

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 July 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.

July was another productive month for Foxtail Wind. WTG component deliveries continued and the WTG installation activities hit full swing. The substation was energized and is now available to provide power for WTG's when commissioning activities begin. Commissioning should start in the month of August. All of the collection cable has been installed in the ground and quality testing of the cable and terminations as started. Civil crews were able to complete WTG backfills and are working on completing the intersection modifications, crane pads, and access road shoulders. Final grading work remains at the Substation and O&M Building.

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 – 89% complete
- WTG Foundation
 - Excavate Base – 100% complete
 - Concrete Placement –100% complete
 - Foundation Backfill – 100% complete
- Collection System
 - Cable Installation – 100% complete
- O&M Building
 - Site Work – 99% complete
 - Foundations – 100% complete
 - Building Structure – 100% complete
 - Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing – 100% complete
 - Interior Finishes – 99% complete

- Substation
 - Foundations – 100% complete
 - Underground conduit and grounding – 100% complete
 - Steel/Bus Install – 100% complete
 - Equipment Install – 99% complete
 - Testing – 100% complete
- WTG Installation
 - WTG Receiving – 62% complete
 - Base/Mid installation – 44% complete
 - Top/Nacelle/Blades installation – 16% complete
 - Mechanical Completion – 1% complete