

### **III.H.3 Extraordinary Event – Follow up report**

At approximately 9:00 AM on December 2, 2013 a local farmer notified the Operations Manager that smoke was observed coming from the access door and the nacelle on turbine #35.

The Operations Manager and the Site Supervisor immediately dispatched to the site and extinguished the flames utilizing fire extinguishers. They then proceeded to close off all ventilation to the tower in order to smother any remaining flames. The site was monitored through the remainder of the day but there was no recurrence of the fire. The turbine is cordoned off to prevent access except by company personnel.

The local fire and county sheriff departments were not notified as the fire was contained to the tower section and was able to be extinguished without outside services. There was no damage to the surrounding area and there is only internal damage to the turbine.

The origin of the fire was determined to be on the bus bars below the CB01 circuit breaker at the current transformer. Mice bridged the gap between the bus bars initiating an arcing event. The event continued up power was secured to the turbine.

The mice are believed to have entered the turbine through fiber optic conduits or door seals. Mice accessed the CB01 cabinet through a slot in the bottom of the cabinet.

Corrective action: Site personnel are removing points of entry for mice into the turbine. Slots to the CB01 cabinets are being filled with filler to prevent access to the cabinet.

Return to service date: Turbine will be returned to service in the next 45 days after removal of damaged equipment occurs and weather warms to allow for cleaning.