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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas 4
WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.
Wahpeton Expansion Project
Docket No. CP22-466-000

July 18, 2024

VIA FERC Service

Lori Myerchin
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Transportation Services
WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.
1250 West Century Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58506-5601

Re: Approval of Variance Request

Dear Ms. Myerchin:

I grant your July 17, 2024 request for WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) to implement the variances described below for the Wahpeton Expansion Project in Cass and Richland Counties, North Dakota:

- Add temporary workspace for a guided bore road crossing at milepost (MP) 36.1;
- Reroute the pipeline in five location per landowner requests at MPs 4.9-5.4, 32.6-33.0, 43.9-44.5, 52.9-54.5, and 57.0-57.5;
- Relocate the Montana-Dakota Utilities Company-Wahpeton Border Station per landowner request;
- Utilize 10 existing approaches as temporary access roads at MPs 1.4, 23.3-23.6, 24.7, 27.7, 35.6, 36.2, 39.9 (2), 40.5, and 51.9;
- Shift the footprint of valve site #5 at MP 39.5 to align aboveground facilities with the pipeline alignment; and
- Modify three approved access roads for safety reasons at MPs 24.1, 39.5, and 24.7.

Your request is in compliance with environmental condition 5 of the Commission's October 23, 2023 *Order Issuing Certificate* (Order) in the above-referenced docket. In addition, we have confirmed that WBI Energy has obtained landowner approval and is in receipt of all federal authorizations relevant to the approved activities herein. I remind you that WBI Energy must comply with all applicable

remaining terms and conditions of the Order. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 502-8312.

Sincerely,

David Hanobic
Project Manager,
Division of Gas - Environment
and Engineering