



414 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-1993

July 30, 2020

**RE: Dakota Range I & II Wind Project Construction Start and Contact Information**

Dear Landowner:

Construction of Xcel Energy's Dakota Range I & II Wind Project is scheduled to start next week. Xcel Energy's contractor Mortenson Construction Company has been moving crews and equipment into the area and will begin on Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup> by installing access roads followed by construction of foundations. Turbine installation will begin in spring of 2021. Enclosed with this mailing is a copy of the final South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) permit.

With the beginning of project construction please be aware that there will be increased vehicle traffic throughout the project area, particularly near the laydown yard, which is located in Grant County approximately one mile north of County Road 14 on County Road 3. As the project gets underway for your safety please keep in mind the following safety guidelines:

- To allow crews to do their critical work, and for everyone's safety, we ask that you not approach them in the field. This helps maintain social distance to keep everyone healthy. If you have questions or concerns about the project and wish to speak to someone we have provided contact information for the onsite land representative below.
- When arriving at any construction trailer for business, please respect the site COVID-19 social distancing and mask requirements.
- To enter any active construction sites including, but not limited to, turbine sites and locations where access roads are being built, personal protective equipment (PPE) is required.
- If observing any construction activities please do so from a distance, and do not enter any areas where construction activities are ongoing.
- Please be aware of increased heavy truck and pickup truck traffic on public roads in the project area and be alert for potential slow-moving construction traffic or unexpected turns.
- Please be conscious of any crane movements on gravel roads and follow directions of escorts to safely travel around them (in the event of this occurrence all cranes will have escorts in the front and rear).
- Please observe all construction activity signage (flagger ahead, trucks entering, or other warning signage).

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If you have questions or concerns about the project or construction Xcel Energy's on-site representative David Lau will be happy to help provide information or, if necessary, connect you with the appropriate contact person.

**Xcel Energy on site land representative:**

David Lau  
605-881-2622  
davidlauwind@gmail.com

The Commission has approved Eric Munz as the Public Liaison Officer (PLO) for the project. The role of the PLO is to work directly with landowners, on behalf of the Commission, to help facilitate communications between landowners and the Commission in the event that questions or concerns can not be resolved directly through Xcel Energy representatives.

**PUC Public Liaison Officer:**

Eric Munz  
605-251-7519  
emunz@concisionfs.com

You can also find additional information about the Project on the PUC web site or contact the South Dakota PUC directly at:

500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501  
(605) 773-3201  
<https://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2018/EL18-003.aspx>

Project information is also available at Xcel Energy's web site at:

**[www.XcelEnergy.com/DakotaRange](http://www.XcelEnergy.com/DakotaRange)**

Xcel Energy has agreements with the counties and townships within the project boundary for the maintenance and repair of roads impacted by the project. For participating landowners details about compensation for crop or other construction damages on private property are included within each lease document. If you would like to get a copy of your lease, please contact Xcel Energy and we will be happy to provide a copy.

Xcel Energy is also hosting a virtual meeting for participating landowners on Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to introduce the project team and provide an opportunity to landowners to ask questions. The link to access the meeting can be found at the project web site at [www.xcelenergy.com/DakotaRange](http://www.xcelenergy.com/DakotaRange). You can also attend via phone by dialing 1.346.248.7799. When prompted for a webinar ID use 952 3954 5221 and password 568033

We look forward to connecting with you and addressing your questions and concerns to ensure a successful project.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert K. Sandling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Sandling  
Project Manager  
Xcel Energy