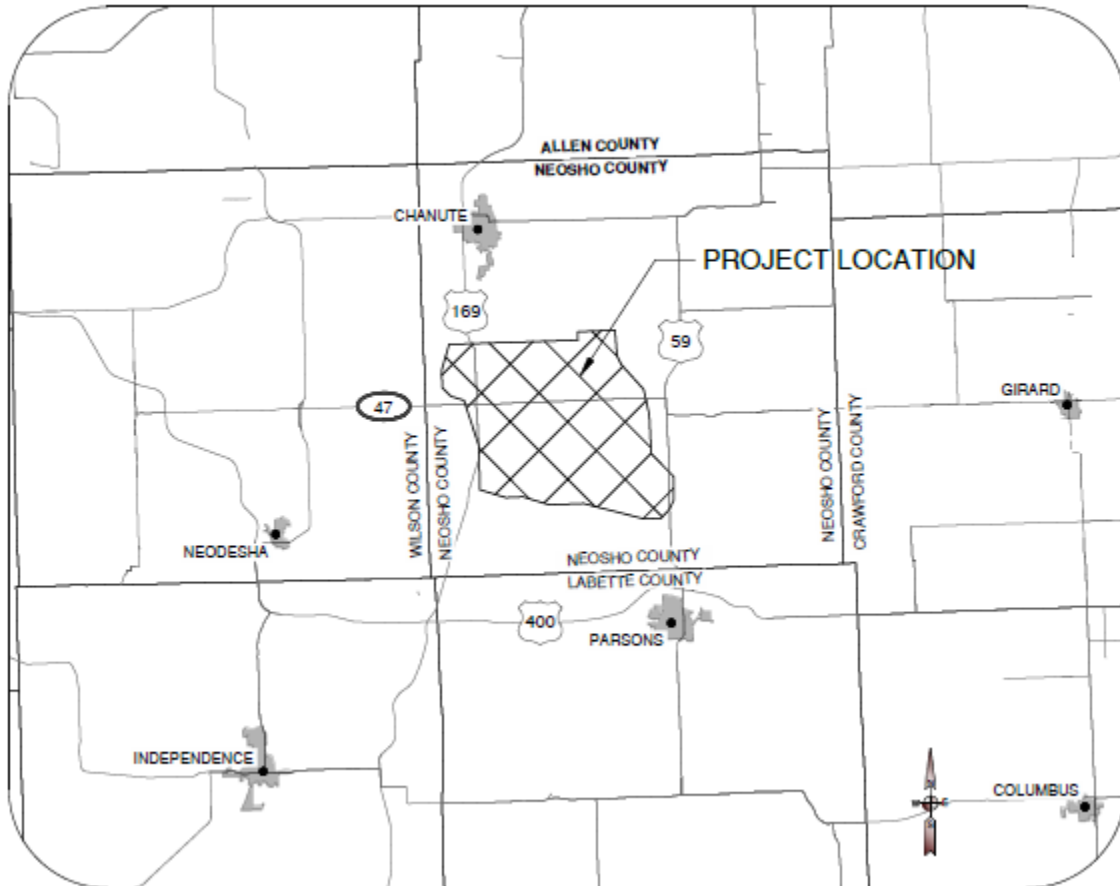


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Neosho County, Kansas



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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. Engineering continued to progress during the report period with all major disciplines moving to 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 surface improvements to culverts and intersections are on-going.
- Turbine access road radii installation continues and is nearly complete.
- Turbine foundation backfilling and crane pad installation continued.
- Turbine component deliveries continued.
- Turbine erection was initiated and is on-going.
- Collection system installation is on-going.
- The transmission line foundation work and setting of structures was completed. Stringing of conductors has been initiated.
- Foundations and setting of steel structures in the Substation is nearing completion and installation of the various components is underway.
- The first main power transformer (MPT) arrived on-site and has been set on the foundation. The second MPT is expected to be shipped during the next reporting period.

