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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. PF19-7-000

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 October 1 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. 4

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 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;
- 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;
- 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.¹ The Project has been assigned Docket No. PF19-7-000.

This Monthly Progress Report provides a brief summary of significant Project activities or changes in Project information that have occurred during the period beginning October 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019.

¹ On October 29, 2019, WBI Energy announced an increase in Project capacity from 300 MMcf/d to 350 MMcf/d, which will be accomplished through additional compression at existing or already proposed compressor stations.

FIELD SURVEYS

- As of October 31, 2019, survey access has been obtained from approximately 95 percent of the landowners.
- A table of survey progress for each pipeline facility as of October 31, 2019 is included below. Percentages have been updated to reflect additional route variations.

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

- Paleontological surveys were conducted on federal lands crossed by the Tioga-Elkhorn Creek pipeline.
- Field surveys were completed for all areas with access permission as of October 2019; any remaining surveys will occur in 2020.

RESOURCE REPORTS

- Continued to finalize draft resource reports and supporting documents.

AGENCY CONTACTS

- On October 2, 2019, email exchanges occurred with the Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding grass seed mixes to be used during restoration activities performed in Burke, McKenzie, Mountrail, and Williams Counties.
- On October 2, 2019, a phone call occurred with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to discuss USFS roads potentially crossed by the proposed Project.
- On October 3, 2019, an email exchange occurred with the USFS regarding USFS projects in the vicinity of the Project.
- On October 10, 2019, email exchanges occurred with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGFD) regarding the Geotechnical Survey Work Permit Application.
- On October 11 and 17, 2019 email exchanges occurred with the USACE regarding the Geotechnical Survey Work Permit Application.
- On October 14 and 15, 2019, an email exchange occurred with the North Dakota State Water Commission regarding the timeline for the Sovereign Lands permit.

- Between October 15 and 25, 2019, email exchanges occurred with the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (ND DEQ), Division of Air Quality regarding flare requirements for maintenance blowdowns.
- On October 22, 2019, phone calls and email exchanges occurred with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management regarding the scope of the Plan of Development.
- On October 22, 2019, email exchanges occurred with the Burke, McKenzie, Mountrail, and Williams County offices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency regarding Conservation Reserve Program lands.
- On October 22, 2019, sent email to the North Dakota Department of Parks and Recreation to follow up on the Project.
- On October 23, 2019, a letter was received from the ND DEQ (dated October 18, 2019) providing comments on the Project.

STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- Attended FERC scoping sessions held on October 1 and 2, 2019 in Tioga and Watford City, North Dakota.
- Continued to track comments from landowners, agencies, and/or other stakeholders.

ENGINEERING AND RIGHT-OF-WAY

- WBI Energy continued to finalize typical construction drawings and Project footprint information for use in the draft resource reports.
- 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.

UPCOMING FOR NOVEMBER 2019

- File draft resource reports on November 1, 2019.
- Prepare initial draft of applicant-prepared environmental assessment.
- Respond to scoping comments received.
- Follow-up with agencies, Native American tribes, and other stakeholders contacted about the Project.