

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 August 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.

Foxtail reached a milestone with all WTG component deliveries being completed in the month of August. Cranes are working their way through the project assembling the WTG components. At the end of August, over half the WTG's are fully assembled with blades. The first circuit was energized, which allows for the turbine supplier to start commissioning activities. Now that deliveries are complete, civil crews have begun reclaiming access road shoulders, intersection modifications, and turbines sites.

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 – 100% complete
 - Reclamation – 30% 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 – 100% complete
 - Base/Mid installation – 83% complete
 - Top/Nacelle/Blades installation – 53% complete
 - Mechanical Completion – 31% complete