NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESTOA CORPORATION, D/B/A XCEL ENERGY, INC.

NDPSC CASE NO. PU-18-144

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE – FOXTAIL WIND

MONTH ENDING March 31, 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.

Wanzek Construction returned to working on the Substation in the middle of March. Crews started with snow removal and once that was complete, steel and equipment installation began. As soon as conditions allow, underground conduit and grounding will resume. At the O&M Building, Wanzek completely enclosed the building and was able to focus on the interior. Under concrete slab plumbing and electrical were installed in preparation for the concrete slab placement that will occur in April. After the slab has been placed and allowed to cure, crews will continue over the next couple of months finishing 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
  - Site Work – 50% complete
  - Foundations – 62% complete
  - Building Structure – 95% complete
  - Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing – 14% complete

- Substation
  - Foundations – 100% complete
  - Underground conduit and grounding – 25% complete
  - Steel/Bus Install – 15% complete
  - Equipment Install – 14% complete