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November 23, 2021

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 an 8-inch pig launcher/receiver at the Lignite Plant Receipt Station, in Burke County, North Dakota, into service by **Tuesday, November 30, 2021** to continue to provide natural gas service at currently certificated volumes.

Upon receiving approval from the Commission, WBI Energy intends to place the pig launcher/receiver into service on December 1, 2021 to facilitate the flow of natural gas at currently certificated volumes at the existing maximum allowable operating pressure of 700 pounds per square inch gauge from the upgraded Lignite Plant Receipt Station to WBI Energy's existing Line Section 25.

A bell-hole for the connection of the pig launcher/receiver at the Lignite Plant Receipt Station remains open and will be backfilled by December 2, 2021, as indicated in Table 1-8.

WBI Energy is not aware of any Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or other agency-issued non-compliance associated with the facilities or any landowner complaints.

<b>TABLE 1-8 Uprates to Line Section 25</b>			
<b>Work Completed during Reporting Period: 1/</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No work was completed during this reporting period.</li> </ul>			
Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments
<b>Pipeline <sup>1</sup></b>			
Clearing / Grading		100%	
Stringing		100%	
Bending		100%	
Welding		100%	
Joint Coating		100%	
Ditching		100%	
Lowering		100%	
Backfill		100%	
Cleanup		100%	
Seeding		100%	
Pig Launcher/Receiver <sup>2</sup>	0 of 3	2 of 3	
Bores <sup>3</sup>		4 of 4	Bores completed.
Hydrostatic Testing		100%	
<b>Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pig launcher/receiver at the Lignite Plant Receipt Station was refabricated and will be tied-in on December 1, 2021 with backfilling completed by December 2, 2021. Gravel will be spread.</li> </ul>			
1/ Work completed from November 15 to 21, 2021.			

WBI Energy will complete final restoration of the Lignite Plant Receipt Station by December 10, 2021 that will include the installation of a fence.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>3</sup> 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: 11/22/2021

Location: Lignite Plant Receipt Station

Notes: Piping exposed where the new pig launcher/receiver will be set and tied in at the Lignite Plant Receipt Station.

11222021, UpratLS25, Lignite Station

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Dte: 11/22/2021

Location: Lignite Plant Receipt Station

Notes: Connection site for pig launcher/receiver at the Lignite Plant Receipt Station.

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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

Attachment

Courtesy Copies:

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Shannon Crosley, FERC Environmental Deputy Project Manager (via email)  
Official Service List


STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA     )  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH        )

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2021

By   
Lori Myerchin  
Director, Regulatory Affairs and  
Transportation Services

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2021

  
Sharon L. Sabo, Notary Public  
Burleigh County, North Dakota  
My Commission Expires: 02/24/2022

SHARON L SABO  
Notary Public  
State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires February 24, 2022

## **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 23rd day of November 2021.

By /s/ Lori Myerchin  
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