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October 15, 2024

Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting 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 Acting 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.

Pursuant to Environmental Condition No. 5 of the Order, WBI Energy is hereby submitting a variance request (V67) to utilize a new water uptake location for hydrostatic testing as WBI Energy has tied-in the pipeline and backfilled and restored the right-of-way at the original uptake location near milepost (MP) 1.2¹. WBI Energy is requesting the following Project modifications as part of V67, all in Cass County, North Dakota and as shown in Attachment A:

- Utilize an existing approach and temporary workspace near the Maple River to lay construction mats to avoid ground disturbance from heavy equipment needed to place the uptake pump near the uptake location;
- Temporarily lay approximately 2,400 feet of lay-flat hose or irrigation pipe in roadside ditches, a portion of a cultivated cropland, and portions of the Mapleton Compressor Station to transport water from the Maple River for final hydrostatic testing of the pipeline utilizing an existing culvert to run the hose/pipe under 163rd Avenue SE; and
- Temporarily set a booster pump at a midway point of the hose/pipe path.

WBI Energy is proposing to utilize an existing approach at the intersection of 163rd Avenue SE and 35th Street SE and approximately 0.12 acre of temporary workspace (approximately 35 feet wide by 150 feet long) to access the north bank of the Maple River and set a pump to uptake

¹ Station No. 64+71 on Alignment Sheet No. 1.

surface water² for final hydrostatic testing. Construction matting will be installed within the temporary workspace to facilitate setting the pump near the river. Use of the workspace requested will result in temporary impacts to wetlands of approximately 0.004 acre.

WBI Energy is also proposing to temporarily lay approximately 2,400 feet of 6-inch lay-flat hose or 4-inch irrigation pipe along the east and west roadside ditches of 163rd Avenue SE from the Maple River, through a portion of cultivated cropland, and to WBI Energy's Mapleton Compressor Station (MP 0.0)³. WBI Energy may also set a boost pump in the east roadside ditch of 163rd Avenue SE near the midpoint of the hose/pipe path. The booster pump will be set in the roadside ditch from the 163rd Avenue SE roadway. WBI Energy is proposing to run the hose/pipe through an existing culvert approximately 1,200 feet north of the Maple River to cross under 163rd Avenue SE and continue north in the west roadside ditch of 163rd Avenue SE to WBI Energy's Mapleton Compressor Station. WBI Energy will offload the hose/pipe by hand from 163rd Avenue SE. No ground disturbance will be associated with this request.

WBI Energy has obtained the required State of North Dakota temporary water permit to withdraw surface water from the Maple River at the proposed location. Consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) confirmed that temporary impacts to wetlands resulting from this Project modification are covered under the existing Nationwide Permit 12 verification. WBI Energy is submitting the correspondence with the USACE as Attachment B-1 to this filing. WBI Energy has received approval from Cass County to utilize the county road right-of-way and culvert to lay hose/pipe and to utilize the access point to the Maple River. WBI Energy has also received landowner approval to lay the hose/pipe through a portion of cultivated cropland.

Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) concluded that the requested Project modification will not affect listed species or critical habitat. WBI Energy is submitting the correspondence with the USFWS as Attachment B-2 to this filing.

WBI Energy also consulted with the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (ND SHPO) for the requested Project modification because it falls outside of previous Project survey corridors. The ND SHPO concurred with WBI Energy's determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for this requested Project modification. WBI Energy is submitting the correspondence with the ND SHPO as Attachment B-3 to this filing.

Additionally, WBI Energy will place pumps operating within 100 feet of a waterbody or wetland boundary in an appropriate secondary containment system and will implement the mitigation measures in FERC's *Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures*, and *Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation, and Maintenance Plan*, and other permits/plans as applicable to further reduce impacts during the installation of the hose/pipe and uptake of surface water.

² A Summary of Proposed Surface Water Use was submitted as Table 15-1 in WBI Energy's response to Environmental Conditions included in the Appendix of the Order Issuing Certificate (see eLibrary accession number 20231201-5360, Attachment 15-1).

³ Alignment Sheet No. 1.

Proposed Project modifications are not located within an environmental justice community.

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 implement the requested Project modification, by Monday, October 21, 2024.

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

Attachments

cc: via email

David Hanobic, 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 15th day of October, 2024.

By /s/ Lori Myerchin

Lori Myerchin

Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and
Transportation Services

WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.

1250 West Century Avenue

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH)

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.

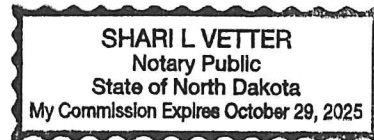
Dated this 15th day of October, 2024.

By *Lori Myerchin*
Lori Myerchin
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and
Transportation Services

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of October, 2024.

Shari L Vetter

Shari L. Vetter, Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires: 10/29/2025









Attachment A

Variance Figure



This information is for environmental review purposes only.

-  TEMP Workspace Added
-  Temporary Water Uptake Line
-  Milepost
-  Centerline
-  Approximate Wetland Boundary
-  No Change



Proposed Project Modifications

V67



Attachment B-1

USACE Correspondence

Reukauf, Robbyn

From: Renschler, Jason J CIV USARMY CENWO (USA) <Jason.J.Renschler@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 9:34 AM
To: Linn, Jill
Cc: Reukauf, Robbyn; Huncovsky, Greg
Subject: RE: WBI Energy - Wahpeton Expansion - Project Update
Attachments: NWP 12 - temporary work, fills.pdf

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Hi Jill - based on your description below of the proposed temporary work/impacts associated with the hydrostatic testing, the highlighted paragraph of the attached pages of Nationwide Permit #12 addresses those temporary impacts. Please note that temporary fills must be removed and impacted areas returned to pre-construction elevations/conditions. I will add your email notification to the main file for the project. No further action is required for the action described below. Thanks, Jason.

Jason Renschler – Sr. PM
Corps – ND Regulatory Office

From: Linn, Jill <Jill.Linn@wbienergy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 4:58 PM
To: Renschler, Jason J CIV USARMY CENWO (USA) <Jason.J.Renschler@usace.army.mil>
Cc: Reukauf, Robbyn <Robbyn.Reukauf@WBIEnergy.com>; Huncovsky, Greg <Greg.Huncovsky@WBIEnergy.com>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] WBI Energy - Wahpeton Expansion - Project Update

Hi Jason,

Hope you are well. WBI Energy is looking at a proposed modification to the Wahpeton Expansion Project (USACE Project No. NWO-2021-1653-BIS) that may have temporary impacts to wetlands adjacent to the Maple River. We have acquired a temporary permit to withdraw water from the river for final hydrostatic testing of the pipeline. Per the attached exhibit, to transport water to the valve site at Mile Post 0, we are proposing to set a pump near the riverbank and lay a flat hose or irrigation pipe mainly within the roadside ditch adjacent to 163rd Ave SE, to the valve site. Impacts to the wetland area depicted in the exhibit may include setting of a pump inside secondary containment and potentially laying equipment mats if necessary. Please note, the wetland that is identified was desktop delineated. In total, we will be requesting 0.12 acres of temporary workspace with 0.004 acres of potential wetland impacts.

The project will continue to adhere to the conditions outlined in Nationwide Permit 12 and the DA PCN authorization for NWO-2021-1653-BIS dated 1/30/2024. Please let me know, at your earliest convenience, whether the Project may proceed under the existing authorization.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions on our plan or need additional information.

Thanks, Jason.

Jill

Jill Linn

*Director, Environmental Affairs
and Operations*

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Attachment B-2

USFWS Correspondence

Reukauf, Robbyn

From: Johnson, Jessica N <jessica_n_johnson@fws.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 1:30 PM
To: Reukauf, Robbyn; Toso, Luke B
Cc: Linn, Jill
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project: USFWS Addendum Request

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Hello Robbyn,

Under the authority of and in accordance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we have reviewed the alternatives and have concluded that the proposed modifications to the action will not cause an effect to the listed species or critical habitat that was not considered in the previous consultation.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Jessica Johnson

Jessica Johnson
Environmental Contaminants Specialist
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Bismarck, ND 58501
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From: Reukauf, Robbyn <Robbyn.Reukauf@WBIEnergy.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2024 3:30 PM
To: Toso, Luke B <luke_toso@fws.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Jessica N <jessica_n_johnson@fws.gov>; Linn, Jill <Jill.Linn@wbienenergy.com>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project: USFWS Addendum Request

Hi Luke,

I wanted to follow up on this email that Jill submitted last week regarding our Wahpeton Expansion project and confirm that you received this request. Since the addendum consultation email that I submitted 8/22/24, we ended up adding workspace near the Maple River as shown on the attached exhibit to allow for sufficient space to set up the pump and lay matting in the area.

WBI Energy does not believe that this slight modification to the Project scope will change the original determination. Can we get confirmation from the USFWS that you agree with WBI Energy's determination?

Please reach out with any questions or concerns. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,
Robbyn Reukauf

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From: Linn, Jill <Jill.Linn@wbienergy.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 10:58 AM

To: Toso, Luke B <luke_toso@fws.gov>; Reukauf, Robbyn <Robbyn.Reukauf@WBIEnergy.com>

Cc: Huncovsky, Greg <Greg.Huncovsky@WBIEnergy.com>; Kelly, Steve <Steve.Kelly@WBIEnergy.com>; Pabst, Justin <Justin.Pabst@WBIEnergy.com>; Lueder, Gay Lynn <GayLynn.Lueder@WBIEnergy.com>; Bates, Andrew <Andrew.Bates@WBIEnergy.com>; Johnson, Jessica N <jessica_n_johnson@fws.gov>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project: USFWS Addendum Request

Luke/Jessica –

To ensure you have the most up to date information regarding project activities, I am providing the attached exhibit depicting minor changes to our planned project modification to withdraw water from the Maple River and transport it via hose/piping to the project location. We have added more workspace near the river as shown in the green hatching on the exhibit for equipment to set the pump and may now also lay matting in that area to support construction equipment.

I wanted to verify that you agree that the additional workspace and construction activity remain within the scope of the original consultation.

Thank you for your ongoing review of this project,
Jill

Jill Linn

*Director, Environmental Affairs
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From: Toso, Luke B <luke_toso@fws.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 12:29 PM

To: Reukauf, Robbyn <Robbyn.Reukauf@WBIEnergy.com>

Cc: Linn, Jill <Jill.Linn@wbienergy.com>; Huncovsky, Greg <Greg.Huncovsky@WBIEnergy.com>; Kelly, Steve <Steve.Kelly@WBIEnergy.com>; Pabst, Justin <Justin.Pabst@WBIEnergy.com>; Lueder, Gay Lynn <GayLynn.Lueder@WBIEnergy.com>; Bates, Andrew <Andrew.Bates@WBIEnergy.com>; Johnson, Jessica N <jessica_n_johnson@fws.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project: USFWS Addendum Request

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Hi Robbyn -

We've reviewed this request and concur that the new layout is within the scope of our original consultation. Thank you for letting us comment on this change. Let me know if you need any additional documentation from our office.

Luke

Luke Toso

Deputy Field Supervisor

North Dakota Ecological Services

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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From: Reukauf, Robbyn <Robbyn.Reukauf@WBIEnergy.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 2:09 PM

To: Toso, Luke B <luke_toso@fws.gov>

Cc: Linn, Jill <Jill.Linn@wbienergy.com>; Huncovsky, Greg <Greg.Huncovsky@WBIEnergy.com>; Kelly, Steve <Steve.Kelly@WBIEnergy.com>; Pabst, Justin <Justin.Pabst@WBIEnergy.com>; Lueder, Gay Lynn <GayLynn.Lueder@WBIEnergy.com>; Bates, Andrew <Andrew.Bates@WBIEnergy.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project: USFWS Addendum Request

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Hi Luke,

We are currently still undergoing active construction on WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project. WBI Energy and the pipeline contractor (Jomax) is exploring options for the final hydrostatic test and is proposing to utilize the Maple River as a potential water source. WBI Energy has obtained the required State of North Dakota temporary water permit to utilize the Maple River for water withdrawal purposes.

After further assessment of the proximity of the Maple River in relation to where we need to fill the pipeline with water at the North end of the Project to conduct the final hydrostatic testing, we are proposing to lay approximately 2,400 feet of flat hose/irrigation pipe along the 163rd Ave. SE roadside ditch within the county road right-of-way. The existing access road to reach the Maple River revised uptake point and the proposed temporary waterline pathway to lay the temporary water hose/pipe is depicted on the attached exhibit. This temporary water line and existing access is located

outside the approved environmental survey corridor. WBI Energy does not believe that this slight modification to the Project scope will change the original determination.

Please advise if you concur with WBI Energy's determination, and please reach out with any questions or concerns. I am traveling but will be checking my cellphone and email.

Thanks,

Robbyn Reukauf

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Attachment B-3

ND SHPO Correspondence



October 9, 2024

Robbyn Reukauf
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ND SHPO Ref: 21-6245 WBI Wahpeton Expansion [Construction Matting] in portions of [T140N R50W Section 30 and T140N R50W Section 25] Cass County, North Dakota

Dear Robbyn,

We've reviewed the project ND SHPO Ref: 21-6245 WBI Wahpeton Expansion [Construction Matting] in portions of [T140N R50W Section 30 and T140N R50W Section 25] Cass County, North Dakota as received by our office on September 17, 2024.

