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

Re: WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. Wahpeton Expansion Project Docket No. CP22-466-000 Weekly Status Report No. 43

Dear Acting Secretary Reese:

WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) herewith submits its Weekly Status Report No. 43 for the Wahpeton Expansion Project, in compliance with Environmental Condition 9 of the Appendix to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's October 23, 2023 Order Issuing Certificate in the above referenced docket.

The attached report addresses the status of the project from September 16, 2024 to September 22, 2024.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this filing, please call the undersigned at (701) 530-1563.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lori Myerchin

Lori Myerchin Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Transportation Services

#### Attachment

cc: via email

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### A. Its Update on Federal Authorizations

• WBI Energy has obtained all necessary federal permits and authorizations required for construction of the Wahpeton Expansion Project.

### B. Construction Status - Pipeline Facilities

- Environmental Inspectors continue to conduct onsite environmental training as needed.
- A FERC environmental inspection was conducted September 17 and 18, 2024. Details regarding a non-compliance and two problem areas noted during the inspection are provided below. Concurrent with the filing of this report, WBI Energy is filing a response describing actions taken to rectify the non-compliance and problem areas.
- On September 19, 2024, FERC approved a variance request to install a farm tap at MP56.9.

# TABLE 1-1 Wahpeton Expansion Pipeline

### Work Completed during Reporting Period:

- Continued welding, joint coating, ditching, lowering, backfill, and cleanup activities.
- Continued boring activities at remaining bore sites.
- Continued construction activities at Valve Site Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.
- Continued maintenance of Project signage, equipment mats, erosion control devices, and goal posts at aboveground utility lines.

Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments
Pipeline			
Clearing / Grading	0%	100%	
Stringing	0%	100%	
Bending	0%	100%	
Welding	1%	95%	
Joint Coating	1%	95%	
Ditching	1%	93%	
Lowering	1%	92%	
Backfill	1%	83%	
Bores	0 of 68	66 of 68	
Cleanup	<0%	8%	
Seeding	0%	0%	
Final Tie-in and Commissioning	0%	0%	
Hydrostatic Testing	0 of 2	0 of 2	
Appurtenant Facilities <sup>1</sup>			
Valve Site #1 and Pig Launcher / Receiver #1 at MP 0.0		2 of 2	Valve 1 is mechanically complete.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	85%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cleanup/Restoration includes backfilling and spreading of gravel.

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Valve Site #2 and Pig Launcher / Receiver #2 at MP 11.6	1 of 2	1 of 2	Valve 2 is mechanically complete. 87% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	0%	
Valve Site #3 at MP 23.4	0 of 1	0 of 1	92% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	0%	
Valve Site #4 at MP 31.3	0 of 1	0 of 1	80% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	0%	
Valve Site #5 and Pig Launcher / Receiver #3 at MP 39.5	0 of 2	0 of 2	55% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	0%	
Valve Site #6 at MP 48.9	1 of 1	1 of 1	Valve 6 is mechanically complete. 87% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	0%	
Valve Site #7 and Pig Launcher / Receiver #4 at MP 60.5	1 of 2	1 of 2	Valve 7 is mechanically complete. 92% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	0%	

### Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:

- Continue remaining pipeline construction activities.
- Continue construction activities at Valve Site Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.
- Continue boring activities at bore 64.
- Continue maintenance of Project signage, erosion control devices, equipment mats, and goal posts at aboveground utility lines.



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#### **Problem Areas, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:**

- On September 17 and September 18, 2024, during the monthly FERC environmental inspection, two problem areas
  were identified. Authorized workspace limits were not visibly marked per the FERC Plan Section II.B.3 from
  mileposts (MP) 11.64 through 18.18. In addition, temporary erosion control devices were not installed along a
  resource at MP 47.4 per the FERC Procedures Section V.B.10.b. WBI Energy is filing a report concurrent with the
  filing of this report detailing the corrective actions taken.
- On September 18, 2024, an approximate five-to-ten-gallon spill of an unknown substance (possibly antifreeze) occurred at Valve Site 7 and the MDU-Wahpeton Border Station at Station No. 3100+00. The spill impacted an approximate six square foot area. Measures identified in the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan were implemented to contain, clean up, and dispose of contaminated materials. Spill reports were completed by the Spill Coordinator and Environmental Inspector onsite, and the incident was reported using the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality Unified Spill Reporting System. WBI Energy is the affected landowner.



Date: 9/18/2024

Location: Sta. No. 3100+00 at Valve Site 7 and MDU-Wahpeton Border Station.

Notes: Cleanup of an unknown substance spill.

• WBI Energy continued to monitor, maintain erosion control devices to mitigate and cleanup the nine inadvertent returns (IR) discovered on September 4, September 5, and September 14, 2024 extending from approximately Station Nos. 2708+00 to 2710+00 (east of the Wild Rice River) and extending from approximately Station Nos. 2704+00 to 2705+00 (west of Wild Rice River) during the boring activities of Antelope Creek (srie004p) and Wild Rice River (srid003p) (Bore 64). No new IRs have occurred. WBI Energy continues to implement measures identified in its Guided Bore Drilling Fluid Monitoring and Operations Plan for the containment and cleanup of the drilling fluids.



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### Non-Compliance Issues, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:

• On September 18, 2024, during the monthly FERC environmental inspection, a widespread non-compliance was identified resulting from Project related material not contained within approved workspace limits per the FERC Plan Section VI.A from MP 42.05 to 58.50. WBI Energy is filing a report concurrent with the filing of this report detailing the corrective actions taken.

### Non-Compliance Issues from Federal, State or Local Permitting Agencies and Responses:

• A non-compliance was issued from the FERC environmental inspection conducted September 17 and 18, 2024 as described above.

Copies included: Not applicable

Landowner Issues: None

Date	Name	Milepost / Alignment Sheet #	Problem/Concern	Corrective Action



Date: 9/16/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1810+00

Notes: Coating activities at wetland wrib013 on the construction right-of-way.



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Date: 9/16/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1810+00

Notes: Backfilling activities at wetland wrib013 on the construction right-of-way.



Date: 9/16/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2704+00 and

Bore 64.

Notes: Continued monitoring/containment of the September 14, 2024 inadvertent return west of the Wild Rice River

(srid003p).



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Date: 9/16/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2705+00 and

Bore 64.

Notes: Continued monitoring containment of the September 14, 2024 inadvertent return west of the Wild Rice River (srid003p).



Date: 9/16/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2706+85

Notes: Looking west along the centerline of the Wild Rice River guided bore crossing (srid003p)

(Bore 64).



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Date: 9/17/2024

Location: Sta. No. 489+00

Notes: Removal of construction material on the construction right-

of-way.



Date: 9/17/2024

Location: Sta. No. 610+00

Notes: Removal of construction mats along the construction right-

of-way.



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Date: 9/17/2024

Location: Sta. No. 615+00 and

Valve Site 2.

Notes: Continued construction of

Valve Site 2 pad.



Date: 9/17/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1810+00

Notes: Reclamation of wetland wrib013e on the construction right-

of-way.



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Date: 9/18/2024

Location: Sta. No. 345+00

Notes: Spreading topsoil across the

construction right-of-way.



Date: 9/18/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1460+00

Notes: Maintenance of erosion control devices on equipment bridge over wetland (wrie009e) along the construction right-of-

way.



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Date: 9/18/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1655+00 and

Valve Site 4.

Notes: Continued construction at

Valve Site 4.



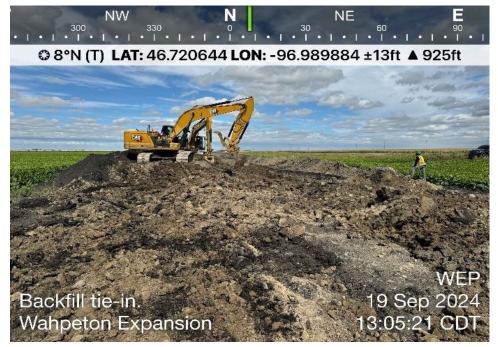
Date: 9/18/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1906+00

Notes: Installed erosion control devices at edge of a vegetative buffer adjacent to wetland (wrib019e).



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Date: 9/19/2024

Location: Sta. No. 560+00 and

Bore 18.

Notes: Backfilling activities at the Bore 18 tie-in on the construction

right-of-way.



Date: 9/19/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2495+00.

Notes: Installing additional erosion control devices at a wetland

(wrid003e).



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Date: 9/20/2024

Location: Sta. No. 936+00

Notes: Decompaction of subsoil prior to spreading topsoil on the construction right-of-way.



Date: 9/20/2024

Location: Sta. No. 830+00

Notes: Dewatering of a bell hole on the construction right-of-way.



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Date: 9/20/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2164+00 and

Bores 50 and 51.

