

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 April 30, 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.

There was a lot of progress at Foxtail Wind during the month of April. Substation crews were able to install a good portion of the structural steel and equipment. Underground conduit and grounding resumed and crews began running cable from the equipment to the Electrical Equipment Enclosure. At the O&M Building, the interior slab was poured and crews were able to begin interior framing. Interior mechanical ductwork, plumbing and electrical work was also started.

With the spring thaw, Wanzek Construction also began preparing for civil and collection activities to resume in May. When civil crews arrive in May, they will focus their work on preparing for turbine component deliveries (component deliveries start in June) and WTG foundation backfills. Collection crews will continue where they left off and will start installing underground cable from turbine to turbine.

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 – 100% complete
 - Building Structure – 98% complete
 - Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing – 30% complete
 - Interior Finishes – 10% complete

- Substation
 - Foundations – 100% complete
 - Underground conduit and grounding – 70% complete
 - Steel/Bus Install – 75% complete
 - Equipment Install – 65% complete