# Kings Point Wind Project

Barton, Dade, Jasper and Lawrence Counties, Missouri



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#### 1.0 **Summary**

Construction activities quickly ramped up at Kings Point during March. Project infrastructure like the laydown yard and concrete batch plant were completed and now support the civil work that is in progress. Work began on clearing turbine sites and excavating for foundations, which will start to be installed in April. Mortenson notified the project of a potential Force Majeure event due to COVID-19, but has not requested any change to the schedule to date. The project is currently on schedule for completion before December 31, 2020.

#### 2.0 Safety

As of March 31, 2020, there are 106 personnel on site, and cumulative man-hours worked are 26,099. There have been no OSHA-recordable incidents to date. The project reports the following safety incidents for the month of March:

Period	Near Miss	<b>Property Damage</b>	First Aid	OSHA Recordable
March 2020	2	3	2	0
To Date	2	3	2	0

#### Near misses:

Two incidents of trucks hauling construction equipment sliding off roads into ditches.

#### Property damage:

- A crane mat delivery truck scraped a Mortenson pickup truck that was parked in the turning radius.
- Wind caught the open door of a forklift, slamming the door and causing the window to break.
- While performing access road stabilization, a tiller struck an unmarked private 2" PVC water line. Restoration was completed at contractor's expense.

#### First aid:

- A worker reported eye discomfort. First aid was administered by the onsite medic.
- A worker dropped a pry bar on his finger, resulting in a contusion on his left thumb. First aid was administered by the onsite medic.

In an attempt to mitigate the risk posed to the project by the novel coronavirus, Mortenson implemented a site-specific plan consisting of measures meant to prevent the spread of the virus. The

plan has been updated as dictated by increasing prevalence of infection in the local community as well as changes in CDC guidance.

#### 3.0 Project Schedule

Based on the change order to the EPC contract between Kings Point Wind, LLC and Mortenson, substantial completion is scheduled to be achieved on December 5, 2020, marking the commencement of commercial operation. This has no impact to the schedule established in the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, Mortenson issued a Force Majeure notice to the project company regarding COVID-19. The impact to project schedule, if any, is not yet known, but Mortenson has indicated that a schedule change order will be requested, if appropriate. Mortenson's has implemented a project-specific COVID-19 prevention plan to mitigate the threat presented to project schedule.

#### 4.0 Development Activities

The most significant development activity during March was the project's engagement with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT). This relationship is critical to the project due to the large number of loads that must be delivered safely to the site on schedule. The project entered into a road maintenance agreement with MODOT that allows the project to perform maintenance on state highways and requires the project to restore the highways to good condition at completion of the project. The Project Company, Mortenson and MODOT held the first two bi-weekly coordination meetings required by the road maintenance agreement during March. A lot of ground was covered in these meetings, including updates on highway repairs and permits for radius improvements. This coordination will become increasingly important in the coming months, as turbine deliveries are scheduled to begin in May.

A tree clearing crew working on the generation tie line route uncovered an artifact, triggering the requirements of the Monitoring and Inadvertent Discovery Plan. The discovery was reported to the Osage Nation and the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) within twenty-four hours as required. After delineation of the site, Stantec's archaeologists determined that it was not significant. Both the Osage and Missouri SHPO concurred with Stantec's determination.

#### 5.0 Construction Activities

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

- Access road construction:
  - o Pioneering: 56,382 LF (69% complete)
  - Stabilization: 21,945 LF (27% complete)
  - o Rocked: 14,550 LF (18% complete)
- Turbine foundations:
  - o 11 foundations excavated (16% complete)
- Equipment supply:
  - Main power transformer factory acceptance test successfully complete

The following major construction activities are planned for April:

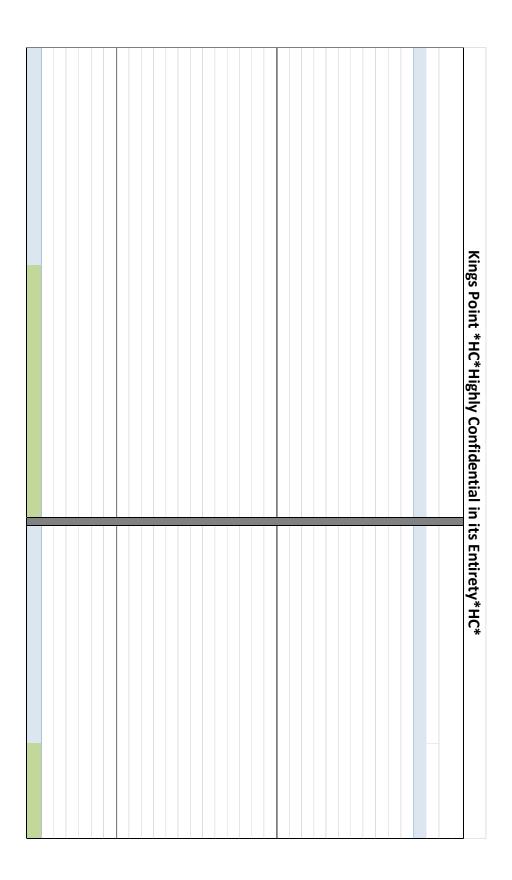
- Continue access road construction
- Continue foundation excavations
- Begin installing turbine foundations
- Begin substation grading and installation of substation foundations
- Electrical activities:
  - o Begin installation of collection system

Construction issues identified:

- COVID-19
  - Capacitor banks
  - o OPGW
- Electrical imaging for karstic features

### 6.0 Project Cost Report

Expenditures during February totaled \*\*\_\_\_\_\_\*\*. Project expenditures to date are \*\* \_\_\_\_\_\*\* of the total budgeted expenditure of \*\*\_\_\_\_\_\*\*. The largest expense for the month was for the engineering and construction of the point of interconnection for Kings Point. Kings Point Wind, LLC will pay Empire for these expenses as required by the terms of the interim generator interconnection agreement. There have been no increases to the anticipated total capital expense at completion. See the next page for a report detailing expenses by budget category.



## 7.0 Progress Photos



Picture 1. Concrete batch plant.



Picture 2. Foundation excavation for T-56.



Picture 3. Mud mat in T-62 foundation excavation.