

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

NDPSC CASE NO. PU-17-284

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE – FOXTAIL WIND

MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2018

Xcel Energy provides the following update to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on construction activity at the Foxtail Wind Farm. Prior to construction, AECOM completed a tree and shrub inventory in the construction corridor. The site was surveyed by Xcel Energy for noxious weed infestations. Training on noxious weeds, wildlife conservation strategy, and cultural and tribal resource monitoring were completed prior to construction and will be ongoing with the arrival of new workers.

Wanzek Construction, Inc. (Wanzek) commenced construction activities at the project on June 20, 2018 in the laydown yard. Keitu Engineering was onsite to observe topsoil removal. Activity at the site has been focused on mobilizing equipment and materials, job setup, civil activities, and foundation activities. Civil activities include installing BMPs per the SWPPP, stripping topsoil, grading sites, preparing access road subgrade, and aggregate placement on access roads. Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) foundations started with the first excavation on August 4th. Foundation crews are currently working on excavations, rebar placement, and concrete placement. Month of August also saw the start of foundation work at the Substation. Substation crews are preparing for delivering of the Main Power Transformer (MPT), currently scheduled for next month.

To date, progress status is listed below.

- Civil Activities
 - Access Road Topsoil Stripping-51% complete
 - Access Road Subgrade preparation – 44% complete
 - Access Road Gravel Installed – 24% complete
 - Turbine site with topsoil stripped and graded – 45% complete.
- WTG Foundation
 - Excavate Base – 30% complete
 - Concrete Placement – 11% complete
- O&M Building
 - O&M site grading – complete
- Substation
 - Substation pad grading – complete
 - Foundations – 25% complete