

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 September 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.

The Foxtail project continued on with WTG installation during the month of September and only has eight remaining WTG's to be installed. A total of four circuits are now energized, which allows for over two-thirds of the total WTG's available for commissioning activities. WTG turbine supplier worked on those commissioning activities to start preparing for commercial operations. Civil crews continued reclaiming access road shoulders, intersection modifications, collection line paths, crane walks, 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 – 40% complete
- WTG Foundation – 100% complete
- Collection System – 98% complete
- O&M Building
 - Site Work – 99% complete
 - Foundations – 100% complete
 - Building Structure – 100% complete
 - Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing – 100% complete
 - Interior Finishes – 100% 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 – 89% complete
 - Top/Nacelle/Blades installation – 89% complete
 - Mechanical Completion – 68% complete