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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.
North Bakken Expansion Project
Docket Nos. CP20-52-000 and CP20-52-001
Request for Authorization to Place Facilities into Service at Currently Certificated
Volume Level

Dear Ms. Bose:

On June 1, 2021, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued an Order Issuing Certificate (Order) in the above referenced dockets authorizing WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) to construct and operate its North Bakken Expansion Project (Project) in Burke, McKenzie, Mountrail and Williams Counties, North Dakota. On July 8, 2021, the Commission authorized WBI Energy to proceed with construction of all Project facilities. As reported in the weekly status reports to the Commission, construction of the Project is underway.

Pursuant to Environmental Condition No. 11 of the Appendix to the Order, WBI Energy respectfully requests the Director of the Office of Energy Projects, or the Director's designee, grant WBI Energy authorization to place the upgraded Lignite Plant Receipt Station, the replacement of 0.1 mile of 8-inch pipeline between the 86th Street NW bore and the Norse Transfer Station, the replacement of approximately 0.4 mile of 8-inch pipeline via the guided bore method at four road crossings, and an 8-inch pig launcher/receiver, all in Burke County, North Dakota, into service by **Monday, November 8, 2021** to continue to provide natural gas service at currently certificated volumes at the existing maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of 700 pounds per square inch gauge (psig).

Upon receiving approval from the Commission, WBI Energy intends to place the Lignite Plant Receipt Station into service on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. In addition, WBI Energy intends to place the above-mentioned pipeline replacements and pig launcher/receiver into service on November 9, 2021 to facilitate the flow of natural gas at currently certificated volumes at an MAOP of 700 psig from the upgraded Lignite Plant Receipt Station to WBI Energy's existing Line Section 25.

As reflected in Table 3-1, the tie-in of new measurement facilities at the upgraded Lignite Plant Receipt Station to the existing Line Section 25 began the week of October 25, 2021 and will be completed the week of November 1, 2021.

TABLE 3-1 Lignite Plant Receipt and Town Border Stations			
Work Completed during Reporting Period: 1/			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Began tie-in activities of new measurement facilities to the existing Line Section 25. 			
Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments
Site Preparation	0%	100%	
Facility Installation	0%	99%	2/ 3/
Cleanup	0%	70%	4/
Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete tie-in activities. 			
<p>1/ Work completed from October 25 to 31, 2021.</p> <p>2/ Includes a meter building, odorization facilities and station piping as reported in Weekly Project Status Reports 17, 18 and 19. A tie-in of the new measurement facilities to the existing Line Section 25 will be completed the week of November 1, 2021. The tie-in of a pig launcher/receiver to the new measurement facilities at the receipt station will occur the week of November 29, 2021.</p> <p>3/ No new facilities at the Lignite Town Border station were installed other than a new 2-inch pipe to connect the border station to the new measurement facilities at the receipt station.</p> <p>4/ Final restoration is planned for November 2021 and includes the installation of a security fence around the Lignite Plant Receipt and Town Border Stations. Gravel has been spread.</p>			



Date: 10/20/2021

Location: Lignite Plant Receipt Station

Notes: A new meter building (far right), odorization facilities (front right) and associated station piping (front left) completed as of October 5, 2021 and reported in Weekly Project Status Report No. 19.



Date: 10/29/2021

Location: Lignite Plant
Receipt Station.

Notes: Excavation activity to complete the re-route and tie-in of the upgraded station to the existing Line Section 25.

In addition, WBI Energy is requesting authorization to place facilities associated with uprating Line Section 25 (Table 1-8) between the Norse Transfer Station and the Lignite Plant Receipt Station into service to facilitate the flow of natural gas at currently certificated volumes at an MAOP of 700 psig on the existing Line Section 25. Completed facilities include an 8-inch replacement pipeline between the 86th Street NW bore and the Norse Transfer Station, the replacement of approximately 0.4 miles of 8-inch pipeline via the guided bore method at four road crossings along the existing Line Section 25, and an 8-inch pig launcher/receiver (northbound). Hydrostatic testing of the replaced pipeline was completed November 1, 2021 with backfilling of these areas to be completed by November 5, 2021.

TABLE 1-8
Uprates to Line Section 25

Work Completed during Reporting Period: 1/			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed tie-in activities of the 8-inch replacement pipeline (formerly Stoneview-Conoco Lateral) on October 26, 2021 and received a Partial In-Service Authorization from FERC on October 27, 2021 to place into service the 8-inch replacement pipeline and an 8-inch pig launcher/receiver (southbound) at the Norse Transfer Station at current certificated volume levels. Completed tie-in activities of the 8-inch-replacement pipeline from the 86th Street NW bore to the Norse Transfer Station. Completed tie-in activities of 8-inch replacement pipeline via guided bore at three road crossings (92nd Street NW; 86th Street NW, and Highway 40) along the existing Line Section 25 on October 28, 2021. Began hydrostatically testing the replacement pipe on Sunday, October 31, 2021. 			
Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments
Pipeline ¹			
Clearing / Grading	0%	100%	
Stringing	0%	100%	

¹ Includes replacing the existing 0.1 mile 6-inch-diameter Stoneview-Conoco Lateral with 0.1 mile of 8-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline from the Norse Transfer Station to the existing Line Section 25 and the replacing and rerouting of about 0.1 mile of existing 8-inch-diameter pipeline from the 86th Street NW bore to the proposed Norse Transfer Station.

