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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Steven M. Kahl, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: QUARTERLY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT
1,550 MW WIND PORTFOLIO & 304.2 MW DAKOTA RANGE PROJECT
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 Advanced Determination of Prudence (ADP) cases.

Order point 2 states:

- 2. NSP shall file quarterly construction progress reports until the last project is in service, indicating the development status of each project.*

Q1 2021 REPORT

Below is an update on the activity for each approved project during January, February and March of 2021. The Company is continually monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and the effect it could have on the projects that have not reached commercial operation. We will keep the Commission updated on any COVID-19 pandemic impacts in these quarterly filings.

Foxtail (150 MW, ND)

The project achieved commercial operation in December 31, 2019. The Aircraft Detection Lighting System was completed and operational on April 7, 2020.

Blazing Star I (200 MW, MN)

The project achieved commercial operation on April 3, 2020.

Blazing Star II (200 MW, MN)

Blazing Star II achieved commercial operation on January 28, 2021.

Freeborn (200 MW, MN & IA)

Due to COVID-19 and permitting delays, Freeborn is currently forecasted for commercial operation by mid-May and is experiencing additional cost pressures as a result.

Below are the Q1 2021 completed milestones:

03/19/2021	Last turbine topped off.
03/29/2021	Last collection circuit energized.
03/31/2021	29 of 100 turbines commissioned.

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

Crowned Ridge I achieved commercial operation on January 10, 2020.

Crowned Ridge II (200 MW, SD, Build-Own-Transfer)

Crowned Ridge I achieved commercial operation on December 17, 2020.

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

The commercial operation date for Lake Benton II was November 15, 2019.

Glen Ullin Energy Center, previously known as Clean Energy #1 (106.08 MW, ND, Power Purchase Agreement)

The Glen Ullin Energy Center Project achieved commercial operation on December 19, 2019.

Dakota Range I and II (302.4 MW, SD)

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

Below are the Q1 2021 completed milestones:

01/29/2021	All collector substation foundations completed.
03/18/2021	Project O&M building interior scope completed.
03/26/2021	Project Main Step-Up Transformers assembly complete and undergoing testing.
03/30/2021	Electrical Engineering Issued for Construction (IFC) drawings completed.
03/30/2021	Continued crane path evaluation and cultural surveys.
03/30/2021	Collection cable delivery is 93% complete.

Please feel free to contact me at (701) 241-8632 or dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David H. Sederquist". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

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