2.0 Safety

There were 11 incidents to report for this period:

- Equipment Damage - Back window of skidsteer noticed broken after driving from offload location to work location.
- Property Damage - Worker lost control of rope while lowering tools within turbine. Tools struck tower service lift. Also, resulted in first aid injury to worker's hands.
- Equipment Damage - Skidsteer front window and assist handle damaged by crane mat while trying to lift mat.
- Equipment Damage - While traveling a wheeled excavator lost steering and brakes. The equipment went into the ditch, hitting a bush, damaging windshield wiper and visor.
- Environmental/property - Crane hydraulic line broke releasing 50 gallons of oil to the soil.
- Property Damage - High winds shook turbine and broke open the tower flange hardware crate. Bolts, nuts and washers fell down tower damaging tower internals.
- Vehicle Damage - Minor truck damage from deer strike.
- Property Damage - Insulator broke and fell from structure during line pull.
- Property Damage - Semi-trailer damaged by loader during off load of mats.
- Property Damage - Unmarked Fresh water line struck while boring.

- Property Damage - Unmarked fiber and unmarked telecom lines struck while trenching.

	Lost Time	Recordable	First Aid	Property Damage	Near Miss	Vehicle Incidents	Totals
This Period	0	0	0	10	0	1	11
Cumulative	0	0	3	30	1	11	45

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.10, Excusable Event No.11, and Excusable Event No.12 under the Turbine Supply Agreement (TSA), all of which have been attached to this report as Appendix A. To date Vestas has submitted 12 Excusable Event Notices under the TSA and 1 Force Majeure Notice under the Service and Maintenance Agreement to the project.

At the time of this reporting period the impact to the project cost and schedule is unknown. The project has responded to the Notices requesting additional information and further details, as received from Vestas, will be provided in subsequent reports.

3.3 Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement

There were 3 new Notices submitted by IEA to the project under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Agreement during this reporting period and one 1 Notice submitted during the previous reporting period that was not included in the previous monthly report in error. 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.

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.

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. IEA also worked with KDOT on the crane crossing permit for crossing US-47 and received approval. Line drops are being scheduled with the local utilities to facilitate crane crossing and transmission line crossings as necessary. All other construction related permits have been obtained.

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 surface improvements have been completed except for improvements to culverts and intersections which are on-going.
- Public road maintenance and repairs continued.
- Turbine access road construction has been completed however installation of access road radii continues and is 95% complete.
- All turbine foundations have been poured and backfilling continues.

- Crane pad construction continued.
- Turbine component deliveries is well underway.
- Turbine erection was initiated and is on-going.
- Trenching and boring work as well as cable installation as it relates to the collection system continued.
- The transmission line foundation work and setting of structures was completed. Stringing of conductors has been initiated.
- Substation construction is on-going. Foundations and setting of steel structures is nearing completion and installation of the various components is underway.
- The first main power transformer (MPT) arrived on-site and has been set on the foundation. The second MPT is expected to be shipped 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: 118 of 139 = 84.9%
 - Crane Pads Installed 50 of 139 = 36.0%
 - Spreading Topsoil 0 of 139 = 0%

- **Offload/Erection**
 - Full Turbines Received: 27 of 139 = 19.4%
 - Full Turbines Erected: 4 of 139 = 2.9%
 - Tower's Wired 0 of 139 = 0%
 - MCC 0 of 139 = 0%

- **Collection**
 - Cable Installed 80%
 - Testing 0%

- **Substation**
 - Foundation 95%
 - Underground Electrical 100%
 - Steel And Equipment 87%
 - Switches 47%

- **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	120 of 198 = 61%
○ OPGW	21 of 66 = 32%

Evergy's construction work on the Interconnection Facilities at the Point of Interconnection for the Project is substantially complete. Evergy energized the Switching Station on June 25th.

6.0 Project Cost Report

Project expenditures to date are ** _____ **, plus ** _____ ** of recorded commitments, plus ** _____ ** of construction loan disbursements of the total budgeted expenditure of ** _____ **. Empire has recorded commitments under US GAAP on the basis of milestones achieved by Neosho JV payable at closing. See the next page for a report detailing expenses by budget category.** _____

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7.0 Progress Photos



Tower Section Install



Erected Turbine Prior to Blade Install



Blade Install



Fully Erected Turbine



Main Power Transformer #1, Switches and Buss



Main Power Transformer #2



Main Power Transformer #2



Structural Steel in Substation Yard



Low Water Crossing on Irving Road - Civil Work

Appendix A

Notices Received Relating to Neosho Ridge Wind, LLC

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