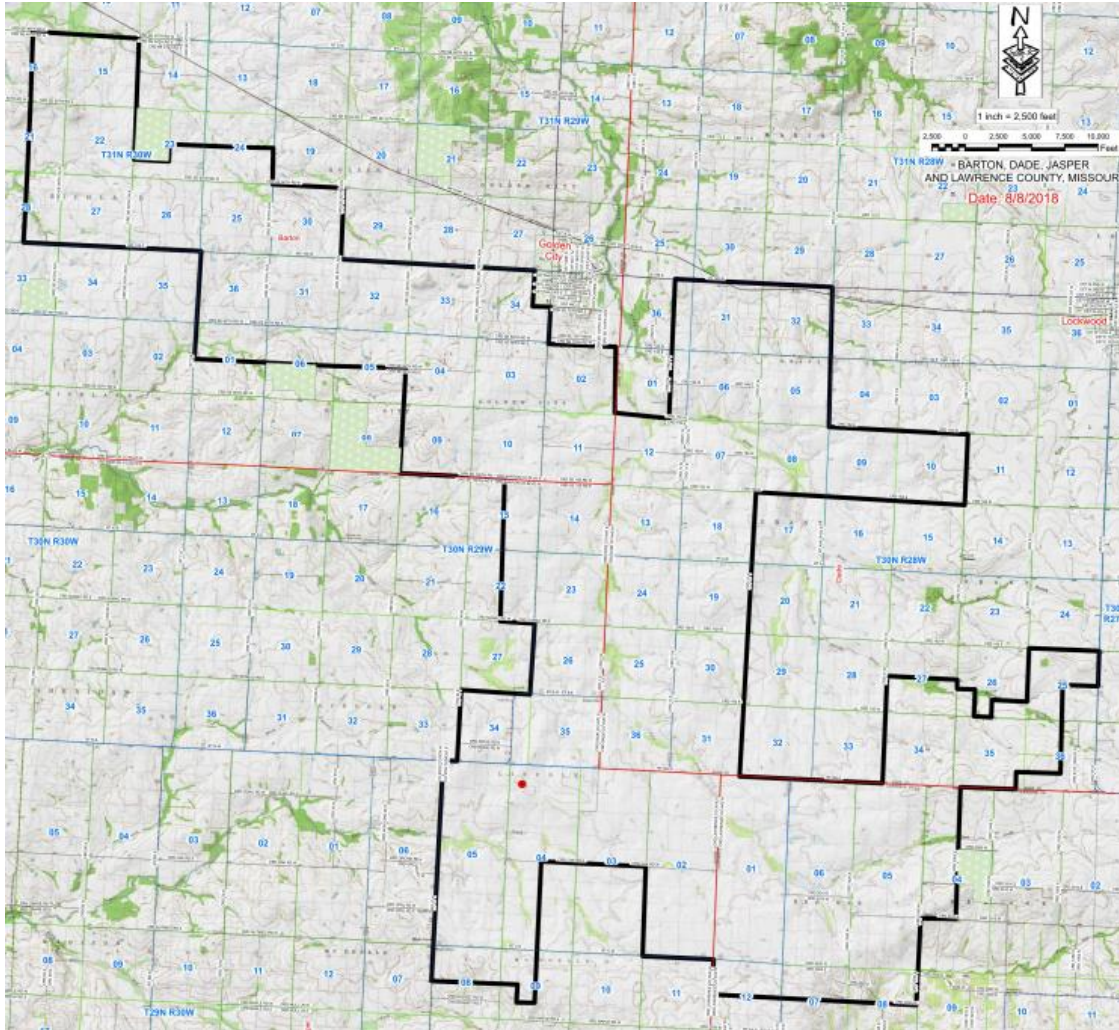


Kings Point Wind Project

Barton, Dade, Jasper and Lawrence Counties, Missouri



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1.0 Summary

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued the Section 404 Clean Water Act permit on February 19th, and Mortenson was released to work in all areas of the project. Mortenson's major efforts during February were focused on construction of access roads and project support infrastructure like the laydown yard and concrete batch plant. Vestas notified the project of a Force Majeure event due to COVID-19, but has not requested any change to the schedule to date. There were no safety incidents during February.

