



**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE MONITORING PROGRAM  
 SUMMARY REPORT NO. 22  
 NORTH BAKKEN EXPANSION PROJECT  
 DOCKET NOS.: CP 20-52-000 AND CP 20-52-001  
 FOR THE PERIOD: JANUARY 9 THROUGH 22, 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.

This report covers a two-week period of compliance monitoring observations from January 9 through January 22, 2022. There was only one daily report submitted for the week of January 9 through 15, 2022 because the Compliance Monitor was away from the Project area for a short break and because of limited access due to frozen and snow-covered conditions.

During this reporting period, the Compliance Monitor issued seven (7) Daily Monitoring Reports consisting of five (5) Acceptable Reports and two (2) Communication Reports. 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.

<b>SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE MONITOR REPORTS AND APPROVED VARIANCES FOR THE NORTH BAKKEN EXPANSION PROJECT</b>		
Compliance Level	Number of Reports and Variances for this Reporting Period	Cumulative Number of Reports and Variances
Acceptable	5	293
Communication	2	68
Problem Area	0	0
Noncompliance	0	0
Serious Violation	0	0
Approved Level 1 Variances	0	2
Approved Level 2 Variances	0	34
<b>Total Reports and Variances</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>397</b>

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 coordinated 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. On January 14, 2022, WBI submitted an in-service request to FERC for the Project, which was under review during this reporting period. All activities observed were in compliance with the Project's plans and procedures.

- *Elkhorn Creek Compressor Station – widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*
- *Line Section 25 Loop [Milepost (MP) 0 – 20.3] – widespread snow and ice; permanent fences and above-ground facilities completed and restored; in-service request review;*
- *Line Section 30 Loop (MP 0 – 9.6) – widespread snow and ice; installation of control valves and new pig launcher/receiver completed; finish grade, painting, and permanent fence installation scheduled for Spring; in-service request review;*
- *Tioga Compressor Lateral (MP 0 – 0.5) – widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*
- *Tioga Compressor Station – widespread snow and ice; stable right-of-way; restored ground surface and public and private roadways; pipeline technicians continued to work at the compressor plants inside buildings and motor control stations, testing all operating devices; in-service request review;*
- *Tioga to Elkhorn Creek Pipeline Spread 1 – North Spread (MP 0 – 23.0) – widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*
- *Tioga to Elkhorn Creek Pipeline Spread 2 – South Spread (MP 23.0 – 62.8) – widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*
- *Tioga Plant Receipt Station – widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*
- *Section 25 Uprates Pipeline (MP 0.0 to 0.5) – widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*
- *Norse Transfer Station – no monitoring activity; widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*
- *Robinson Lake Plant Receipt Station –widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*
- *Springbrook Station – widespread snow and ice; no construction upgrades conducted; no ground disturbance;*
- *Lignite Plant and Border Stations – widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*
- *Elkhorn to Northern Border Interconnect Pipeline (MP 0 – 0.3) – widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*



- *Williston-Tioga-Minot Re-route (MP 0 – 0.2) – widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*
- *Norse Plant Receipt Station – no monitoring activity; widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*
- *Lake Sakakawea Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) North – widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*
- *Lake Sakakawea HDD South – widespread snow and ice; in-service request review;*
- *Temple Valve Tract – widespread snow and ice; in-service request review; and*
- *Northern Border Interconnect – widespread snow and ice; in-service request review.*



**COMMUNICATION REPORTS**

Communication reports provide documentation of relevant meetings between the FERC Compliance Monitor and landowners, agency staff, Project representatives, EIs, and others. Two (2) communication reports below present compliance-related information for keeping this weekly summary report relevant to current Project activities.

