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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 9, 2018

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

Re: Approval of Variance

Dear Ms. Myerchin:

I approve your April 26, 2018 request for WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) to relocate an access road near the Viking Interconnect at milepost (MP) 0.0; add two temporary access roads near MP 28.1; and add an additional access at the Jamestown Town Border Station. This authorization **excludes** the following items because the Memorandum of Understanding with the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Authority is not yet complete and coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the access road at MP 14.4 is ongoing:

- implementing the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Channel Variation at approximate MP 30.0 and 31.1;
- installing an additional mainline valve on the east side of the planned Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Channel crossing at approximate MP 29.7; and
- relocating the MP 14.4 mainline valve permanent access road.

Your request is in compliance with Environmental Condition 5 of the Commission's February 15, 2018 *Order Issuing Certificate* (Order) in the above-referenced docket. WBI Energy has demonstrated landowner concurrence, and no additional federal authorizations are necessary for the access roads. 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