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 major construction activities.

3.0 Project Schedule

With the Section 404 Clean Water Act permit received on February 19th, the schedule will be updated, and future reports will contain more detailed schedule information as well as tracking of actual progress versus planned progress.

On February 5th, Vestas issued a Force Majeure notice to the project company regarding COVID-19. The impact to project schedule is not yet known, but Vestas has indicated that a schedule change order will be requested, if appropriate. No major turbine components for the project are sourced from China; however, there may be impacts on major turbine components that have supply chains originating in China. The project company and Empire will continue to discuss the manufacturing and shipping schedule with Vestas on a regular basis to allow for risk mitigation and development of contingency plans, if needed.

4.0 Development Activities

The Section 404 Clean Water Act permit for Kings Point was issued by the USACE on February 19th, and the EPC contractor was immediately released to work throughout the project site according to the conditions of the permit. With the Section 404 permit in hand, the project company was able to turn its attention to less urgent development issues, such as obtaining crossing agreements with other utilities in the project area. The Barton County Water District confirmed that it does not object to installation of any of the project infrastructure; however, they do have concerns for worker safety where collection cables run parallel to water district lines. The project company is working to alleviate the district's

concerns, with the objective to receive either a crossing agreement or non-objection letter by the end of March.

5.0 Construction Activities

Mortenson mobilized to the site on February 10th and began work on project infrastructure, such as the laydown yard and access roads. As of February 29th, access road pioneering was 35% complete, and 5% of the access roads had been stabilized. Topsoil has been stripped from 31 of the 69 turbine sites, and tree clearing on the tie line route is 25% complete.

Based on progress reports provided by Siemens, the main power transformer core has been installed in the tanks, and the transformer is in final assembly, which is expected to be complete on March 11th. Factory acceptance testing is scheduled to commence on March 20th. There have been no manufacturing issues reported to date.

6.0 Project Cost Report

Expenditures during January totaled ** _____ **. Project expenditures to date are ** _____ ** of the total budgeted expenditure of ** _____ **. A significant portion of this month's expenses were for additional intensive archaeological surveys required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before the Section 404 Clean Water Act permit would be issued. 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

No photographs to share at this time.

Appendices

Progress Report – CW 06 (Feb 07, 2020)

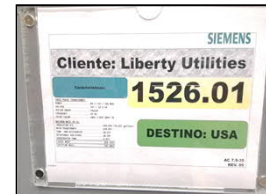
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Customer:	Liberty Utilities
Purchase Order:	462554
Type:	Power Transformer
Capacity, Ratings:	161-34.5 kV, 99/132/165 MVA
STM number:	1526.01

Current Stage:	Core & Coil Assembly will finish on Feb 10th, 2020
Next Stage:	Vapor Phase will start on Feb 12th, 2019

Stages:	Advance
• Winding Insulation	100%
• Winding	100%
• Core Building	100%
• Winding Assembly	100%
• Core & Coil Assembly	85%
• Vapor Phase	0%
• Tanking	0%
• Final Assembly	0%
• FAT	0%
• Preparation for Shipment	0%
• Transportation to jobsite	0%

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Current Stage: Core-Coils Assembly (85% advance)



Current Stage: Core-Coils Assembly (85% advance)



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Progress Report – CW 08 (Feb 22, 2020)

Project Name:	Kings Point
Customer:	Liberty Utilities
Purchase Order:	462554
Type:	Power Transformer
Capacity, Ratings:	161-34.5 kV, 99/132/165 MVA
STM number:	1526.01

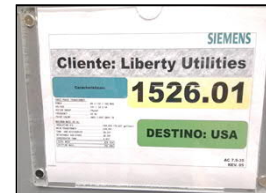
Current Stage:	Final Assembly will finish on March 11 th
Next Stage:	FAT will start on March 20 th , 2019

Stages:	Advance
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• Winding	100%
• Core Building	100%
• Winding Assembly	100%
• Core & Coil Assembly	100%
• Vapor Phase	100%
• Tanking	100%
• Final Assembly	0%
• FAT	0%
• Preparation for Shipment	0%
• Transportation to jobsite	0%

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Current Stage: Final Assembly (0% advance)



Current Stage: Final Assembly (0% advance)

