STRUCTURE SETTING WAS COMPLETED in December 2016 on the 70-mile CapX2020 Big Stone South-Brookings County transmission line project. Crews started stringing conductor (wire) in July 2016. Helicopters are being used to assist in stringing operations. Crews are also using implosive connectors to splice and connect conductor. The connectors create an extremely loud blast. Landowners in the area of the blast will be informed ahead of time. Completion of the Big Stone South-Brookings County project is scheduled for fall 2017. When complete, the 345-kilovolt transmission line will run between the Brookings County Substation, near Brookings, S.D. and the Big Stone South Substation near Big Stone City, S.D. The transmission line will help expand and enhance the region’s transmission system, reduce congestion, and provide access to low-cost energy sources, including renewable energy. More information is available on CapX2020.com.
The last foundation is poured on the Big Stone South-Brookings County project. Nearly 37,000 cubic yards of concrete were used to construct project foundations.