

**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 May 31, 2019**

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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.

The month of May saw Wanzek's civil crews return to site. Civil crews worked to prepare the site for WTG component deliveries. Work was performed on large intersection modifications, WTG backfills, crane pad construction, and compacting access road shoulders. At the very end of the month, Wanzek's subcontractor mobilized collection equipment for cable install. Cable install from turbine to turbine will begin in the month of June. The substation is getting close to completion with a majority of equipment set and tested. The interconnecting transmission Line into the MDU switchyard will be installed in June and will allow for substation energization. The interior of the O&M Building is getting close to completion. There is some electrical and plumbing work that remains. Containers with WTG installation tooling and parts started arriving to site and will continue into June.

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 – 47% complete
- Collection System
  - Cable Installation – 32% complete
- O&M Building
  - Site Work – 60% complete
  - Foundations – 100% complete
  - Building Structure – 99% complete
  - Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing – 90% complete
  - Interior Finishes – 80% complete

- Substation
  - Foundations – 100% complete
  - Underground conduit and grounding – 99% complete
  - Steel/Bus Install – 90% complete
  - Equipment Install – 95% complete
  - Testing – 60% complete