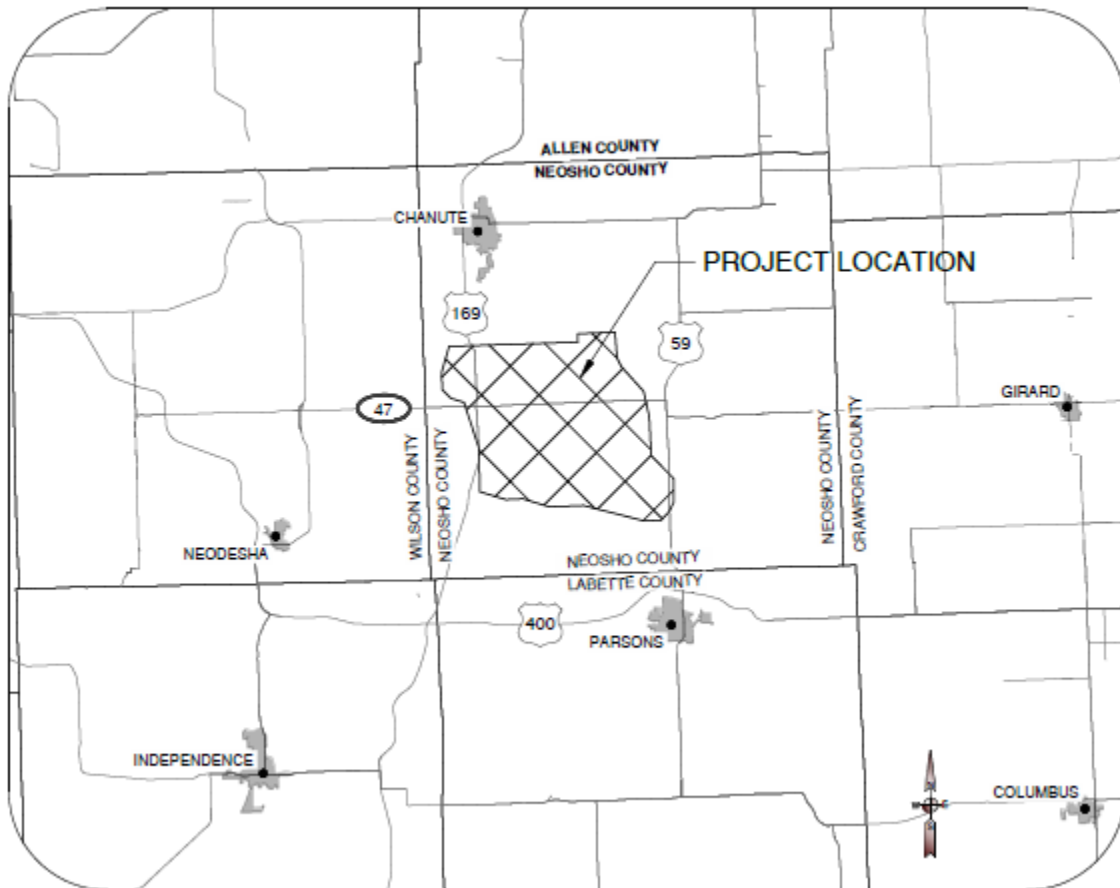


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1.0 Summary

From a development perspective, the majority of the activities have been completed and all that remains are minor construction related permits which are on-going. All major engineering design disciplines have been Issued for Construction (IFC). Various engineering studies are on-going.

Construction on-site continues, see below for a high level summary of the major activities that occurred during this reporting period:

- Public road improvements to culverts and intersections continued.
- Turbine access road installation is complete.
- Turbine foundation backfilling is nearly complete and crane pad installation continued.
- Turbine component deliveries and erection continued.
- Collection system installation is nearing completion and termination work has been initiated.
- All transmission line work has been completed with the exception of right of way reclamation.
- Foundations and setting of steel structures in the Substation are nearing completion and installation of the various components is underway.
- The first main power transformer (MPT) and transmission line were energized on July 20, 2020 and de-energized on July 21, 2020. The second MPT has arrived on-site and is expected to be energized during the next reporting period.

2.0 Safety

There were 14 incidents to report for this period:

- Property damage - Two tower can sections were vandalized via spray paint at batch plant yard.
- Property damage - Unknown individual put oil in DEF system tank of CAT forklift.
- Property Damage - Rope broke while pulling OPGW. Recoil broke a strut insulator.
- Property damage - After fueling track hoe operator swung hoe without fully checking surroundings and struck parked work truck.
- Property damage - Trencher struck unmarked Brine line. Report made to Kansas Dept of Health and Environment.
- Equipment damage - Forklift door, not fully latched, swung open and struck tire resulting in door and window damage.
- Environmental - Hydraulic spill discovered under installed hub at T002. Caused by removal of plugs without finishing installation of hoses.
- First Aid - Operator slipped while exiting a skid steer loader and bruised his hip.
- First Aid - Team member mis-stepped on deck of Semi-trailer and injured his ankle.
- Property damage - Generator installed to supply temporary power to sub-station control room without checking voltage setting. Resulted in minor arc flash in fuse box.

- Property damage - Blade gripper contacted crane boom. No damage.
- Property damage - Uninstalled FS1 beam discovered with damage in Substation yard.
- Property damage - Unmarked water line struck during boring operations.
- Vehicle damage - Unreported vehicle damage discovered by Equipment manager.

	Lost Time	Recordable	First Aid	Property Damage	Near Miss	Vehicle Incidents	Totals
This Period	0	0	2	12	0	0	14
Cumulative	0	0	5	42	1	11	59

3.0 Commercial Activities

3.1 Purchase and Sale Agreement

Contractual milestones achieved during the report period are as follows:

- *Seller:*
 - Nothing to report
- *Purchaser:*
 - Nothing to report

Contractual milestones to be achieved in the next report period as follows:

- *Seller:*
 - Nothing to report
- *Purchaser:*
 - Nothing to report

3.2 Turbine Supply Agreement and Service and Maintenance Agreement

During this reporting period, Vestas submitted to the project Excusable Event No. 13 under the Turbine Supply Agreement (TSA) which has been attached to this report as Appendix A. To date Vestas has submitted 13 Excusable Event Notices under the TSA and 1 Force Majeure Notice under the Service and Maintenance Agreement to the project. The project has responded to the Notices requesting additional information in support of Vestas' claims and will be evaluating the merits of those claims.

Due to the delays in the delivery of turbine components, a request for recovery plan was submitted to Vestas by the project on July 6, 2020. A response from Vestas was received on July 16, 2020, and is currently under review. Both the request and response have been attached as Appendix B

Finally, a Notice was sent to Vestas by the project on June 23, 2020 relating to damaged turbine components that were discovered by Vestas during erection activities. The Notice requests the following from Vestas: 1) a list of damaged components, 2) an engineering determination related to the damaged

components, 3) a plan for expedited delivery of top tower sections, and 4) an anticipated schedule for deliveries. This Notice has been included in Appendix A.

At the time of this reporting period the impact to the project cost and schedule is unknown. Any additional responses received from Vestas will be provided in subsequent reports.

3.3 Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement

There were no new Notices submitted by IEA to the project under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Agreement during this reporting period. To date IEA has submitted 6 Notices under the EPC Agreement to the project.

At the time of this reporting period the impact of the Notices to the project cost and schedule is unknown as negotiations with IEA regarding construction delays as a result of turbine delivery delays are underway. The project has responded to the Notices and further details will be provided in subsequent reports.

To date, the project has executed 2 Change Orders with IEA, both of which have been included as Appendix C. Note: per Change Order #2, the construction of the O&M Building has been removed from IEA's scope of work. Further details of the status of the O&M building contract and construction is provided in the Section 5. Change Order #1 has been included in Section 6 of this report however Change Order #2 will be included under Section 6 in the subsequent reporting period which will reflect the costs as of the end of July.

3.4 Interim Generator Interconnection Agreement

There were no new Notices submitted by Evergy to the project under the Interim Generator Interconnection Agreement (IGIA) during this reporting period. To date Evergy has submitted 1 Force Majeure Notice under IGIA to the project.

4.0 Development Activities

Development activities for the period were focused primarily on the project site plan and permitting at the State, and Neosho County level.

