

North Bend Wind Project, LLC

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Docket EL21-018
Monthly Construction Report

2023 Monthly Construction Activities 5/2023

The North Bend Project received the State PUC Permit from the South Dakota Public Utility Commission in late January 2023. Accomplishing this milestone allowed the Project to move forward with construction activities slated for Q2 2023. The layout has also been finalized for the site to comply with all Environmental and Regulatory Setback Data and received concurrence from the US Fish and Wild Life Services on January 18th, 2023. The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the NEPA process continues to move forward with the EA ending its public comment period 4/14/2023. WANZEK who is the North Bend Project EPC contractor continues to make progress and is nearly complete with the IFC Project Design.

Upcoming 5/2023 Construction Activities

The upcoming June activities will consist of the following:

- Laydown Yard 33% complete; remaining activities- strip and gravel
- Access Road- stripping 7% complete; County Road Stabilization 69% complete; remaining activities-cement stabilize county/access roads
- Substation Stripping- 100% complete
- Excavate Foundations;
- Rocking access roads-installation of approaches
- Civil Design IFC completed; Collection Design IFC completed (post FONSI revisions)
- Sitework and Foundations, Steel Installation
- Install temporary construction fencing documenting cultural exclusion areas utilizing Beaver Creek and Local Sioux Nation Tribal Monitors

Project Milestones

- Construction Start date: 5/22/2023
- Commercial Operations Date: 12/28/2023
- Reclamation Completion Date: 6/15/2024

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Permit Compliance Checklist

Condition	Condition Description	Filing Due Date	Filing Date	Notes
1	File Affidavit attesting all permits received to the commission	Prior to commercial Operation		
4	Send landowner notice letters and file a copy to the Commission	At least 14 days prior to Construction	6/12/2023	
8e	File road repair documentation to the Commission	Within 180 days after construction and reclamation		
10	Report discovery of critical habitat to Commission	Promptly upon discovery		
11	Notify SHPO and Commission if eligible historic/cultural resource cannot be avoided	Prior to excavation of affected area		
13	File final cultural resources investigation	Prior to commercial Operation		
14	File SWPPP to the Commission	Completion of Final design and SWPPP is finished for NPDES Permit	4/15/2023	
22	File affidavit for wind turbine location changes that are 250 feet or less, if needed, to the Commission	Prior to construction of the affected turbine		
22	File request for material change, if needed, to the Commission	Prior to construction of the affected turbine		
28	File required preconstruction information to the Commission	30 days prior to construction	<u>3/29/23</u>	
29	File post construction report to the Commission	Within 90 days after reaching commercial operations		
31	File Emergency Response Plan with Construction	Upon completion of construction		
32	Notify public safety agencies	Prior to construction	5/18/2023	

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33	File Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy with the Commission	Prior to construction	5/2/2023	
34	Notify Commission of decommissioning	Prior to decommissioning		
38	Provide copy of Permit and Conditions to local governments	Within 30 days of permit issuance	<u>2/10/23</u>	
39	File escrow agreement for Commission approval	At least 60 days prior to commercial operation	5/22/23	
42	Reports to Staff	Quarterly: Preconstruction and post construction until reclamation completed Monthly: During construction	<u>4/13/23</u>	
43	Key Project milestone notices to Commission a) Commencement of Construction b) Construction completion c) Commercial Operation Date Reclamation Completion Date	a) As soon as known, but no later than 5 business days prior b) Within five business days after date reached c) Upon date reached Within five business days after date reached	5/15/2023	
44	d) Bird displacement research report to SDGFP	d) After years 1 and 2 of study		
45	Grouse Lek monitoring report to SDGFP	After years 1 and 2 of study		