

March 17, 2021

—VIA ELECTRONIC FILING—

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

RE: COMPLIANCE FILING
CROWNED RIDGE WIND II
DOCKET NO. EL19-027

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission this As Built filing for the Crowned Ridge Wind II wind farm, in compliance with the Site Permit Paragraph 45:

Within 90 days after the Project's commercial operation date, Applicant shall submit a report to the Commission that provides the following information:

- a) As-built location of structures and facilities, including drawing clearly showing compliance with the setbacks required by state and local governments set forth in Table 13.1 of the Applications;*
- b) ArcGIS shape files of the final wind turbine and facility layout;*
- c) The status or remedial activities for road damage, landowner property damage, crop damage, environmental damage, or any other damage resulting from Project construction activities; and,*
- d) A summary of any known landowner complaints and Applicant's plan for resolving those complaints.*

Outlined below is the response to items A through E above.

- a) Attachment A to this filing contains the As-built location of the structures and facilities.

- b) Attachment B (five files) contain the shape files of the final wind turbine and facility layout.
- c) The status of remedial activities:
- Road Damage:** Remedial activities are slated to occur in Q2 2021 as weather conditions allow and are expected to be completed by Q4 2021.
- Landowner Property Damage:** Property restoration activities will commence in Q2 of 2021 when weather conditions allow and are expected to be completed by Q3 2021.
- Crop Damage:** To date, Crowned Ridge has received sign-off on crop compensation packages for 40 percent of all affected property owners and anticipates all sign-offs on crop compensation packages and payments to landowners will be completed by Q3 2021.
- Environmental Damage:** No long-term environmental damage has occurred. An evaluation will be completed in the summer of 2021 to determine if seeding efforts in 2020 germinated properly or if re-seeding will need to occur to achieve the required 70 percent stabilization to close out the SWPPP permit later in the year.
- d) In January of 2019, the Company met with a landowner regarding a general noise complaint. The Company took preliminary noise readings in the area of the landowner's property and will conduct a complete noise study and evaluation in Q2 of this year when the weather permits and follow-up with any actions necessary based on the study/evaluation.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Pamela Gibbs at (612) 330-2889 or pamela.k.gibbs@xcelenergy.com or me at (605) 339-8350 steven.t.kolbeck@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures