

Site/Project Location: Emmons and Logan Counties, ND

Date of Inspection: 10 June 2020

Keitu staff visited the Aurora Wind Transmission project for a construction inspection. Inspection of construction sites focused on (1) confirming surface disturbance/work occurring within ND PSC-approved work corridor and/or route; (2) topsoil segregation occurring; (3) vegetation removal consistent with tree & scrub mitigation plan; and (4) storm water runoff and sediment control.

Observed Work / Weather Conditions

Visit occurred between 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The weather was clear and sunny, temperature at 78°F, winds at 15-20 mph out of the west and no precipitation.

The transmission line project has been underway since fall of 2020. At the time of the inspection, several transmission structures were in place and construction of the substation was ongoing.

Top Soil Management / Condition / Erosion Control / Stormwater Management

During the inspection, stripped topsoil was noted along access roads and the substation site. Topsoil was appropriately segregated from the subsoil with it being piled along the opposite side of access roads and at the substation. Erosion control and stormwater management BMPs were in good condition and working effectively.

Vegetation Condition

There were locations where trees were removed from single row shelterbelts for string roads to turbine sites. The number of trees removed was minimal. Enel Green Power will follow the tree and shrub mitigation plan submitted as part of their Application for Certificate of Site Compatibility. There are locations where access roads for the transmission line were constructed through agricultural fields currently in crop production.

Deficiencies

No deficiencies were noted during the construction inspection.

Actions Taken/To Be Taken

Erosion control and stormwater BMPs should continue to be routinely evaluated and replaced or repaired as necessary. Topsoil piles will be used to revegetate areas not used for permanent roads.

Keitu Inspector: ZAP

Inspection Report Submitted: 29 June 2020

Report Photo #1 "Substation with ongoing construction"



Report Photo #2 "Transmission structures with construction completed"



Report Photo #3 “Base of completed structure”



Report Photo #4 “Area with trees removed for transmission line”



Site Location Map

