

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 1
WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.
North Bakken Expansion Project
Docket No. CP20-52-000

July 19, 2021

VIA FERC Service

Lori Myerchin
Director, Regulatory Affairs and Transportation Services
WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.
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Bismarck, ND 58506-5601

Re: Variance (V30) Approval

Dear Ms. Myerchin:

I grant your request, filed July 15, 2021, for WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) to modify Project survey protocols for migratory birds and piping plovers. This variance request (V30) is associated with construction of the North Bakken Expansion Project in McKenzie, Williams, Mountrail, and Burke Counties, North Dakota.

Your request is in compliance with Environmental Condition number 1 of the Commission's June 1, 2021 *Order Issuing Certificate* (Order) in the above referenced docket and would provide equal protection of the species. WBI Energy has received approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the updated survey protocols. We have confirmed WBI Energy's receipt of all necessary federal authorizations relevant to this approval. I remind you that WBI Energy must continue to comply with all applicable terms and conditions of the Commission's Order. If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact me at 202-502-6856.

Sincerely,



Dawn Ramsey
Environmental Project Manager
Office of Energy Projects