<b>SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION REPORTS FOR THE NORTH BAKKEN EXPANSION PROJECT</b>				
<b>Compliance Level/Report Number</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Location (Spread/ Facility/ Milepost [MP]/ County/State)</b>	<b>Follow-up Required (Yes or No)</b>	<b>Description</b>
TiogaElkhornCr PL Spread 1_10Jan2022_HT1	1/10/2022	Tioga-Elkhorn Cr PL Spread 1 MP 0.0	No	There were adverse winter weather conditions and limitations for access throughout the region. All activities Project-wide were limited to the Tioga and Elkhorn Creek Compressor Stations. Activities included finalizing commissioning and calibration of operating equipment, instruments, and devices in preparation for the request for in-service of all pipelines and ancillary facilities. Although adverse weather and snow/icy conditions persist, pipeline technicians continued to work at the compressor plants inside buildings and motor control stations, testing all operating devices. Commencement of operations is contingent upon FERC review and approval of the in-service request. Two EIs stated that they continue to be on duty, one on Spread 1 and the northern projects, and the other on Spread 2 and the southern facilities. Both EIs are conducting daily inspections of the right-of-way, as weather and access conditions allow. There are no environmental issues to report.
SpringbrookPI Rec Station_18Jan2022_HT1	1/18/2022	Springbrook PI Rec Station MP 0.0	No	The Compliance Monitor conducted an inspection of the Springbrook Plant Receipt Station in Williams County. It was WBI's original intention to upgrade the Springbrook Plant Receipt Station. However, no modifications to upgrade the facility were constructed in agreement with the customer/owner's request. The EI reported that was no ground disturbance at the Springbrook plant receipt station. There is a possibility that upgrades to the station will take place in the future, under a separate and future permitting process. The plant and the surrounding areas were covered with snow and ice at the time of inspection. No signs of ground disturbance or modifications were noted.



## **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**



Line Section 30 Loop – Nesson Station updated control valve (January 17, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 0.0



Line Section 30 Loop – Old Temple Valve setting to be removed. New upgrades to the Line Section 30 Loop valves and launcher/receiver. Installation of permanent fences around the new facilities is pending until Spring (January 17, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 0.0



Springbrook Plant Receipt Station – Existing WBI Springbrook Plant Receipt Station in Williams County without any construction upgrades (January 18, 2022) – Communication – MP 0.0

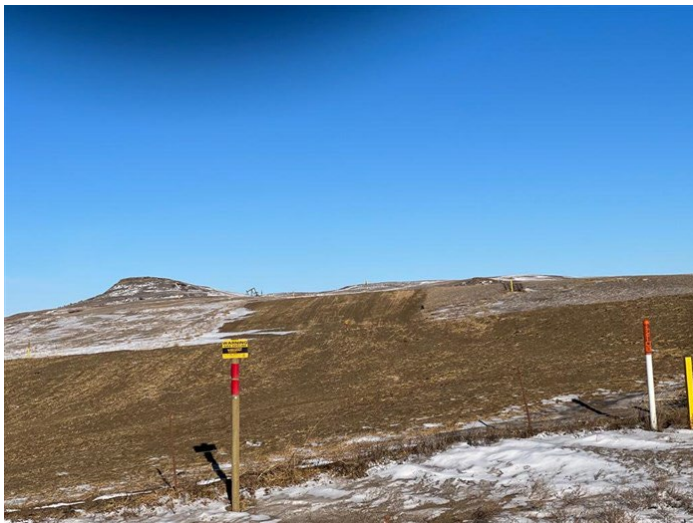


Springbrook Plant Receipt Station – WBI Line Section 30 Loop into the Springbrook Plant Receipt Station (January 18, 2022) – Communication – MP 0.0



Line Section 25 Loop – Line Section 25 Loop, south of Block Valve No. 6.8 in Mountrail County (January 19, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 7.5

Line Section 25 Loop – Line Section 25 Loop, south of Block Valve No. 13.6 in Burke County (January 19, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 13.3



Tioga Compressor Station – Frozen and stable right-of-way adjacent to the Station (January 20, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 50.8

Tioga Compressor Station – Stabilized slopes through sloping terrain adjacent to the Station (January 20, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 56.8





Project-wide (inspection per in-service request) – Completed Tioga Plant Receipt Station (January 21, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 0.0

Project-wide (inspection per in-service request) – Restored 20-Inch Tioga Lateral right-of-way (January 21, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 0.4



Project-wide (inspection per in-service request) – Restored horizontal directional drill entry side of Lake Sakakawea (January 21, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 23.1

Project-wide (inspection per in-service request) – Elkhorn Creek Compressor Station (January 21, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 61.7



Tioga Elkhorn Creek Pipeline Spread 1 – Restored and mulched tracts (January 22, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 22.0

Tioga Elkhorn Creek Pipeline Spread 1 – Straw mulch covered with snow (January 22, 2022) – Acceptable – MP 22.5