IEA, the EPC contractor, has identified locations within the proposed construction areas where existing underground infrastructure from local utilities exist and are working with the utilities to relocate the infrastructure or slightly modify the site plan to avoid the infrastructure. This work is on-going and nearly complete.

IEA continues to work towards obtaining all permits necessary to facilitate construction and is nearly complete. IEA had submitted for a stream obstruction permit on Irving road to the KSDA-DWR and has received approval to proceed with the work. Engineering consultant is working on elevation package as requested by the State to close out the permit. Line drops are being scheduled with the local utilities to facilitate crane crossing as necessary. All other construction related permits have been obtained.

The project filed the Market Base Rate (MBR) application on August 14th and the Notice of Self Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator (EWG) on August 11th, 2020. Both documents have been included as Appendix E.

5.0 Construction Activities

Construction activities during the report period largely consisted of engineering and site work.

All engineering designs have now been issued for construction (IFC), however various engineering studies are still on-going.

IEA continues construction on-site. The following provides an update on construction activities during this report period as well as the progress status of major activities:

- Public road culvert improvements as well as public road intersection improvements continued across the site.
- Turbine access road radii were complete and as such turbine access roads are now fully complete.
- All turbine foundations have been poured and backfilling is nearly complete.
- Crane pad construction continued.
- Turbine component deliveries and turbine erection is underway.
- Trenching, boring, and cable installation as it relates to the collection system is nearly complete. Termination work has been initiated.
- All transmission line work has been completed with the exception of reclamation of the right of way which is on-going.
- Substation construction is on-going. Foundations and setting of steel structures is nearing completion and installation of the various components is also nearly complete.
- The first main power transformer (MPT) and the transmission line were successfully energized on July 20, 2020, and de-energized on July 21, 2020 after the 24 hour soaking period for the MPT. The second MPT arrived on-site and has been set on the foundation. Crews continue to dress the MPT in preparation for energization which is expected to occur during the next reporting period.
- **WTG Access Roads**
 - Stripping: 195,360' of 195,360' = 100%
 - Cement Stabilized: 195,360' of 195,360' = 100%
 - Stoned: 195,360' of 195,360' = 100%
- **Turbine Foundations**
 - Sites Stripped: 139 of 139 = 100%
 - Excavated: 139 of 139 = 100%
 - Mud Mats: 139 of 139 = 100%
 - Rebar Installation: 139 of 139 = 100%
 - Poured: 139 of 139 = 100%
 - Backfilled: 132 of 139 = 95.0%

- Crane Pads Installed 74 of 139 = 53.2.0%
- **Offload/Erection**
 - Full Turbines Received: 49 of 139 = 35.3%
 - Full Turbines Erected: 11 of 139 = 7.9%
 - Tower's Wired 1 of 139 = 0.7%
 - MCC 0 of 139 = 0%
- **Collection**
 - Cable Installed 590,651 of 592,615 = 99.7%
 - Terminations Installed 33 of 139 = 23.7%
 - Testing 0%
- **Substation**
 - Foundation 95%
 - Underground Electrical 100%
 - Steel And Equipment 95%
 - Switches 65%
- **Transmission Line**
 - Clearing 44,880 of 44,880' = 100%
 - Stage Poles and Materials 66 of 66 = 100%
 - Assemble Poles 66 of 66 = 100%
 - Set Poles 66 of 66 = 100%
 - 795 Conductor 198 of 198 = 100%
 - OPGW 66 of 66 = 100%

Vestas crews are on-site and coordinating turbine deliveries, inspection and offload. Commissioning activities forthcoming as turbines become mechanically complete.

Miller-Tippens Construction Company, LLC (Miller-Tippens) has been retained as the O&M building construction contractor by the Project Holding Company; the Construction Agreement has been included as Appendix D and will be included under Section 6 in the subsequent reporting period which will reflect the costs as of the end of July. Management of Miller-Tippens to be performed by Apex Wind Construction, LLC, under the Construction Management Agreement. Miller-Tippens have mobilized to site and have undertaken minor grading work to date.

For further details related to construction activities and the construction schedule, please refer to the Construction Management Monthly Progress Report from the Construction Manager, APEX Wind Construction, LLC which has been included in this report as Appendix F.

7.0 Progress Photos



Tower Section Install



Tower Sections and Access Road



Blade Install



Substation Yard



Transmission Line