

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 February 28, 2019

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.

In February, Wanzek was able to offload the Electrical Equipment Enclosure and set it onto concrete foundation in the substation. This was the only work performed at the substation. Wanzek's substation crew is scheduled to return in the month of March. At the O&M Building, Wanzek worked to enclose the building. Sheathing, windows, and doors are almost complete. Crews will continue over the next couple of months enclose the building and finish off the interior. All other activities are on hold until conditions allow in the spring (anticipating restarting in the month of May).

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 – 80% complete
 - Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing – 5% complete
- Substation
 - Foundations – 100% complete
 - Underground conduit and grounding – 25% complete