

North Fork Ridge Wind Project

Barton and Jasper Counties, Missouri



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1.0 Summary

There were no on-site activities during February. Final safety statistics and updated costs are provided in this report. Cost reporting will be finalized in the next few months.

2.0 Safety

There were no onsite activities during February. Man-hours at completion was 412,358, and the total number of safety incidents are reported below.

Period	Near Miss	Property Damage	First Aid	OSHA Recordable
To Date	18	34	28	3

3.0 Project Schedule

Substantial completion was achieved on November 21st, 2020, and turbine commissioning was completed on December 22nd, 2020. The Purchase and Sale Agreement closing occurred on January 27th, 2021.

4.0 Development Activities

With the exception of wildlife permitting and interconnection, development activities are nearly complete for North Fork Ridge. Both of those development activities are expected to be completed within the first year of commercial operation.

On January 27th, the Purchase and Sale Agreement was closed with the purchase of North Fork Ridge Wind Holdings, LLC by Empire. At that time, tax equity investors contributed their funding of North Fork Wind Holdings, LLC.

5.0 Construction Activities

This is the status of construction activities as of the end of January:

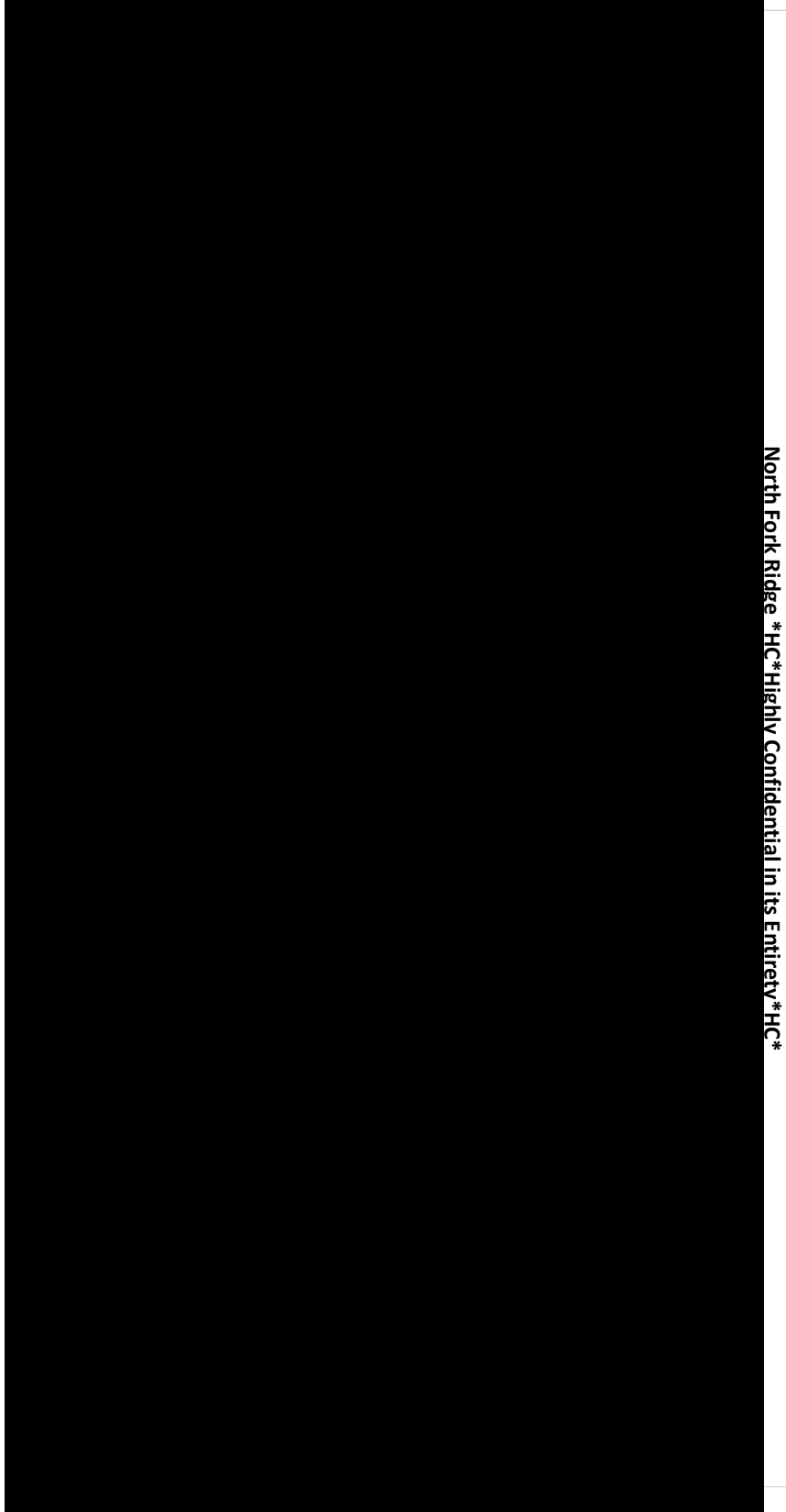
- Turbine foundations:
 - All foundations placed and backfilled
- Electrical activities:
 - Collection
 - Completed November 12th.
 - Substation:
 - Completed July 29th.
 - Generation tie line:
 - Completed July 29th.
- Erection:
 - Acceptance of turbine mechanical completion certificates completed.
 - Substantial completion achieved on November 21st.
- Commissioning:
 - Commissioning completed December 22nd.
- Restoration:
 - All restoration activities continued.
- Other:
 - Permanent met tower completed and commissioned.

Construction issues identified:

- Surge arrester failures: There were three surge arrester failure in December. The manufacturer has confirmed to Mortenson that the arresters were part of a defective lot. Mortenson has filed a warranty claim and is expecting to receive replacements from the manufacturer in mid- to late March. Mortenson will then work with Empire's operations and maintenance personnel to replace the arresters in a way that limits impact to plant availability.

6.0 Project Cost Report

Expenditures during February totaled ** [REDACTED] **. Project expenditures to date (excluding the PSA Purchase Price) are ** [REDACTED] ** of the total budgeted expenditure of ** [REDACTED] **. The current estimate at completion is ** [REDACTED] **. The major drivers of this variance remain increases in the Purchase and Sale Agreement Annex 1 costs, specifically those for schedule maintenance and for construction of the point of interconnection and generation tie line. A report of the project costs at completion including the purchase price will be provided in the next project progress report.



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7.0 Progress Photos

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8.0 Appendices

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