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May 23, 2023

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: OEP/DPC/CB-2
WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.
Docket No. CP22-466-000
§ 375.308(x)(3)

Dear Ms. Bose:

WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy), herewith submits responses to the data request of the Office of Energy Projects of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) received on May 18, 2023, in the above referenced docket.

WBI Energy states that the responses provided herein were prepared by WBI Energy and represent the responses of WBI Energy and not the individual preparer.

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 385.2010 of the Commission's regulations, copies of the responses are being served to each person whose name appears on the official service list for this proceeding.

Any questions regarding this filing should be addressed to the undersigned at (701) 530-1563.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lori Myerchin

Lori Myerchin
Director, Regulatory Affairs and
Transportation Services

Attachment

cc: via email

Samuel Burton, OEP, FERC
Official Service List

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated this 23rd day of May 2023.

By /s/ Lori Myerchin
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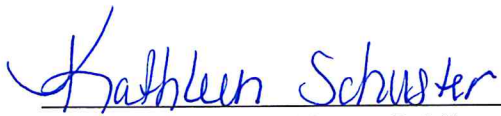
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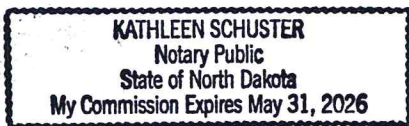
I, Lori Myerchin, being first duly sworn, do hereby depose and say that I am the Director, Regulatory Affairs and Transportation Services for WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.; that I have read the foregoing document; that I know the contents thereof; that I am authorized to execute such document; and that all such statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 23rd day of May 2023.

By 
Lori Myerchin
Director, Regulatory Affairs and
Transportation Services

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of May 2023.


Kathleen Schuster, Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires: 5/31/2026



WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.
Wahpeton Expansion Project
Docket No. CP22-466-000

Response to FERC's May 18, 2023 Data Request

Request 1

In its application WBI Energy states that farm taps may be constructed along the pipeline route. Specifically on page 8, WBI Energy states that each tap would consist of valves and piping contained within a fenced area within the permanent right-of-way. WBI Energy states that the details regarding the number and location of these farm taps are still being determined. Further, on page 13 WBI Energy states that "New customers may include...individual end users utilizing a farm tap."

- a. Provide a definition of "farm tap" as used in your application and describe the nature of the service that would be provided through such a facility.
- b. Would the service be provided under WBI Energy's FERC tariff or would deliveries be made to the end-user associated with the "farm tap" as part of an easement agreement? If the latter, would there be a third party providing service to the customer behind the connection (for example a local distribution company)?
- c. Since the filing of its application, has WBI Energy identified any locations for farm taps? If so, provide the locations and description of the facilities comprising the farm tap and the services to be provided through them.
- d. Under what authority would WBI Energy construct the farm taps?
- e. How does WBI Energy propose to recover the costs of any farm taps?
- f. To extent possible, provide a more detailed description of the facilities and footprint comprising a generic farm tap.

Response:

- a. Farm taps are natural gas facilities that provide natural gas service to rural homes and agricultural locations with daily flow volumes that are typically less than 200 mcf per day.
- b. Service to new farm taps would be provided under WBI Energy's FERC tariff. WBI Energy contracts with either a local distribution company or the end-user directly to make deliveries via the farm tap facilities. The local distribution company or end-user is then responsible for the facilities downstream of the farm tap
- c. Currently, no locations have been identified for farms taps.
- d. If locations are identified for farms taps during construction prior to placing the project in service, WBI Energy would file a variance request for review by and authorization from the Commission to construct and operate the facilities. If farms taps are identified post construction and project in service, WBI Energy would install the facilities under its blanket certificate authority pursuant to Section 157.211(a)(1) of the Commission's regulations.
- e. The cost associated with farm taps is usually recovered through a contribution in aid of construction.
- f. A typical farm tap facility will include valves, piping, regulators, and a meter. Typically, the farm tap facilities are contained within a five-foot-by-five-foot area and are constructed within the permanent pipeline right-of-way.

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Request 2

Describe the process whereby Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) selected WBI Energy to provide additional service to Wahpeton and new service to Kindred. Identify any intrastate or other interstate pipelines in the vicinity that could have been expanded to provide the service for Montana-Dakota and explain why Montana-Dakota selected WBI Energy.

Response:

Prior to signing a Precedent Agreement with WBI Energy, Montana-Dakota reviewed three alternatives to provide additional service to Wahpeton, North Dakota. The alternatives included 1) replacing the current 66-mile Great Plains Natural Gas Company pipeline between Vergas, Minnesota and Breckenridge, Minnesota; 2) installing a new interconnect with Viking Gas Transmission Company near Hawley, Minnesota and constructing an approximately 60-mile distribution pipeline to Breckenridge, Minnesota; and 3) upgrading Montana-Dakota's interconnect with Alliance Pipeline near Fairmont, North Dakota and constructing an approximately 23-mile distribution pipeline to Wahpeton. Montana-Dakota dismissed these alternatives due to more significant environmental impacts and higher initial costs to build and/or replace pipelines and facilities. As indicated in Section VI of the Application, Montana-Dakota also evaluated how to provide natural gas service to Kindred, North Dakota when WBI Energy announced it plans to construct the Valley Expansion Project in eastern North Dakota in 2017. Because of the lesser environmental impact and lower cost alternative to construct the proposed facilities to Wahpeton, and the proximity of the community of Kindred to the proposed pipeline route, WBI Energy was selected to provide the facilities for Montana-Dakota to extend natural gas service to the community of Kindred.

System alternatives for the project are discussed in Section 10.4 of Resource Report 10 of the Environmental Report included with the Application.