Wind farm construction timeline

- Substation and O&M building construction: Began August 2018
- Access road construction: Beginning June 2019
- Turbine foundation construction: Beginning July 2019
- Underground collection cable installation: Beginning June 2019
- Delivery of wind towers and components: Beginning July 2019
- Wind turbine installation: Beginning August 2019
- Wind farm estimated in-service date: December 2019

Construction on Blazing Star 1 Wind

Construction on the 200-megawatt Blazing Star 1 Wind Farm near Hendricks will begin later this year. Delivery of wind tower components for the Xcel Energy wind project in Lincoln County will start next summer. In the meantime, Mortenson Construction will continue work this winter on a new substation and operations and maintenance building. When complete, the Blazing Star 1 wind project will supply enough clean, renewable energy to power more than 100,000 homes. The project is scheduled to be complete in December 2019.

Xcel Energy plans to reduce carbon emissions 80 percent by 2030 from 2005 levels. Longer term, our vision is to serve our customers with zero-carbon electricity by 2050. We’re proving we can lead the clean energy transition while continuing to deliver affordable, reliable energy to customers.
Benefits

- Deliver low-cost, carbon-free wind energy
- Enough power for more than 100,000 homes
- $45 million in landowner payments over 25 years
- Generate $25 million in revenue for local government payments over 25 years
- 150 construction jobs
- Create 10 full-time operations jobs

Landowner Dinner

Xcel Energy will host a dinner in the area this winter to introduce landowners and local officials to the project. An invitation will be sent in February.

Contact us

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A foundation is poured for a substation transformer.