



**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE MONITORING PROGRAM
 WEEKLY SUMMARY REPORT NO. 21
 NORTH BAKKEN EXPANSION PROJECT
 DOCKET NOS.: CP 20-52-000 AND CP 20-52-001
 FOR THE PERIOD: JANUARY 2 THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2022**

On June 1, 2021, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) published an Order Issuing Certificate (Certificate) to WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI) to construct and operate pipeline and ancillary facilities in Burke, McKenzie, Mountrail, and Williams Counties, North Dakota for the North Bakken Expansion Project (Project).

WBI agreed to fund an Environmental Compliance Monitoring Program during construction of the Project. This report provides a summary of the FERC Compliance Monitors’ construction review for this reporting period. The Compliance Monitors are responsible for reviewing WBI’s construction activities and documenting compliance with the FERC Certificate.

During the weeks of December 19 – 25, 2021 and December 26, 2021 – January 1, 2022, there were no daily monitoring reports due to the holidays. In addition, the Project area was frozen and covered in snow. There were no construction or restoration activities throughout the Project area except within the compressor stations. No weekly reports were prepared for this two-week-long period.

During this reporting period, the Compliance Monitor issued six (6) Daily Monitoring Reports consisting of five (5) Acceptable Reports and one (1) Communication Report. No Noncompliance or Problem Area Reports were issued during this reporting period. No Level 1 or Level 2 variance requests were approved for the Project during this reporting period. A tabular summary of the daily compliance reports and approved variances are presented below.

SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE MONITOR REPORTS AND APPROVED VARIANCES FOR THE NORTH BAKKEN EXPANSION PROJECT		
Compliance Level	Number of Reports and Variances for this Reporting Period	Cumulative Number of Reports and Variances
Acceptable	5	288
Communication	1	66
Problem Area	0	0
Noncompliance	0	0
Serious Violation	0	0
Approved Level 1 Variances	0	2
Approved Level 2 Variances	0	34
Total Reports and Variances	6	390

During this reporting period, one full-time Compliance Monitor conducted inspections documenting compliance with the Project’s environmental requirements along the Project’s right-of-way. The Compliance Monitor coordinate with WBI’s Environmental Inspectors (EIs) to inspect and coordinate regarding issues, discuss planned and ongoing construction activities, review areas subject to variance requests, and clarify interpretations of the Project requirements. The activities of the Compliance Monitor were directed by the Compliance Manager, who coordinated with FERC staff as well as with WBI’s field management and support staff.



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Project components are listed below along with a summary of the Compliance Monitor's inspection activities during this reporting period, as applicable. Project-wide, the Compliance Monitor observed widespread snow and ice and limited access throughout the region. During the 2-week holiday period, construction activities were limited to the compressor stations to complete system commissioning and the final details in preparation for the upcoming in-service request anticipated in mid-January 2022. The EIs indicated that daily inspection of all areas of the right-of-way continued as conditions allowed during the holidays. All activities observed were in compliance with the Project's plans and procedures.

- *Elkhorn Creek Compressor Station – limited construction activities including commissioning in preparation for in-service request;*
- *Line Section 25 Loop [Milepost (MP) 0 – 20.3] – widespread snow and ice;*
- *Line Section 30 Loop (MP 0 – 9.6) – widespread snow and ice;*
- *Tioga Compressor Lateral (MP 0 – 0.5) – widespread snow and ice;*
- *Tioga Compressor Station – limited construction activities in preparation for in-service request;*
- *Tioga to Elkhorn Creek Pipeline Spread 1 – North Spread (MP 0 – 23.0) – widespread snow and ice;*
- *Tioga to Elkhorn Creek Pipeline Spread 2 – South Spread (MP 23.0 – 62.8) – widespread snow and ice;*
- *Tioga Plant Receipt Station – no monitoring activity;*
- *Section 25 Uprates Pipeline (MP 0.0 to 0.5) – no monitoring activity;*
- *Norse Transfer Station – no monitoring activity;*
- *Robinson Lake Plant Receipt Station – widespread snow and ice;*
- *Springbrook Station – no monitoring activity;*
- *Lignite Plant and Border Stations – widespread snow and ice;*
- *Elkhorn to Northern Border Interconnect Pipeline (MP 0 – 0.3) – no monitoring activity;*
- *Williston-Tioga-Minot Re-route (MP 0 – 0.2) – no monitoring activity;*
- *Norse Plant Receipt Station – no monitoring activity;*
- *Lake Sakakawea Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) North – no monitoring activity;*



