



**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE MONITORING PROGRAM**  
WEEKLY SUMMARY REPORT NO. 15  
**NORTH BAKKEN EXPANSION PROJECT**  
**DOCKET NOS.: CP 20-52-000 AND CP 20-52-001**  
FOR THE PERIOD: NOVEMBER 7 THROUGH 13, 2021

On June 1, 2021, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) published an Order Issuing Certificate (Certificate) to WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI) to construct and operate pipeline and ancillary facilities in Burke, McKenzie, Mountrail, and Williams Counties, North Dakota for the North Bakken Expansion Project (Project).

WBI agreed to fund an Environmental Compliance Monitoring Program during construction of the Project. This report provides a summary of the FERC Compliance Monitors' construction review for this reporting period. The Compliance Monitors are responsible for reviewing WBI's construction activities and documenting compliance with the FERC Certificate.

During this reporting period, the Compliance Monitors issued sixteen (16) Daily Monitoring Reports consisting of fifteen (15) Acceptable Reports and one (1) Communication Report. No Noncompliance or Problem Area Reports were issued during this reporting period. No Level 1 or Level 2 variance request were approved for the Project during this reporting period. A tabular summary of the daily compliance reports and approved variances are presented below.

<b>SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE MONITOR REPORTS AND APPROVED VARIANCES FOR THE NORTH BAKKEN EXPANSION PROJECT</b>		
Compliance Level	Number of Reports and Variances for this Reporting Period	Cumulative Number of Reports and Variances
Acceptable	15	247
Communication	1	57
Problem Area	0	0
Noncompliance	0	0
Serious Violation	0	0
Approved Level 1 Variances	0	2
Approved Level 2 Variances	0	34
<b>Total Reports and Variances</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>340</b>

During this reporting period, two full-time Compliance Monitors conducted inspections documenting compliance with the Project's environmental requirements along the Project's right-of-way. The Compliance Monitors coordinated with WBI's Environmental Inspectors (EIs) this week to inspect and discuss issues, planned and ongoing construction activities, review areas subject to variance requests, and clarify interpretations of the Project requirements. The activities of the Compliance Monitors were directed by the Compliance Manager, who coordinated with FERC staff as well as with WBI's field management and support staff.



## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Project components are listed below along with a summary of the Compliance Monitors' inspection activities during this reporting period, as applicable:

- *Elkhorn Creek Compressor Station – no monitoring activity;*
- *Line Section 25 Loop [Milepost (MP) 0 – 20.3] – completion of clean-up, restoration, seeding, and mulching; installation of temporary and permanent erosion controls; replacement of permanent property fences and pipeline markers; restoration of finished grade and addition of gravel to permanent access points to the two new aboveground facilities; removal of construction debris, construction waste, and equipment from all work areas; landowner compensation to replace a line of approximately 10 juniper trees removed during construction;*
- *Line Section 30 Loop (MP 0 – 9.6) – no monitoring activity;*
- *Tioga Compressor Lateral (MP 0 – 0.5) – completion of clean-up, restoration, seeding, and mulching; installation of line markers over the centerline of the new pipeline;*
- *Tioga Compressor Station – no monitoring activity;*
- *Tioga to Elkhorn Creek Pipeline Spread 1- North Spread (MP 0 – 23.0) – installation of permanent fences; testing and drying the pipeline after hydrostatic test; purging and packing of the tested pipeline with gas; installation of a mainline valve; completion of finished grade; seeding and mulching; clean-up and restoration of temporary workspaces; removal of construction debris; demobilization of drilling tools, equipment, and temporary shacks used by engineering and inspection staff; removal of parts and components of the temporary sound wall; de-compaction of subsoil with plows ahead of final topsoil replacement; removal of temporary construction entrances on both sides of History Highway 1804 and 52nd Street NW;*
- *Tioga to Elkhorn Creek Pipeline Spread 2 – South Spread (MP 23.0 – 62.8) – completion of road bore; backfilling of ditch area; removal of equipment mats from the right-of-way; clean-up of construction debris; pulling back topsoil; lowering-in; tie-ins; final clean-up; returned topsoil at Cherry Creek valve site; removal of mat bridge and associated erosion control devices; restoration of stream banks and contours; repair of the buckle at Cherry Creek; breakdown of hydro-testing equipment; restoration of contours and blending of the right-of-way; installation of Curlex at a sloped area of the right-of-way; completion of hydro-testing; dewatering activities;*
- *Tioga Plant Receipt Station – no monitoring activity;*
- *Section 25 Uprates Pipeline (MP 0.0 to 0.5) – clean-up and restoration activities; installation of permanent erosion controls and pipeline warning markers over the centerline; completion of finished grade on both sides of State Highway 40; seeding and mulching of disturbed areas; replacement of topsoil;*
- *Norse Transfer Station – no monitoring activity;*



- *Robinson Lake Plant Receipt Station – completion of construction, clean-up, restoration, and installation of permanent fences; painting of aboveground piping, valves and the new building;*
- *Springbrook Station – no monitoring activity;*
- *Lignite Plant and Border Stations – no monitoring activity;*
- *Elkhorn to Northern Border Interconnect Pipeline (MP 0 – 0.3) – no monitoring activity;*
- *Williston-Tioga-Minot Re-route (MP 0 – 0.2) – no monitoring activity;*
- *Norse Plant Receipt Station – no monitoring activity;*
- *Lake Sakakawea Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) North – finish grade and topsoil replacement of the false right-of-way and temporary workspaces; demobilization of all tools and equipment; clean-up operations; demobilization of the sound wall; completion of backfill through the entire area; de-compaction of subsoil with disks and plows prior to replacing topsoil through cultivated fields; removal of construction debris from the work areas;*
- *Lake Sakakawea HDD South – no monitoring activity;*
- *Temple Valve Tract – no monitoring activity; and*
- *Northern Border Interconnect – placement of gravel at the site pad; installation of permanent fencing; removal of construction equipment except for two utility trailers that are on-site for small equipment storage.*

The Compliance Monitors also inspected conditions for compliance at a Project laydown yard.



