

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 OCTOBER 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) continued with its civil construction and completed topsoil stripping for access roads in the month of October. Grading work on turbine sites and graveling of access roads is nearing completion. Maintenance and improvements to County and Township roads were started in October in preparation for next year's turbine deliveries. Collection cable installation scheduled for 2018 is now complete and will resume in the spring of 2019. Only nine WTG foundation concrete placements remain and will be completed in the month of November. MPT was delivered to the collector substation and offloaded on 10/23/18. Wanzek completed all of the substation equipment foundations in the month of October. O&M building foundation construction has started and building framing materials are scheduled to be delivered in the month of November.

To date, progress status is listed below.

- Civil Activities
 - Access Road Topsoil Stripping-100% complete
 - Access Road Subgrade preparation – 98% complete
 - Access Road Gravel Installed – 88% complete
 - Turbine site with topsoil stripped and graded – 99% complete.
- WTG Foundation
 - Excavate Base – 96% complete
 - Concrete Placement – 88% complete
 - Foundation Backfill – 24% complete
- Collection System
 - Cable Installation – 32% complete
- O&M Building
 - O&M site grading – complete
 - Foundations – 20% complete
- Substation
 - Substation pad grading – complete
 - Foundations – 100% complete
 - Underground conduit and grounding – 10% complete