Bending	0%	100%	
Welding	0%	100%	
Joint Coating	0%	100%	
Ditching	0%	100%	
Lowering	0%	100%	
Backfill	0%	100%	
Cleanup	0%	75%	
Seeding	0%	0%	Begin the week of November 9, 2021.
Pig Launcher/Receiver ²		3 of 3	Pig launcher/receivers completed. 2/
Bores ³		4 of 4	Bores completed.
Hydrostatic Testing	25%	75%	3/

Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:

- Complete hydrostatically testing the replacement pipeline on Monday, November 1, 2021.
- Complete tie-in activities of the 93rd Street NW/89th Avenue NW 8-inch replacement pipeline via guided bore along the existing Line Section 25 on November 2, 2021.
- Continue cleanup activities including backfilling.
- Begin seeding activities the week of November 8, 2021.

1/ Work completed from October 25 to 31, 2021.

2/ A tie-in for the pig launcher/receiver (southbound) on the existing Line Section 25 was completed the week of October 25, 2021. A tie-in for the pig launcher/receiver (northbound) on the existing Line Section 25 will occur the week of November 1, 2021. The pig launcher/receiver at the Lignite Plant Receipt Station will be tied-in the week of November 29, 2021.

3/ The 8-inch replacement pipeline (formerly Stoneview-Conoco Lateral) was hydrostatically tested on October 20, 2021. Hydrostatic testing of the replaced and rerouted 8-inch pipeline from the 86th Street NW bore to the Norse Transfer Station and the four county road crossings and one state highway crossings was completed November 1, 2021.



Date: 11/01/2021

Location: 86th Street NW bore crossing (north side tie-in).

Notes: Tie-in of the 8-inch bore replacement pipeline to the existing Line Section 25.

² Includes three 8-inch pig launcher/receivers for the existing Line Section 25 with one at the Lignite Receipt Station and two at the new Norse Transfer Station (one northbound and the other southbound).

³ Includes the replacement of about 0.4 mile of existing pipeline via the guided bore method at four county road crossings and one state highway crossing (92nd Street NW; 93rd Street NW/89th Avenue NW (both crossed by the same bore); 86th Street NW, and Highway 40).



Date: 10/31/2021

Location: Highway 40 guided bore crossing.

Notes: Backfilling activities are complete at the tie-in of the 8-inch bore replacement pipeline to the existing Line Section 25.



Date: 11/01/2021

Location: 92nd Street NW bore crossing (north side tie-in).

Notes: Tie-in of the 8-inch bore replacement pipeline to the existing Line Section 25.



Date: 11/01/2021

Location: 93rd Street NW / 89th Avenue NW bore crossing (south side tie-in).

Notes: The 8-inch bore replacement pipeline.

In order to put the 8-inch pig launcher/receiver (northbound) from the Norse Transfer Station into service, a remaining section of pipe will be installed to connect the pig launcher/receiver to the Norse Transfer Station the week of November 1, 2021, as reflected in Table 3-3.

TABLE 3-3 Norse Transfer Station			
Work Completed during Reporting Period: 1/			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received a Partial In-Service Authorization from FERC on October 27, 2021 to place into service the Norse Transfer Station to flow currently certificated volumes at a MAOP of 700 psig from the Norse Plant Receipt Station. Continued facility installation. Began clean-up activity. 			
Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments
Site Preparation	0%	100%	
Facility Installation	2%	97%	2/ 3/
Cleanup	70%	70%	4/
Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue facility installation activities. 			
1/ Work completed from October 25 to 31, 2021. 2/ Includes Transfer building and station piping reported in Weekly Project Status Report 12. Station piping for a pig launcher/receiver (southbound) on the existing Line Section 25 was completed and reported in Weekly Project Status Report 21. 3/ A remaining section of pipe will be installed the week of November 1, 2021 between the Norse Transfer Station and the pig launcher/receiver (northbound). 4/ Final restoration is planned for late November or early December 2021 and includes the spreading of gravel and the installation of a security fence around the Norse Plant Receipt and Transfer Stations.			

WBI Energy will complete final restoration of the Lignite Plant Receipt Station in November 2021 that will include the installation of a fence. Reseeding of the 8-inch replacement pipelines will occur the week of November 8, 2021.

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 385.2010 of the Commission's regulations, copies of this filing are being served to each person whose name appears on the official service list for this proceeding.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this filing, please call the undersigned at (701) 530-1563.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lori Myerchin

Lori Myerchin
Director, Regulatory Affairs and
Transportation Services

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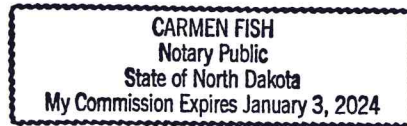
I, Lori Myerchin, being first duly sworn, do hereby depose and say that I am the Director, Regulatory Affairs and Transportation Service for WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.; that I have read the foregoing document; that I know the contents thereof; that I am authorized to execute such document; and that all such statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 2nd day of November 2021

By *Lori Myerchin*
Lori Myerchin
Director, Regulatory Affairs and
Transportation Services

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of November 2021

Carmen Fish
Carmen Fish, Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires: 01/03/2024



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated this 2nd day of November 2021.

By /s/ Lori Myerchin
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