Notes: Tie-in of bore pipe on the

construction right-of-way.



Date: 9/21/2024

Location: Sta. No. 880+00.

Notes: Spreading topsoil on the construction right-of-way.



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Date: 9/21/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2498+00

Notes: Replaced erosion control devices at approved access road

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### C. Construction Status - Aboveground Facilities

#### **TABLE 2-1 Modifications at Mapleton Compressor Station** Work Completed during Reporting Period: No work was completed during this reporting period. **Activity** Total % % of Total Job Comments **Completed This** Completed Period 0% Install Aboveground Station Piping 100% Install Belowground Station Piping 0% 100% Cleanup / Restoration<sup>2</sup> 0% 100%

### Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:

No work is planned for the next reporting period.

#### **Problem Areas, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:**

• No problem areas were identified during reporting period.

#### Non-Compliance Issues, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:

No non-compliance issues were identified during reporting period.

### Non-Compliance Issues from Federal, State or Local Permitting Agencies and Responses:

No non-compliance issues were identified during reporting period.

Copies included: Not applicable

Landowner Issues: None

Landowner issu	es: None			
Date	Name	Milepost / Alignment Sheet #	Problem/Concern	Corrective Action

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Final cleanup and restoration will be in conjunction with Block Valve #1 and Pig Launcher / Receiver #1 within the compressor station yard.



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### TABLE 2-2 MDU- Kindred Border Station

### **Work Completed during Reporting Period:**

- Completed concrete work.
- Continued initial site work.
- Began installation of buildings and cleanup/restoration.

Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments
Initial Site Work	10%	98%	Continued construction of station pad.
Concrete Work	100%	100%	
Install Aboveground Piping	0%	0%	
Install Belowground Piping	0%	0%	
Install Buildings	50%	50%	Completed installation of RTU building.
Cleanup / Restoration <sup>3</sup>	40%	40%	Spread topsoil around perimeter of station pad.
Install Security Fence	0%	0%	

### Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:

- Continue initial site work.
- Begin measurement facility construction.

#### **Problem Areas, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:**

• No problem areas were identified during reporting period.

#### Non-Compliance Issues, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:

• No non-compliance issues were identified during reporting period.

### Non-Compliance Issues from Federal, State or Local Permitting Agencies and Responses:

No non-compliance issues were identified during reporting period.

Copies included: Not applicable

Landowner Issues: None

Landowner issue	es. None			
Date	Name	Milepost / Alignment Sheet #	Problem/Concern	Corrective Action

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Final cleanup and restoration will be completed in conjunction with Block Valve #3 within the border station yard.



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Date: 9/20/2024

Location: MDU-Kindred Border

Station.

Notes: Installation of helical piers.



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# TABLE 2-3 MDU- Wahpeton Border Station

### **Work Completed during Reporting Period:**

- Completed concrete work.
- · Continued initial site work.
- Began installation of buildings and cleanup/restoration.

Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments
Initial Site Work	8%	98%	Continued construction of station pad in conjunction with Valve Site 7.
Concrete Work	100%	100%	
Install Aboveground Piping	0%	0%	
Install Belowground Piping	0%	0%	
Install Buildings	50%	50%	Completed installation of RTU building
Cleanup / Restoration <sup>4</sup>	40%	40%	Spread topsoil around perimeter of station pad.
Install Security Fence	0%	0%	·

#### Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:

- Continue initial site work.
- Begin measurement facility construction.

### **Problem Areas, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:**

No problem areas were identified during reporting period.

#### Non-Compliance Issues, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:

• No non-compliance issues were identified during reporting period.

### Non-Compliance Issues from Federal, State or Local Permitting Agencies and Responses:

• No non-compliance issues were identified during reporting period.

Copies included: Not applicable

Landowner Issues: None

Landowner issue	es. None			
Date	Name	Milepost / Alignment Sheet #	Problem/Concern	Corrective Action

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Final cleanup and restoration will be completed in conjunction with Block Valve #7 and Pig Launcher / Receiver #4 within the border station yard.



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Date: 9/22/2024

Location: MDU-Wahpeton Border

Station.

Notes: Spread topsoil around perimeter of station pad.



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# D. Changes to Stream Crossings or Work in Environmental Sensitive Areas

### TABLE 3 Changes to Stream Crossings or Work in Environmental Sensitive Areas

#### Schedule changes to stream crossings.

• None during reporting period.

Schedule changes for work in other environmentally sensitive areas.

None during reporting period.