

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 SEPTEMBER 30, 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) continued with its civil construction and is now nearing the completion of topsoil stripping. Grading work at the turbine sites continued in preparation for next year's turbine installation. Wanzek continued with the installation of the access road gravel and was able to make good progress. WTG foundation concrete placement is now over halfway complete and foundation backfill has started. Collection system activities started in September with underground cable installation and boring under roadways and wetlands. Substation work was limited to receiving of materials.

To date, progress status is listed below.

- Civil Activities
 - Access Road Topsoil Stripping-89% complete
 - Access Road Subgrade preparation – 86% complete
 - Access Road Gravel Installed – 63% complete
 - Turbine site with topsoil stripped and graded – 88% complete.
- WTG Foundation
 - Excavate Base – 65% complete
 - Concrete Placement – 51% complete
 - Foundation Backfill – 5% complete
- Collection System
 - Cable Installation – 22% complete
- O&M Building
 - O&M site grading – complete
- Substation
 - Substation pad grading – complete
 - Foundations – 25% complete