

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINE AUTHORITY

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The Honorable Richard Glick Chairman Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

RE: WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. North Bakken Expansion Project, Docket CP20-52

Dear Chairman Glick:

The North Dakota Industrial Commission, acting as the North Dakota Pipeline Authority, supports the construction of the WBI Energy Transmission North Bakken Expansion Project (Project) and requests expedited action by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to approve the Project.

The Project will add much needed gas transmission capacity in northwest North Dakota, support regional gas capture infrastructure expansions, and limit the requirement for gas flaring. The interests of shippers, royalty owners, gas processors, producers, and the State of North Dakota will be supported through the incremental transmission capacity provided by this Project.

Of immediate concern, is the fact that any further delays in the project timeline threaten the ability of WBI Energy Transmission to complete this much needed project before challenging winter conditions set in and still meet the expected 2021 in-service date for committed shippers.

The North Dakota Industrial Commission, acting as the North Dakota Pipeline Authority, respectfully requests the North Bakken Expansion Project be included on the May 20, 2021 FERC agenda and that favorable consideration be given to this Project.

Sincerely,

Doug Burgum, Chairman

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