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VIA EMAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Steven M. Kahl, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard
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RE: QUARTERLY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT
ADVANCE PRUDENCE—1,550 MW WIND PORTFOLIO &
304.2 MW DAKOTA RANGE WIND APPLICATION
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 cases.

Q2 2019 REPORT

Below is an update on the activity for each approved project during April, May and June of 2019.

Foxtail (150 MW, ND)

The project is still on track for commercial operation in September 2019.

Below is the Q2 2019 completed milestone:

06/21/19	Transmission line construction complete.
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Blazing Star I (200 MW, MN)

The project is on track for commercial operation in January 2020. This is a slight shift from the original expectation of December 2019.

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152 PU-17-120 Filed 07/31/2019 Pages: 3
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Below are the Q2 2019 completed milestones:

05/13/19	Mobilization to the site began.
05/28/19	First access road installed.
06/18/19	First wind turbine foundation poured.

Blazing Star II (200 MW, MN)

The project is on track for commercial operation in December 2020.

Below are the Q2 2019 completed milestones:

06/18/19	Prepared and filed the Site Permit Amendment for Vestas V120 2.0 MW turbines (Docket No. IP-6985/WS-17-700).
06/30/19	Purchase order issued for the project autotransformer.

Freeborn (200 MW, MN & IA)

The project is still on track for commercial operation in December 2020.

Below are the Q2 2019 completed milestones:

05/10/19	MPUC issued the Written Order amending the Site Permit (Docket No. IP-6946/WS-17-410).
06/14/19	Xcel Energy closed on the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Invenergy to acquire the project.
06/18/19	Xcel Energy filed a Notice of Acquisition and Request for Transfer for both the Site Permit (Docket No. IP-6946/WS-17-410) and Route Permit (Docket No. IP-6946/TL-17-322).

Crowned Ridge (300 MW, SD, Power Purchase Agreement)

The project is still on track for commercial operation in December 2019.

Below are the Q2 2019 completed milestones:

04/08/19	Grant County Conditional Use Permit received
06/30/19	Transmission Construction Mobilization began

Crowned Ridge II (300 MW, SD, Build-Own-Transfer)

The project is currently forecasted for commercial operation in fourth quarter 2020. This represents a shift in our initial expectation regarding commercial operation (from fourth quarter 2019).

There were no completed milestones for Q2 2019.

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

The project is still on track for commercial operation in December 2019.

Below are the Q2 2019 completed milestones:

05/20/19	Decommissioning of the existing wind turbines commenced.
06/01/19	Project Road Construction commenced.

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

The project is still on track for commercial operation in December 2019.

Below is the Q2 2019 completed milestone:

06/19/19	Turbine deliveries have begun. Expecting first turbine erection the week of 07/09/19.
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Dakota Range I and II (302.4 MW, SD)

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

Below is the Q2 2019 completed milestone:

05/28/19	Issued RFP for the Main Power Transformers (MPTs)
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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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