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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.

Q3 2019 REPORT

Below is an update on the activity for each approved project during July, August and September of 2019.

Foxtail (150 MW, ND)

The project is on track for commercial operation in November 2019. This is a shift from September 2019 due to significant weather impacts slowing construction.

Below are the Q3 2019 completed milestones:

07/05/2019	Substation construction completed.
07/18/2019	O&M Building construction completed.
08/31/2019	Turbine offload completed.
09/19/2019	Decommissioning Plan approved by North Dakota Public Services Commission.

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.

Below are the Q3 2019 completed milestones:

07/07/2019	First turbine components received.
08/04/2019	First turbine erected.
09/21/2019	Operations and Maintenance building completed.

Blazing Star II (200 MW, MN)

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

Below is the Q3 2019 completed milestone:

09/09/2019	Pre-construction meeting with the Minnesota Department of Commerce for transmission line and project substation.
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Freeborn (200 MW, MN & IA)

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

Below are the Q3 2019 completed milestones:

08/20/2019	Site Permit Amendment filed under Docket No. IP-6946/WS-17-410.
09/05/2019	The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approved the transfer of the Site Permit (Docket No. IP-6946/WS-17-410) and Route Permit (Docket No. IP-6946/TL-17-322) at the Commission hearing.

Crowned Ridge (200 MW, SD, Power Purchase Agreement)

The project is still on track for commercial operation in December 2019. The size of this project has been reduced from 300 MW to 200 MW due to extensive interconnection cost assessments.

Below are the Q3 2019 completed milestones:

09/01/2019	Road construction began.
09/20/2019	Foundation construction began.

Crowned Ridge II (200 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). The size of this project has been reduced from 300 MW to 200 MW due to extensive interconnection cost assessments.

There were no completed milestones for Q3 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 Q3 2019 completed milestones:

07/15/2019	Foundation construction began. Wind turbines delivery started. Wind turbines construction started.
08/30/2019	Foundation construction complete. Road construction complete. Completion of project collection circuits. Wind turbine delivery complete.
09/30/2019	Wind turbine construction complete. Wind turbine mechanical completion certificates complete. Wind turbine commissioning 90% complete. Project interconnection 90% complete.

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 Q3 2019 completed milestone:

09/30/2019	20 full turbines have been erected; 15 turbines achieved mechanical completion certificates; 9 turbines have completed pre-commissioning.
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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 Q3 2019 completed milestone:

09/25/2019	Purchase order issued for Main Power Transformers.
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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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