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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.W., Room 1 A, 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 September 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. 3

## 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 61.9 miles of 24-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline from WBI Energy's existing Tioga Compressor Station near Tioga, North Dakota, to a new interconnect with Northern Border Pipeline Company's (Northern Border) mainline south of Watford City, North Dakota;
- approximately 20.2 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline between the existing Tioga Compressor Station and an existing receipt station along WBI Energy's existing Line Section 25;
- approximately 9.5 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline along WBI Energy's existing Line Section 30;
- 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; and
- the installation of new and modifications to existing receipt/delivery points and lateral pipeline facilities along the pipeline routes.<sup>1</sup>

The Project, as proposed, will allow WBI Energy to add approximately 300 million cubic feet per day 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 September 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> The 10.4 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline lateral to WBI Energy's existing Line Section 7 was removed from the Project scope.

## FIELD SURVEYS

- As of September 30, 2019, survey access has been obtained from approximately 95 percent of the landowners.
- A table of survey progress for each pipeline facility as of September 28, 2019 is included below.

<b>North Bakken Expansion Project Pipeline Facility Survey Progress as of September 28, 2019</b>			
Pipeline Facility	Wetland/Waterbody Surveys (percent complete)	Cultural Resources Surveys (percent complete)	Dakota Skipper Habitat Surveys (percent complete)
Tioga-Elkhorn Creek	92%	89%	96% (McKenzie County)
Line Section 25 Loop	99%	100%	100% (for Burke and Mountrail Counties)
Line Section 30 Loop	83%	94%	Not applicable
Tioga Compressor Lateral	100%	100%	Not applicable

- Completion of field surveys is targeted for fall 2019.

## RESOURCE REPORTS

- Continued to work on draft resource reports and supporting documents.

## AGENCY CONTACTS

- On September 3, 2019, phone and email exchanges occurred with the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office regarding shapefiles of mapped features.
- Between September 5 and 24, 2019, multiple phone and email exchanges occurred with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding the Geotechnical Survey Work Permit Application and Biological Assessment, Archaeological Resources Protection Act permit, and cultural and archaeological surveys on USACE lands. On September 13, 2019, the revised Geotechnical Survey Work Permit Application and Biological Assessment (with agency comments addressed) were emailed to the USACE.
- On September 12, 2019, email exchanges occurred with the North Dakota State Water Commission regarding the Sovereign Lands Permit.
- Between September 18 and 24, 2019, multiple phone and email exchanges occurred with the U.S. Forest Service regarding grassland surveys, permitting, and the Plan of Development for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Right-of-Way Grant.
- On September 20, 2019, contacted the BLM regarding the BLM SF-299 form and Plan of Development.
- On September 25 and 26, 2019, phone and email exchanges occurred with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding wetland easements in the project area.

## **STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

- Preparations/logistics were in progress for attending the October FERC scoping sessions in Tioga and Watford City, North Dakota.

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

- WBI Energy continued compiling typical construction drawings and developing footprint information for use in the draft resource reports.
- WBI Energy continues to contact landowners to refine routing and obtain access for surveys.
- WBI Energy continues to work on aboveground facility layout and design.

## **UPCOMING FOR OCTOBER 2019**

- Attend FERC scoping sessions scheduled for October 1 and 2, 2019 in Tioga and Watford City, North Dakota.
- File draft resource reports prior to the end of October 2019.
- Continue with field surveys.
- Follow-up with agencies, Native American tribes, and other stakeholders contacted about the Project.