21/2020	Turbine commissioning started.

Crowned Ridge I (200 MW, SD, Power Purchase Agreement)

Crowned Ridge I achieved commercial operation on January 10, 2020.

Crowned Ridge II (200 MW, SD, Build-Own-Transfer)

Crowned Ridge I achieved commercial operation on December 17, 2020.

Below are the Q4 2020 completed milestones:

11/30/2020	Completed construction and startup activities.
12/14/2020	Xcel filed the merger documents with the MN Secretary of State on December 14, 2020. The merger became effective on December 17, 2020.
12/17/2020	Achieved “Financial Close”, COD and was placed “in-service” as an Xcel Energy asset on December 17, 2020.

Lake Benton II (100 MW, MN, Build-Own-Transfer)

The commercial operation date for Lake Benton II was November 15, 2019.

**Glen Ullin Energy Center, previously known as Clean Energy #1
(106.08 MW, ND, Power Purchase Agreement)**

The Glen Ullin Energy Center Project achieved commercial operation on December 19, 2019.

Dakota Range I and II (302.4 MW, SD)

The project is on track for commercial operation in December 2021.

Below are the Q4 2020 completed milestones:

11/25/2020	Project site civil grading is complete for the project area including turbine access road installation and stabilization.
11/06/2020	Seventy-one of a total seventy-two turbine foundations (pedestals) have been completed.
12/18/2020	The substation ground grid, main step up transformer and capacitor bank pedestals have been installed.
12/24/2020	The project BOP contractor initiated a crane “drive by” to begin the process of finalizing their turbine section delivery schedule.

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

Sincerely,



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