

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 June 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.

June was an exciting and busy month for Foxtail Wind. WTG component deliveries started arriving to site and getting offloaded at individual pad sites. Wanzek Construction received and assembled cranes used for WTG installation. The sky line started to change with the installation of the base and mid tower components. At the end of June, seven base and mid components were installed. The rest of the component installation will start in the month of July. Civil crews continued working on the large intersection modifications, WTG backfills, crane pad construction, and compacting access road shoulders. Collection crews were able to start and complete a good portion of the turbine to turbine cable install. Substation, Transmission Line, and O&M Building are near completion with only minor punch list items left to complete.

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.
 - Intersection modifications – 55% complete
- WTG Foundation
 - Excavate Base – 100% complete
 - Concrete Placement –100% complete
 - Foundation Backfill – 80% complete
- Collection System
 - Cable Installation – 84% complete
- O&M Building
 - Site Work – 95% complete
 - Foundations – 100% complete
 - Building Structure – 99% complete
 - Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing – 99% complete
 - Interior Finishes – 99% complete

- Substation
 - Foundations – 100% complete
 - Underground conduit and grounding – 99% complete
 - Steel/Bus Install – 99% complete
 - Equipment Install – 99% complete
 - Testing – 95% complete
- WTG Installation
 - WTG Receiving – 24% complete
 - Base/Mid installation – 9% complete