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In Reply Refer To:  
OEP/DG2E/Gas 1  
WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.  
Valley Expansion Project  
Docket No. CP17-257-000

March 23, 2018

Lori Myerchin  
Manager, Regulatory Affairs  
WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.  
1250 West Centry Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58503

**Re: Notice to Proceed with Construction**

Dear Ms. Myerchin:

I grant your March 2, 2018 request for WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) to commence construction of the Valley Expansion Project. This authorization **excludes** the crossing of Felton Creek between Milepost (MP) 2.0 and 4.1 because geotechnical investigations are ongoing to confirm the feasibility of a horizontal directional drill at this location. In considering this notice to proceed, we reviewed your Implementation Plan, as filed on March 2, 2018 and supplemented on March 6, 9, and 22 2018. The Implementation Plan included the information necessary to meet the conditions of the Commission's February 15, 2018 *Order Issuing Certificate* (Order) in the above-referenced docket.

This letter also authorizes four modifications associated with the Valley Expansion Project outlined in the Implementation Plan (i.e., change to the permanent access road at the Mainline Valve at MP 14.4; route change at the Red River of the North crossing between MP 18.0 and 18.8; additional approach at the Viking Interconnect; and reduction in footprint of the Mapleton Compressor Station). WBI Energy's request for these modifications is in compliance with Environmental Condition 5 of the Commission's Order.

We have confirmed the receipt of all federal authorizations relevant to the activities approved herein. I remind you that WBI Energy must comply with all applicable remaining terms and conditions of the Order, and that no other activities are

authorized other than those activities identified above. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Griffin, Project Manager, at (202) 502-8327.

Sincerely,

Danny Laffoon, Chief  
Gas Branch 1  
Division of Gas – Environment and  
Engineering

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