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

May 17, 2018

Lori Myerchin  
Manager, Regulatory Affairs  
WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.  
P.O. Box 5601  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5601

**Re: Approval of Construction**

Dear Ms. Myerchin:

I approve your May 3, 2018 request for WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) to commence construction activities within the skip area identified between mileposts 2.0 and 4.1. In compliance with Environmental Condition No. 16 of the Commission's February 15, 2018 *Order Issuing Certificate* (Order) in the above-referenced docket, WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI) has provided sufficient documentation characterizing hydrogeologic conditions at the site of the Felton Creek horizontal directional drill (HDD) showing that the HDD would not likely alter the hydrogeologic conditions that support calcareous fens in the Project area.

I remind you that WBI Energy must comply with all applicable remaining terms and conditions of the Order. If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact me at (202) 502-8327.

Sincerely,



Robin W. Griffin  
Environmental Project Manager

cc: Public File, Docket No. CP17-257-000