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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 first monthly progress report for the Project for the period of July 3 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

Lori Myerchin  
Director, Regulatory Affairs and  
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WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.

Enclosure: Monthly Progress Report No. 1

## 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 July 3, 2019 through July 31, 2019.

**FIELD SURVEYS**

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

<b>North Bakken Expansion Project Pipeline Facility Survey Progress as of July 31, 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%	80%	94% (McKenzie County)
Line Section 25 Loop	100%	92%	100% (for Burke and Mountrail Counties)
Line Section 30 Loop	83%	17%	Not applicable
Tioga Compressor Lateral	100%	0%	Not applicable
Line Section 7 Lateral	82%	10%	0%

- Completion of field surveys is targeted for fall 2019.

**RESOURCE REPORTS**

- Prepared the preliminary drafts of Resource Report 1 (General Project Description) and Resource Report 10 (Alternatives).
- Started work on other resource reports.

**AGENCY CONTACTS**

- On July 18, 2019, mailed a letter to regulatory agencies inviting them to WBI Energy’s public open houses on August 6 and 7, 2019.
- On July 25, 2019, emailed state and federal agency contacts to see if they were interested in participating in FERC’s bi-weekly calls starting in August.
- On July 29, 2019, submitted permit application to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for geotechnical survey work on Lake Sakakawea.

**STAKEHOLDER ACTIVITIES**

- On July 16, 2019, mailed a Project update letter to new landowners and newly identified stakeholders that provided information about the Project and next steps in the process.
- On July 17, 2019, mailed a letter to Native American tribes inviting them to WBI Energy’s public open houses on August 6 and 7, 2019.
- On July 18, 2019, mailed a letter to landowners and other stakeholders inviting them to WBI Energy’s public open houses on August 6 and 7, 2019.

- On July 30, 2019, mailed a Project update letter to Native American tribes that provided a project description/map and a renewed request to comment on the Project.
- On July 31, 2019, posted notifications about WBI Energy's August 6 and 7, 2019 public open houses in four local newspapers, including the Burke County Tribune, McKenzie County Farmer, Mountrail County Promoter, and the Tioga Tribune.

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

- WBI Energy began 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 AUGUST 2019**

- File preliminary draft Resource Reports 1 and 10 on August 2, 2019; including updated landowner/stakeholder list.
- Hold public open house meetings on August 6 and 7, 2019.
- Continue with field surveys.
- Draft other resource reports.
- Follow-up with agencies, Native American tribes, and other stakeholders contacted about the Project.