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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Richard Glick, Chairman;

James P. Danly, Allison Clements,

Mark C. Christie, and Willie L. Phillips.

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| WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. | Docket Nos. | CP20-52-000  CP20-52-001 |

ORDER VACATING CERTIFICATE IN PART

(Issued April 8, 2022)

1. On June 1, 2021, the Commission authorized WBI Energy Transmission (WBI Energy), under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act,[[1]](#footnote-2) to construct, operate, and maintain certain natural gas transmission facilities to provide firm transportation service to its customers in Burke, McKenzie, Mountrail and Williams Counties, North Dakota (North Bakken Expansion Project).[[2]](#footnote-3) The North Bakken Expansion Project included the construction of various natural gas transmission facilities and upgrades to the Springbrook, Norse, and Robinson plant receipt stations. Ordering Paragraph (B)(1) of the Certificate Order required WBI Energy to complete construction of the proposed facilities and make them available for service within three years of the date of the order.[[3]](#footnote-4) On January 26, 2022, Commission staff authorized WBI Energy to place its remaining project facilities into service.[[4]](#footnote-5)
2. On March 8, 2022, WBI Energy filed a request that the Commission vacate, in part, the June 2, 2021certificate. Specifically, WBI Energy states that it no longer intends to upgrade its Springbrook Plant Receipt Station in Williams County. WBI Energy had proposed to upgrade the meter, station piping, and associated facilities at the Springbrook Plant Receipt Station to accommodate existing and incremental expansion volumes associated with the project.[[5]](#footnote-6) WBI Energy explains that, when it filed its section 7(c) application, two shippers, including Zavanna, LLC, had existing firm transportation service agreements with WBI Energy which utilized the Springbrook Plant Receipt Station as the primary receipt point, and that the station needed upgrades to support the existing and future contractual obligations.[[6]](#footnote-7) However, after the certificate was issued, Zavanna, LLC chose not to renew its existing agreement with WBI Energy upon expiration.[[7]](#footnote-8) As a result, WBI Energy has determined it can meet its existing and incremental expansion volumes without upgrading the Springbrook Plant Receipt Station. Because WBI Energy does not intend to upgrade the Springbrook Plant Receipt Station and its associated facilities, we will vacate the authorization granted in the Certificate Order, with respect to those specified facilities.

The Commission orders:

The certificate authorization issued to WBI Energy in the June 1, 2021 order is vacated, in part, as described above.

By the Commission.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

1. 15 U.S.C. § 717f. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.*, 175 FERC ¶ 61,182 (2021) (Certificate Order). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. *Id.* at ordering para. (B)(1). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. *See* Jan. 26, 2022 Authorization to Commence Service at Remaining Project Facilities. In its January 14, 2022 request for authorization to place the project facilities into service, WBI Energy noted that it had elected not to complete the station upgrade at the Springbook Plant Receipt Station. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. March 8, 2022 Motion to Partially Vacate Certificate at 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. *Id.* at 1-2. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. *Id.* at 2. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)