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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.W., Room 1 A, East  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.  
North Bakken Expansion Project  
Docket No. PF19-07-000

On July 3, 2019, the Director of the Office of Energy Projects issued a letter in the above-referenced docket approving the request of WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) to commence the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Pre-filing Review Process for its proposed North Bakken Expansion Project (Project). Pursuant to Section 157.21(f)(6) of the Commission's regulations, WBI Energy herewith submits its monthly progress report for the Project for the period of August 1 to 31, 2019.

Should you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me at (701) 530-1563.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lori Myerchin

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Director, Regulatory Affairs and  
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WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.

Enclosure: Monthly Progress Report No. 2

## INTRODUCTION

By letter order dated July 3, 2019, WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) was granted approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission) to utilize the Commission's Pre-Filing Review Process for the proposed North Bakken Expansion Project (Project). The Project will consist of:

- approximately 61.9 miles of 20-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline from WBI Energy's existing Tioga Compressor Station near Tioga, North Dakota, to a new interconnect with Northern Border Pipeline Company's (Northern Border) mainline south of Watford City, North Dakota;
- approximately 20.2 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline between the existing Tioga Compressor Station and an existing receipt station along WBI Energy's existing Line Section 25;
- approximately 9.5 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline along WBI Energy's existing Line Section 30;
- approximately 0.5 mile of 20-inch-diameter receipt lateral at the Tioga Compressor Station; and
- approximately 10.4 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline lateral to WBI Energy's existing Line Section 7;
- uprates to WBI Energy's existing Line Section 25;
- one new compressor station (Elkhorn Creek Compressor Station) and the addition of horsepower at the existing Tioga Compressor Station; and
- the installation of new and modifications to existing receipt/delivery points and lateral pipeline facilities along the pipeline routes.

The Project, as proposed, will allow WBI Energy to add approximately 300 million cubic feet per day of natural gas transportation capacity from the Bakken region of northwest North Dakota to Northern Border's existing mainline for transit on that system. The Project has been assigned Docket No. PF19-07-000.

This Monthly Progress Report provides a brief summary of significant Project activities or changes in Project information that have occurred during the period beginning August 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019.

**FIELD SURVEYS**

- As of August 31, 2019, survey access has been obtained from approximately 95 percent of the landowners.
- A table of survey progress for each pipeline facility as of August 27, 2019 is included below:

<b>North Bakken Expansion Project Pipeline Facility Survey Progress as of August 27, 2019</b>			
<b>Pipeline Facility</b>	<b>Wetland/Waterbody Surveys (percent complete)</b>	<b>Cultural Resources Surveys (percent complete)</b>	<b>Dakota Skipper Habitat Surveys (percent complete)</b>
Tioga-Elkhorn Creek	92%	86%	94% (McKenzie County)
Line Section 25 Loop	99%	100%	100% (for Burke and Mountrail Counties)
Line Section 30 Loop	83%	88%	Not applicable
Tioga Compressor Lateral	100%	100%	Not applicable
Line Section 7 Lateral	82%	58%	100%

- Completion of field surveys is targeted for fall 2019.

**RESOURCE REPORTS**

- Filed preliminary draft Resource Reports 1 and 10 on August 2, 2019; including updated landowner/stakeholder list.
- Continued to work on draft resource reports.

**AGENCY CONTACTS**

- Between August 1 and 22, 2019, sent multiple emails to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Geotechnical Survey Work Permit Application and Biological Assessment, Archaeological Resources Protection Act permit, and section 408 review.
- Between August 1 and 13, 2019, sent multiple emails to the North Dakota Trust Lands to discuss the status and approval of survey permits.
- On August 2, 2019, contacted the Burke County Planning Department to discuss planned developments in the county.
- On August 7, 2019, sent email invitation to various federal and state agencies to participate in bi-weekly calls with FERC and WBI Energy.
- On August 9 and 12, 2019, submitted the Sovereign Lands Permit to the North Dakota State Water Commission and sent follow-up email to discuss permit timeline.
- On August 14, 15, and 22, 2019, called and sent multiple emails to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding wetland easements, field surveys, and Endangered Species Act consultation.

- On August 15, 2019, sent email to North Dakota Department of Parks and Recreation to provide update on project facilities.
- On August 15, 2019, sent email to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service to inquire about agricultural conservation easements.
- On August 22, 2019, contacted the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (McKenzie, Williams, Mountrail, and Burke Counties) to inquire about Conservation Reserve Program lands.
- On August 28, 2019, attended in-person meeting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding Endangered Species Act consultation.

#### **STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

- Held two public open house meetings in Tioga, North Dakota on August 6, 2019 and two in Watford City, North Dakota on August 7, 2019.

#### **ENGINEERING AND RIGHT-OF-WAY**

- WBI Energy continued compiling typical construction drawings and developing footprint information for use in the draft resource reports.
- WBI Energy continues to contact landowners to refine routing and obtain access for surveys.
- WBI Energy continues to work on compressor station layout and design.

#### **UPCOMING FOR SEPTEMBER 2019**

- Continue with field surveys.
- Continue to work on draft resource reports, including responding to FERC's comments on the preliminary drafts of Resource Reports 1 and 10.
- Follow-up with agencies, Native American tribes, and other stakeholders contacted about the Project.
- Attend FERC scoping sessions anticipated to occur in early October 2019.