

Engines firing up at Pioneer Generation Station

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First-of-its-kind engines for Basin Electric are firing at [Pioneer Generation Station](#), located northwest of Williston, ND.

[Phase III construction](#) at Pioneer Generation Station is adding 110 megawatts (MW) into the grid, provided by 12 natural gas-based reciprocating engines that each have a generating capacity of 9.3 MW.

First fire of the first reciprocating engine was achieved on April 27. As of May 9, six of the 12 engines have been fired, with the remaining engines firing up in the next several weeks.

“Especially with coal under the microscope right now, this facility is just another notch in assuring we’ll produce quality power for Basin members,” says Mark Winn, construction coordinator II.

Phase III at Pioneer Generation Station is expected to go commercial in late 2016.