## **COMMUNICATION REPORTS**

Communication reports provide documentation of relevant meetings between the FERC Compliance Monitor and landowners, agency staff, Project representatives, EIs, and others. The one (1) communication report for this week was to report a suspension of work activities on November 13, 2021 due to snow and winter conditions. It was not summarized below to keep this weekly summary report relevant to current Project activities.



## **PROBLEM AREA AND NONCOMPLIANCE REPORTS**

Problem area reports record an observation where an area or activity does not meet the definition of acceptable, but is not considered a noncompliance.

Noncompliance reports record an observation where an area or activity that violates (is not in compliance with) the Project specifications, results in damage to resources, or places sensitive resources at unnecessary risk.

The Compliance Monitors issued no problem area or noncompliance reports during this period.



**SUMMARY OF LEVEL 1 AND LEVEL 2 VARIANCE REQUESTS**

No Level 1 or Level 2 variance requests were approved for the Project during this reporting period.



**SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS OF OBSERVED ACTIVITIES**



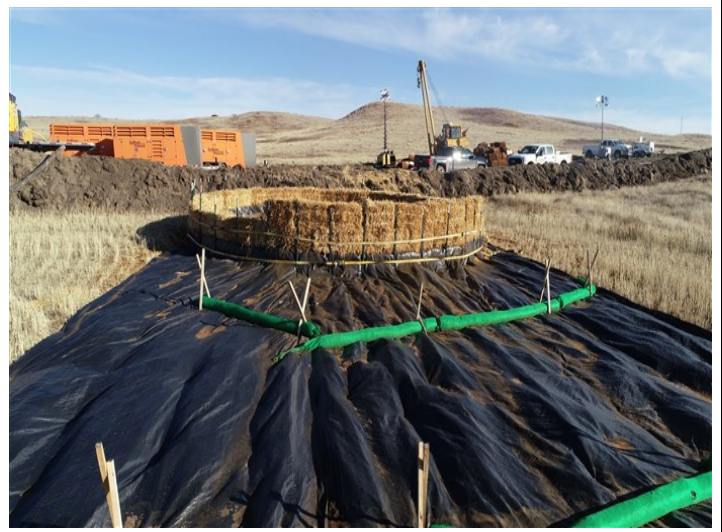
Tioga Elkhorn Creek PL Spread 1 – On-going installation of permanent fences around the perimeters of the 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW launcher/receiver (November 8, 2021) – Acceptable – MP 8.5

Lake Sakakawea HDD North – Topsoil replacement through temporary workspaces on the false right-of-way (November 8, 2021) – Acceptable – MP 22.0



Uprates Line to Section 25 – Permanent erosion controls on both sides of the uprates bore pipeline crossing of 92<sup>nd</sup> Street NW (November 9, 2021) – Acceptable – MP 0.0

Tioga Compressor Lateral – Cleaned, restored, seeded, and mulched construction right-of-way (November 9, 2021) – Acceptable – MP 0.4



Line Section 25 Loop – Area where a line of juniper trees are to be re-planted by the landowner (November 10, 2021) – Acceptable – MP 19.3

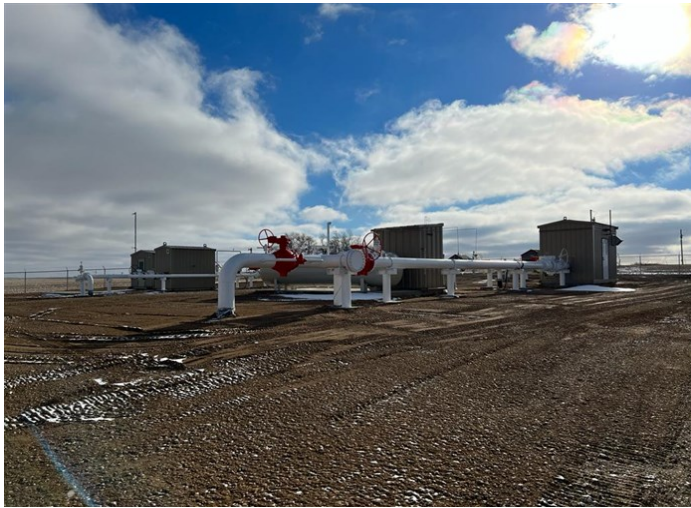
Tioga Elkhorn Creek PL Spread 2 – Dewatering structure still onsite yet to be removed (November 10, 2021) – Acceptable – MP 26.0



Northern Border Interconnect – Erosion control devices installed at the slope on the northern side of the access road into the Northern Border Interconnect site (November 11, 2021) – Acceptable – MP 0.3

Tioga Elkhorn Creek PL Spread 1 – Topsoil replaced through hayfields utilized for pullback assembly (November 11, 2021) – Acceptable – MP 20.1





Robinson Lake Plant Receipt Station – Updated piping devices and new meter building (November 12, 2021) – Acceptable – MP 0.0

Tioga Elkhorn Creek PL Spread 2 – Right-of-way with final clean-up activities completed, both sides blended in, and contours restored. Hydro-testing dewatering structure with all associated erosion control devices installed for dewatering activities (November 12, 2021) – Acceptable – MP 44.3



Laydown Yard – Unused pipe stored at the laydown yard (November 13, 2021) – Acceptable – MP 0.0

Project-wide – All activities suspended for the day due to icy and slick conditions (November 13, 2021) – Communication – MP 0.0