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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.W., Room 1A, 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 November 1 to 30, 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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WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.

Enclosure: Monthly Progress Report No. 5

## 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 61.7 miles of 24-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline from new facilities at WBI Energy's existing Tioga Compressor Station near Tioga, North Dakota to the new WBI Energy Elkhorn Creek Compressor Station southeast of Watford City, North Dakota;
- approximately 20.2 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline between the existing Tioga Compressor Station and the existing Norse Plant receipt station along WBI Energy's existing Line Section 25;
- approximately 9.6 miles of new 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline looping on WBI Energy's Line Section 30 between an existing valve setting and WBI Energy's existing Tioga Compressor Station;
- approximately 0.5 mile of 20-inch-diameter receipt lateral at the Tioga Compressor Station;
- upgrades 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;
- two new and modifications to three existing delivery, receipt, and transfer stations; and
- block valves, pig launcher/receiver stations, and associated appurtenances.

The Project, as proposed, will allow WBI Energy to add approximately 350 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) 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 November 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019.

## FIELD SURVEYS

- Field surveys were completed for all areas with access permission as of the end of October 2019; any remaining surveys will occur in 2020. Survey access was obtained from approximately 95 percent of the landowners.
- A table of survey progress for each pipeline facility as of the end of the 2019 field survey season is included below.

North Bakken Expansion Project Pipeline Facility Survey Progress as of October 31, 2019			
Pipeline Facility	Wetland/Waterbody Surveys (percent complete)	Cultural Resources Surveys (percent complete)	Dakota Skipper Habitat Surveys (percent complete)
Tioga-Elkhorn Creek	93%	90%	91% (McKenzie County)
Line Section 25 Loop	100%	100%	100% (Burke and Mountrail Counties)
Line Section 30 Loop	100%	94%	Not applicable
Tioga Compressor Lateral	100%	100%	Not applicable

- Survey data processing and survey report preparation activities were ongoing.

## RESOURCE REPORTS

- Draft resource reports were filed on November 1, 2019.
- Work began on the final resource reports and associated supporting materials.

## AGENCY CONTACTS

- Between November 5 and 26, 2019, multiple email exchanges and phone calls occurred with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the status of the Geotechnical Survey Work Permit Application, section 404 permitting and jurisdictional determination, and cost recovery.
- Between November 5 and 26, 2019, email exchanges occurred with the North Dakota State Water Commission regarding the status of the Sovereign Lands Permit.
- On November 7, 2019, an email exchange occurred with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency regarding the process for identifying Conservation Reserve Program lands potentially crossed by the Project.
- On November 14, 2019, a phone call occurred with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management regarding the Plan of Development and cost recovery.
- Between November 18 and 27, 2019, email exchanges and phone calls occurred with the U.S. Forest Service regarding cost recovery and the pipeline right-of-way.

## **STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

- Continued to track comments from landowners, agencies, and/or other stakeholders.

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

- WBI Energy continued to contact landowners to refine routing and obtain access for surveys.
- WBI Energy continued to work on aboveground facility layout and design.
- WBI Energy continued to finalize Project footprint information for use in the final resource reports.

## **UPCOMING FOR DECEMBER 2019**

- Respond to FERC comments on the draft resource reports.
- Ongoing updates to the final resource reports and associated supporting materials.
- Ongoing work to prepare the initial draft of the applicant-prepared environmental assessment.
- Ongoing agency consultation/permitting activities.
- Follow-up with agencies, Native American tribes, and other stakeholders contacted about the Project.