

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

In Reply Refer To:

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WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.

Line Section 7 Expansion Project

CP22-6-000

VIA Electronic Mail

February 10, 2022

Lori Myerchin

WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.

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Re: Approval of Variance Under the Blanket Certificate Program

Dear Ms. Myerchin:

I grant your request, filed January 24, 2022, for WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI) to relocate a portion of the pipeline route between engineering station (ES) 31+00 and ES 88+00, in McLean County, North Dakota. The reroute satisfies the request of two landowners. No additional landowners would be impacted by the alternative route. Due to an increase in length of the pipeline (approximately 300 feet), an additional 0.5 acres would be affected during construction and an additional 0.27 acres would be affected during operation.

All land crossed by the reroute is used for agriculture. We have determined that no rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitat, and no historic properties, waterbodies, or wetlands would be affected by use of this variance. No trees would be cleared.

I remind you that WBI must comply with all the remaining standards set forth in the Commission's *Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation, and Maintenance Plan* and *Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures*.

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact me at (202) 502-8059.

Sincerely,

Paul Friedman

Project Manager

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