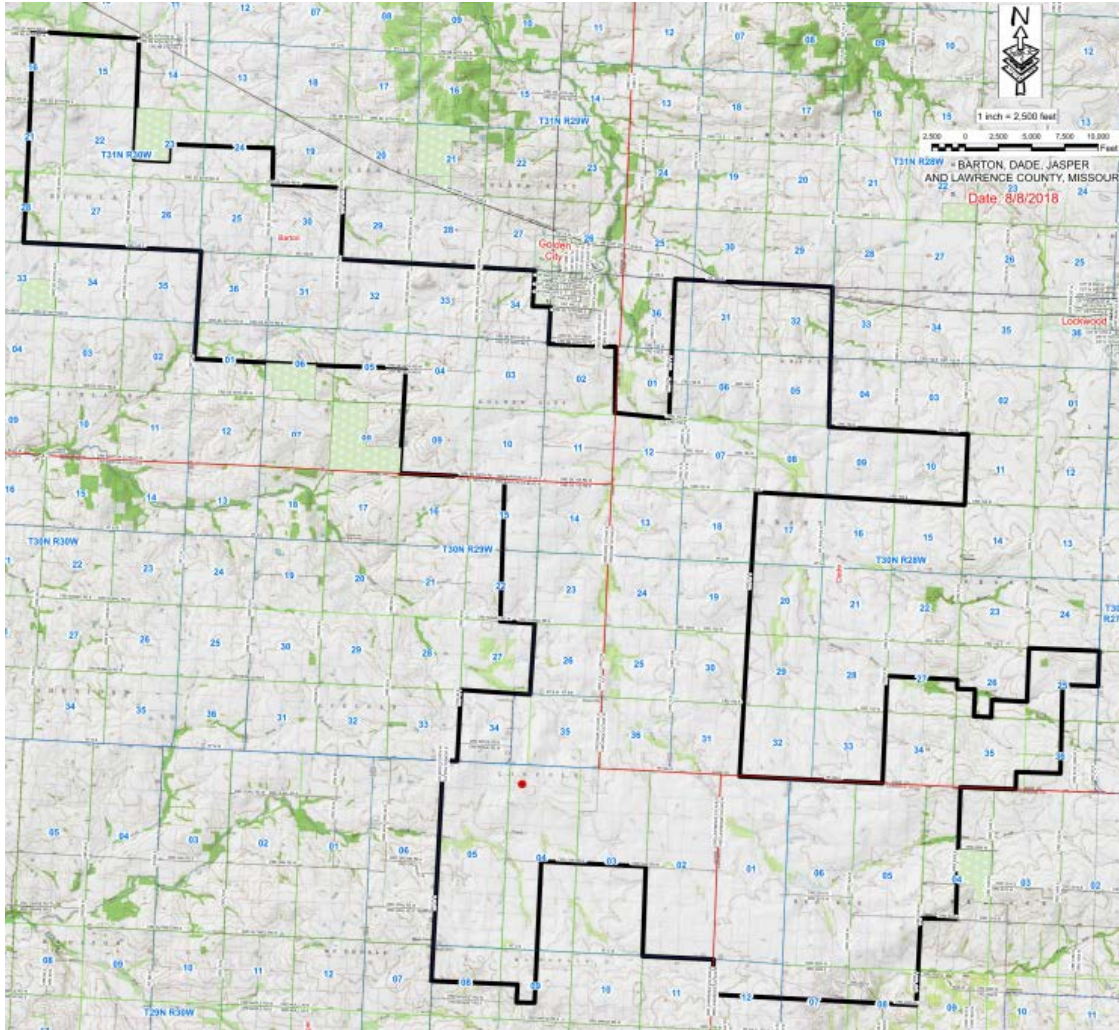


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1.0 Summary

As of the end of January, only one engineering package remains to be issued for construction. While the project continues to wait on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to issue the Section 404 Clean Water Act permit, notice to proceed was issued to the EPC contractor Mortenson Construction. Mortenson mobilized to the site on February 10.

2.0 Safety

No safety incidents to report at this time. More detailed reports regarding safety will be provided in the future, especially following the commencement of construction activities.

3.0 Project Schedule

There were no milestone deadlines during December. The Section 404 Clean Water Act permit is expected mid- to late February. Once the Section 404 permit has been issued, a detailed construction schedule will be provided in future issues of this report.

4.0 Development Activities

Development activities for the period were focused on permitting – most significantly the Section 404 Clean Water Act permit, which is a precursor to the start of construction. With the issuance of the Section 404 permit for North Fork Ridge on January 29, it is expected that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will be able to turn its full attention to the permit package for Kings Point. Empire expects the Section 404 permit for Kings Point to be issued mid- to late February. Work on the Monitoring and Inadvertent Discovery Plan continued in January and some changes were adopted as a result of the inadvertent discovery at North Fork Ridge in early January (see North Fork Ridge Wind Project Progress Report 6 for details).

5.0 Construction Activities

Construction activities during the report period largely consisted of engineering. Two of the three engineering designs that remained outstanding at the end of December were issued for construction in January – the generation tie line on January 17 and substation protection and control on January 31. The only outstanding design is the collection system, which has been held up by some right of way issues identified by the title survey. Resolution of those issues is expected in February.

The project's latest limited notice to proceed with Mortenson expired on January 31. Much like what was done at North Fork Ridge, full notice to proceed was issued to Mortenson prior to receipt of the Section 404 permit with the understanding that work would not be performed in areas of cultural significance to the Osage or where the Section 404 permit is required. Mortenson mobilized to the site on February 10, so with the Section 404 permit expected mid- to late February, this restriction is not expected to have any impact on productivity. Release to perform construction activities throughout the project will be given once the Section 404 permit is issued.

Based on progress reports provided by Siemens, the main power transformer core assembly was completed in January, as was the assembly of the core and coil. Siemens has agreed to store the transformer at the factory in Guanajuato, Mexico following factory acceptance testing and deliver it to the project site on May 11. There have been no manufacturing issues reported to date.

6.0 Project Cost Report

Expenditures during December totaled ** _____ **. Project expenditures to date are ** _____ ** of the total budgeted expenditure of ** _____ **. Major project expenditures for the month were for engineering and environmental consulting services and construction of the point of interconnection at the LaRussell substation. 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.

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7.0 Progress Photos

No photographs to share at this time.

Appendices