- *Lake Sakakawea HDD South – no monitoring activity;*
- *Temple Valve Tract – no monitoring activity; and*
- *Northern Border Interconnect – no monitoring activity.*

The Compliance Monitor also inspected the conditions at the Enget Contractor Yard. This contractor yard was the main contractor yard utilized during construction for the entire Project. All equipment, temporary fuel tanks, tool trailers, and stationary equipment had been demobilized from the yard, with the exception of a stack of timber mats that were left in the yard by the pipeline contractor. These mats will be removed after winter and during spring maintenance of the right-of-way. All areas were cleaned and all other construction waste and debris was removed from the yard. This yard had been previously utilized for other pipeline projects and for commercial and industrial use. The access road and driveway utilized to access the yard were also stable, cleaned, and restored to pre-construction conditions.



COMMUNICATION REPORTS

Communication reports provide documentation of relevant meetings between the FERC Compliance Monitor and landowners, agency staff, Project representatives, EIs, and others. One (1) communication report below presents compliance-related information for keeping this weekly summary report relevant to current Project activities.

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION REPORTS FOR THE NORTH BAKKEN EXPANSION PROJECT				
Compliance Level/Report Number	Date Issued	Location (Spread/Facility/Milepost [MP]/County/State)	Follow-up Required (Yes or No)	Description
TiogaElkhorn Cr PL Spread 2_04Jan2022_HT1	1/4/2022	Tioga Elkhorn Cr PL Spread 2 MP 0.0	No	The Compliance Monitor was informed that the requested date of approval for the upcoming WBI in-service will be delayed from January 14 to February 1, 2022. The EIs informed the Compliance Monitor that the scheduled in-service request was delayed for two weeks to allow for more time to complete commissioning of the compressor stations and finalize operational details. The area around the Elkhorn Creek Compressor Station was frozen, snow-covered, and stable at the time of the inspection.



PROBLEM AREA AND NONCOMPLIANCE REPORTS

Problem area reports record an observation where an area or activity does not meet the definition of acceptable, but is not considered a noncompliance.

Noncompliance reports record an observation where an area or activity that violates (is not in compliance with) the Project specifications, results in damage to resources, or places sensitive resources at unnecessary risk.

The Compliance Monitor did not issue any problem area or noncompliance reports during this period.



SUMMARY OF LEVEL 1 AND LEVEL 2 VARIANCE REQUESTS

No Level 1 or Level 2 variance requests were approved for the Project during this reporting period.



SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS OF OBSERVED ACTIVITIES



Projectwide – Tioga Compressor Station (January 3, 2022)
 – Acceptable – MP 0.0

Projectwide – Line Section 30 Loop, west of Highway 40
 (January 3, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 6.5



Tioga Elkhorn Creek PL Spread 2 – Line marker over the
 new Northern Border Interconnect pipeline (January 4,
 2022) – Communication – MP 0.1

Tioga Elkhorn Creek PL Spread 2 – Elkhorn Creek
 Compressor Station and new launcher/receiver within the
 site (January 4, 2022) – Communication – MP 57.8



Lignite Plant and Border Stations – Accumulation of snow within the area of the Lignite Meter Station (January 5, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 0.0

Lignite Plant and Border Stations – New Lignite launcher/receiver (January 5, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 0.0



Tioga Elkhorn Creek PL Spread 2 – South side of Lake Sakakawea. The exit side of the horizontal directional drill (January 6, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 25.9

Tioga Elkhorn Creek PL Spread 2 – Frozen wetland w-wk-ea-003e (January 6, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 28.0



Robinson Lake Plant Receipt Station – Accumulation of snow inside the fence and outside the station (January 7, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 0.0

Robinson Lake Plant Receipt Station – Snow removal and maintained access to the station from the main entrance (January 7, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 0.0