Construction timeline

- Access road construction: Began May 2019
- Underground collection cable installation: Began June 2019
- Turbine foundation construction: Began July 2019
- Delivery of wind tower and components: Began July 2019
- Wind turbine installation: Beginning August 2019
- Wind farm estimated in-service date: December 2019
Construction Update

Despite heavy rains, construction is in full swing on Xcel Energy’s Blazing Star wind project in Lincoln County. Several roads within the project area are being upgraded before trucks begin delivering turbine parts. The turbine components are being delivered from a rail yard near Montevideo, Minn. Please use extra caution when driving on area roads this summer. Heavy truck traffic is expected on US-59 from Montevideo to Marshall and MN19 west through Ivanhoe. There are approximately 175 construction workers on the project.

When complete, the 100 turbine, 200 megawatt project will supply enough carbon-free, renewable energy to power nearly 100,000 homes. Wind is a clean, renewable resource and continues to be a growing part of our energy supply as we work to reduce emissions and keep our customer bills low.

American Wind Week Landowner Picnic

Mortenson Construction is hosting a picnic for landowners to see first-hand how a wind turbine is constructed. Please bring the kids and enjoy hot dogs, treats, and enter for some great prizes for kids. Please RSVP and let us know how many will be attending at blazingstar@xcelenergy.com or call 507.387.9600. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at Hendricks City Park.

DATE: August 11
TIME: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Turbine locations 80-82, off 110th Avenue (see map)

The turbine sections will also be delivered to the project area and start to be set into place in August.

Contact Us

If you have questions or comments please contact Chad Peterson at Chad.T.Peterson@xcelenergy.com or call 612-330-7825.

The latest project information is available at xcelenergy.com/Blazingstar.