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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.
Wahpeton Expansion Project
Docket No. PF21-04-000

On September 27, 2021, 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 Wahpeton Expansion Project (Project). Pursuant to Section 157.21(f)(6) of the Commission's regulations, WBI Energy herewith submits its fourth monthly progress report for the Project for the period of January 1 to January 31, 2022.

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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Director, Regulatory Affairs and
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WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.

Enclosure: Monthly Progress Report No. 4

INTRODUCTION

By letter order dated September 27, 2021, 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 Wahpeton Expansion Project (Project). The Project will consist of:

- approximately 60.6 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline from WBI Energy's existing Mapleton Compressor Station near Mapleton, North Dakota, to a new delivery station near Wahpeton, North Dakota;
- minor modifications at the Mapleton Compressor Station to interconnect the new pipeline;
- a new delivery station near Kindred, North Dakota; and
- new block valve settings, and new pig launcher/receiver settings.

The Project, as proposed, will allow WBI Energy to add approximately 20.6 million cubic feet per day of natural gas transportation capacity to help meet a growing demand for natural gas in southeastern North Dakota. The Project has been assigned Docket No. PF21-04-000.

This Monthly Progress Report provides a brief summary of significant Project activities or changes in Project information that have occurred during the period beginning January 1, 2022 through January 31, 2022.

FIELD SURVEYS

- Surveys have concluded for the 2021 field season. Follow-up of a few parcels and any reroutes is targeted for spring 2022, dependent on weather conditions and potential reroutes

FERC/RESOURCE REPORTS

- FERC's scoping period opened on January 4, 2022. Two virtual public scoping meetings were held on January 25 and 27, 2022. Tracked comments from landowners, agencies, and/or other stakeholders submitted to FERC during the scoping period.
- Attended an Interagency Meeting on January 26, 2022 to provide a project introduction and address any areas of environmental concern with FERC staff, interested federal, state, and local agencies, and FERC's Third-Party Contractor.
- Continued to work on draft resource reports, including responding to FERC's comments on the preliminary drafts of Resource Reports 1 and 10.

AGENCY/TRIBAL CONTACTS

- Between January 3 and January 31, 2022 sent e-mails and called the North Dakota Game and Fish Department regarding fisheries of concern, aquatic nuisance species, and the location of eagle nests.
- Between January 3 and January 18, 2022 sent follow-up emails to the Cass County and Richland County Farm Service Agencies to obtain information on Conservation Reserve Program lands near the Project.

- Between January 9 and January 19, 2022 sent e-mails and held a call with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to share Project workspace and discuss IPaC results.
- Between January 14 and January 27, 2022 sent e-mails to the Natural Resources Conservation Service on seed mixes for use during restoration and identification of Agricultural Conservation Easement Program lands that may be crossed.
- On January 20, 2022 received a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) letter that indicated No Hazard for the initial pipeline route and the MDU-Kindred Border Station location relative to the existing Kindred Airport and planned future expansion of the airport runway. WBI Energy and the FAA have had email communications since that time and have agreed upon a revised pipeline route and border station location that will be east of the initial proposed locations.
- On January 27, 2022 mailed a letter to the National Park Service, with concurrent e-mail, introducing the Project and requested review of Project maps and a crossing of the North County Scenic National Trail.

STAKEHOLDER ACTIVITIES

- Continued to track comments from landowners, agencies, and/or other stakeholders.

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 developed draft alignment sheets.
- WBI Energy continued to contact landowners to refine routing and siting and to obtain access for surveys.
- WBI Energy continued to work on compressor station piping and border station layout and design.

UPCOMING FOR FEBRUARY 2022

- Continue to work on drafting resource reports.
- Continue to follow-up with agencies, Native American tribes, and other stakeholders contacted about the Project.