

**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 November 30, 2018**

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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.

Due to weather conditions and frost, many of Wanzek Construction, Inc. (Wanzek) activities during the month of November were put on hold until next spring. Wanzek nearly completed the required access road construction work for turbine component delivery. This will be completed next spring when conditions allow. Some maintenance and improvements to County and Township roads continued and finished for the year. Intersection improvements for the large turbine components will take place next spring. WTG foundation concrete placements continued and only five remain. Wanzek still plans to complete WTG foundations this year. Substation work included assembly of the Main Power Transformer, installation of underground conduit, and installation of grounding. O&M building foundation construction continued and the material for the building was delivered to site. Work on the building will continue throughout the winter.

To date, progress status is listed below.

- Civil Activities
  - Access Road Topsoil Stripping-100% complete
  - Access Road Subgrade preparation – 99% complete
  - Access Road Gravel Installed – 91% complete
  - Turbine site with topsoil stripped and graded – 100% complete.
- WTG Foundation
  - Excavate Base – 100% complete
  - Concrete Placement –93% complete
  - Foundation Backfill – 37% complete
- Collection System
  - Cable Installation – 32% complete
- O&M Building
  - O&M site grading – complete
  - Foundations – 60% complete
- Substation
  - Foundations – 100% complete
  - Underground conduit and grounding – 20% complete