

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 December 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) was able to complete the remaining five WTG foundation concrete placements during the month of December. Progress was able to continue at the Substation where crews installed the perimeter fence, continue with conduit installation, and continue receiving equipment. Most substation work will be put on hold until conditions allow in the spring time except for some offloading of equipment. Wanzek started the framing for the O&M Building and will continue working on the building structure for the next couple of months.

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 –100% complete
 - Foundation Backfill – 37% complete
- Collection System
 - Cable Installation – 32% complete
- O&M Building
 - Foundations – 60% complete
 - Building Structure – 5% complete
 - Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing – 5% complete
- Substation
 - Foundations – 100% complete
 - Underground conduit and grounding – 25% complete