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June 10, 2025

Debbie-Anne Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.
Wahpeton Expansion Project
Docket No. CP22-466-000
Variance Request for Project Modification

Dear Secretary Reese:

On October 23, 2023, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued an Order Issuing Certificate (Order) in the above referenced docket authorizing WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) to construct, modify, operate, and maintain its Wahpeton Expansion Project (Project) in Cass and Richland Counties, North Dakota. On February 13, 2024, the Commission authorized WBI Energy to proceed with construction of all Project facilities. The Project facilities were placed into service on December 1, 2024. Following in-service, as indicated in the Weekly Status Reports, WBI Energy continues to conduct anomaly investigations along the installed pipeline.

Pursuant to Environmental Condition No. 5 of the Order, WBI Energy is hereby submitting a variance request to utilize additional temporary workspace (ATWS) to safely and properly complete an anomaly investigation located near the end of the Wild Rice River HDD bore at approximate Milepost 51.35¹. An approximate 25-foot-deep excavation will be required to expose and conduct an anomaly investigation of the bore pipe. WBI Energy is requesting ATWS to allow sufficient storage space for topsoil and subsoil separation and to provide adequate space to safely operate equipment.

This modification, as depicted in Attachment A, will result in approximately 0.33 acre of additional temporary disturbance and have no change in operational impacts. The ATWS is located entirely within agricultural lands in Richland County, North Dakota and no wetlands/waterbodies, cultural resources, or other environmental resources will be impacted by this Project modification. Additionally, WBI Energy will implement the mitigation measures in FERC's Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation, and Maintenance Plan and other permits/plans as applicable to further reduce impacts.

¹ From Station Nos. 2709+30 to 2711+50 on Alignment Sheet No. 25.

The requested modification is located within previous biological and cultural survey corridors for the Project; therefore, no further consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office is required.

WBI Energy has received landowner approval for the modification. Upon completion of the anomaly investigation WBI Energy will work with the landowner to restore the disturbed area to pre-construction condition.

As required under Environmental Condition No. 5 of the Order, WBI Energy respectfully requests written authorization from the Director of the Office of Energy Projects to utilize the requested Project modification, by Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 385.2010 of the Commission's regulations, copies of this filing 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
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
and Transportation Services

Attachment

cc: via email

Jennifer Fink, FERC Environmental Project Manager
Dawn Ramsey, FERC Deputy Environmental Project Manager
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 10 day of June, 2025.

By /s/ Lori Myerchin

Lori Myerchin

Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and
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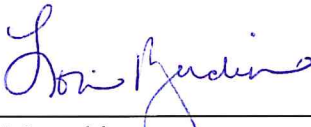
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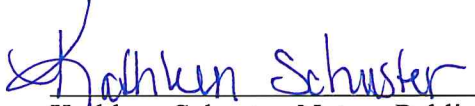
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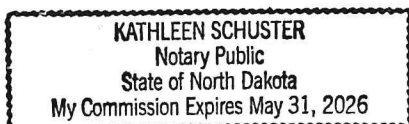
I, Lori Myerchin, being first duly sworn, do hereby depose and say that I am the Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Transportation Services for WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.; that I have read the foregoing document; that I know the contents thereof; that I am authorized to execute such document; 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 10th day of June, 2025.

By 
Lori Myerchin
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and
Transportation Services

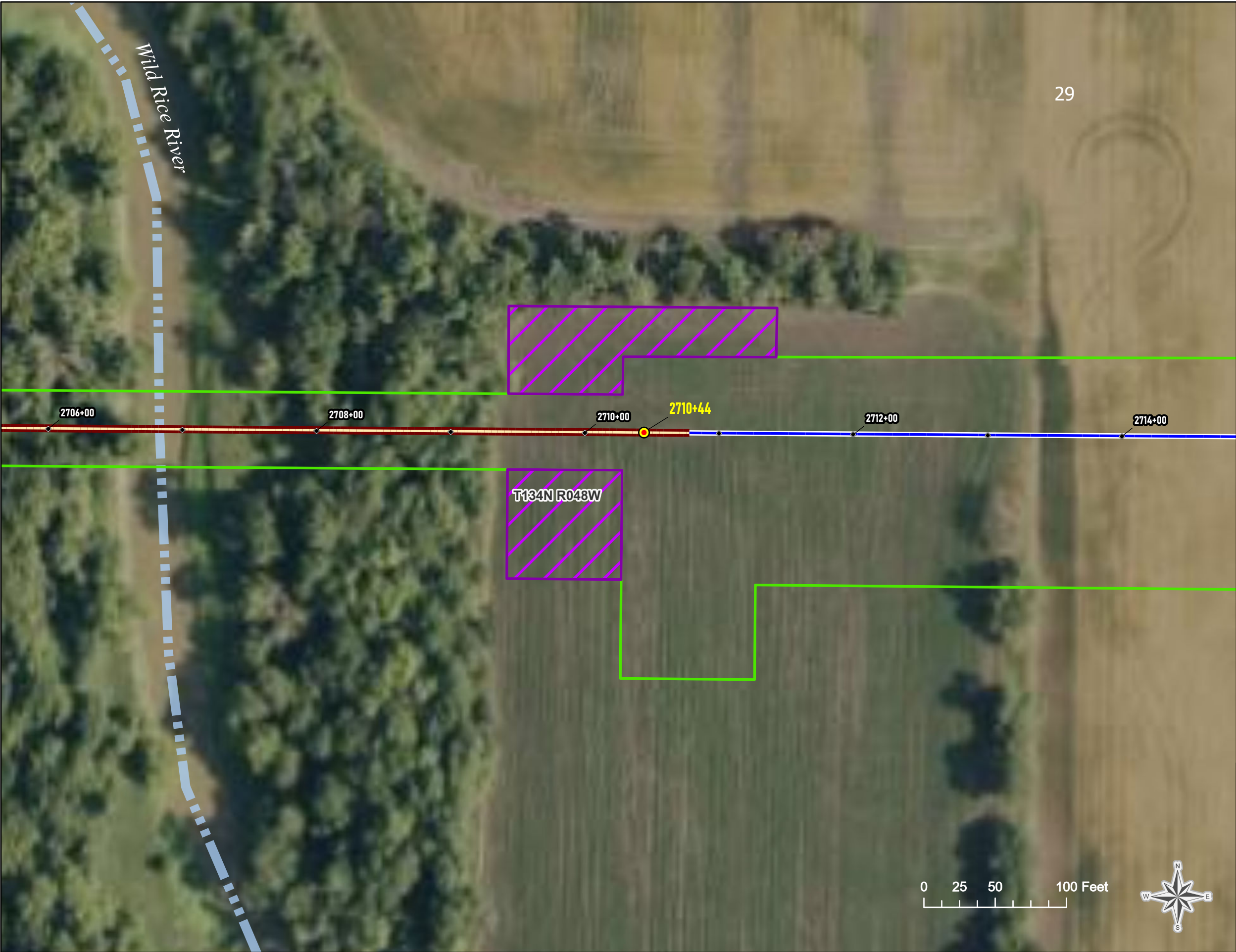
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of June, 2025.


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



Attachment A

Variance Exhibit



Wahpeton Expansion Project

Variance Request Overview

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- FERC Approved Workspace
- Pipeline Bore
- Pipeline Centerline
- Wild Rice River
- Station Points
- Anomaly Dig
- Requested ATWS
- Section
- Township

Scale: 1:800



Project Area Overview

