

**Site/Project Location:** Northern Divide Wind Transmission Line      **Date of Inspection:** 24 November 2020

Keitu staff visited the Northern Divide Wind Energy Transmission Line 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 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The weather was foggy, temperature at 16°F, winds at 10-15 mph out of the northwest and no precipitation.

The transmission line project has been underway since July of 2020. At the time of the inspection, construction of the project substation was nearing completion, and construction of the transmission line structures was ongoing. Construction of the transmission line and substation is expected to be completed in December of 2020.

Photo GPS points were taken during the inspection as a location reference for transmission line structures and the substation. Transmission line structures that were completed and currently under construction were visited. All transmission line structures visited were located outside the determined exclusionary zones and several signs marking cultural and environmental exclusionary zones were noted.

**Top Soil Management / Condition / Erosion Control / Stormwater Management**

During the inspection, stripped topsoil was noted along string roads, transmission line ROW, and structure locations. Topsoil was appropriately segregated from the subsoil with it being piled along the opposite side of string roads and in separate piles where transmission line structures were being constructed. Erosion control and stormwater management BMPs were in good condition and working effectively; although the ground was frozen at the time of the inspection.

**Vegetation Condition**

There were no locations visited during the inspection where trees were removed for the transmission line ROW. NextEra Energy acknowledged that there may be some trees removed for the construction of the transmission line; however, the number of trees removed would be minimal. NextEra Energy will follow the tree and shrub mitigation plan submitted as part of their Application for Certificate of Site Compatibility.

**Deficiencies**

No deficiencies were noted during the construction inspection.

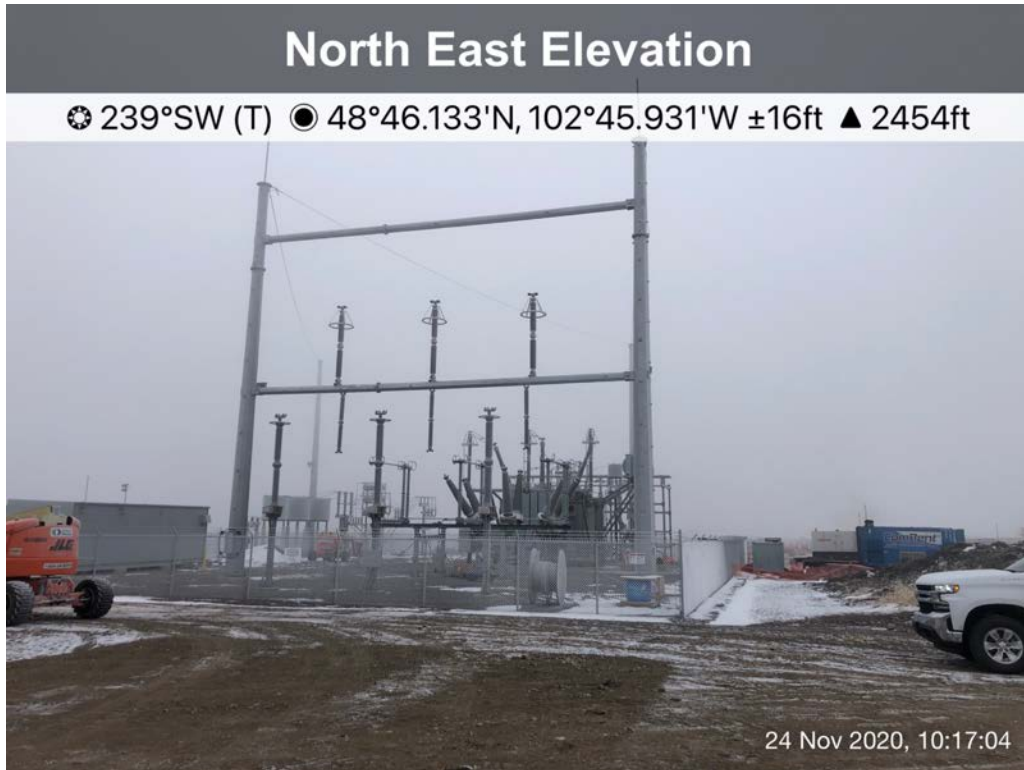
**Actions Taken/To Be Taken**

Reclamation and revegetation seeding will be completed in the spring of 2021 after the ground thaws. Topsoil piles will be used to revegetate areas not used for permanent roads.

**Keitu Inspector:** ZAP

**Inspection Report Submitted:** 29 December 2020

**Report Photo #1 "Substation"**



**Report Photo #2 "Recently Completed T-Line Structure"**



**Report Photo #3 "Structure Near Completion"**



**Report Photo #4 "Recently Completed T-Line Structures"**



**Site Location Map**