We concur with a determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for this portion of the project provided it takes place in the manner and location described in the documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. For future correspondence regarding this project, please include the ND SHPO Reference number indicated in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Margie Patton, Research Archaeologist at 701-328-3576 or mmpatton@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

for William D. Peterson, PhD
State Historic Preservation Officer
(North Dakota)

21-6245

Reukauf, Robbyn

From: Patton, Margaret M. <mmpatton@nd.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 2:54 PM
To: Reukauf, Robbyn
Cc: Linn, Jill; Huncovsky, Greg; Steckler, Lisa L.
Subject: RE: WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project - SHPO Addendum Request
Attachments: 21-6245 NHPA Construction Matting.pdf

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Hi Robbyn –

Attached is the response for the construction matting. Please let us know if you have any questions -

Margie

Margaret (Margie) Patton, PhD
Research Archaeologist
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Cc: Linn, Jill <Jill.Linn@wbienergy.com>; Huncovsky, Greg <Greg.Huncovsky@WBIEnergy.com>; Steckler, Lisa L. <lsteckler@nd.gov>
Subject: RE: WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project - SHPO Addendum Request

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Thank you so much for the update, Margie, I really appreciate it. Sounds good. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Robbyn

From: Patton, Margaret M. <mmpatton@nd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 7:54 AM
To: Reukauf, Robbyn <Robbyn.Reukauf@WBIEnergy.com>
Cc: Linn, Jill <Jill.Linn@wbienergy.com>; Huncovsky, Greg <Greg.Huncovsky@WBIEnergy.com>; Steckler, Lisa L. <lsteckler@nd.gov>
Subject: RE: WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project - SHPO Addendum Request

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Hi Robbyn –

The review is in the queue at #22 of 73. I expect to get to it this week, but we will definitely respond on or before the due date of 10/16/24.

Margie

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Subject: FW: WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project - SHPO Addendum Request

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Good morning, Margie,
I wanted to follow up with you on this SHPO addendum request that Jill Linn submitted 9/17/24 and confirm that this is currently under review.

Please let me know if you could provide a status update. Thank you very much for your time.

Thanks,
Robbyn Reukauf

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From: Linn, Jill <Jill.Linn@wbienergy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 4:08 PM
To: Patton, Margaret M. <mmpatton@nd.gov>; Reukauf, Robbyn <Robbyn.Reukauf@WBIEnergy.com>
Cc: Huncovsky, Greg <Greg.Huncovsky@WBIEnergy.com>; Steckler, Lisa L. <lsteckler@nd.gov>
Subject: RE: WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project - SHPO Addendum Request

Hi Margie,
Thank you for your review of this project modification. As we have worked through this plan, the construction teams have indicated that they may need to lay construction matting in the area identified with green hatching in the attached exhibit. WBI Energy believes construction matting does not change the "No Historic Properties Affected" determination, but please advise whether you concur. Again, thank you for your time and continued review of this project.

Regards,
Jill

Jill Linn
*Director, Environmental Affairs
and Operations*

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From: Patton, Margaret M. <mmpatton@nd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 11:06 AM
To: Reukauf, Robbyn <Robbyn.Reukauf@WBIEnergy.com>
Cc: Linn, Jill <Jill.Linn@wbienergy.com>; Huncovsky, Greg <Greg.Huncovsky@WBIEnergy.com>; Steckler, Lisa L. <lsteckler@nd.gov>
Subject: RE: WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project - SHPO Addendum Request

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Hi Robbyn –

Attached is a letter for the temporary hose addition to the project. Please let us know if you have any questions -

Margie

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To: Patton, Margaret M. <mmpatton@nd.gov>
Cc: Linn, Jill <Jill.Linn@wbienergy.com>; Huncovsky, Greg <Greg.Huncovsky@WBIEnergy.com>; Steckler, Lisa L. <lsteckler@nd.gov>
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Thank you for the update, Margie, I really appreciate it.

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Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 7:07:47 AM
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Hi Robbyn –

Its in the review queue at #30 of 94, with a due date of 9/21/24. We will be responding this week once we get to the review.

Margie

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Subject: FW: WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project - SHPO Addendum Request

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Hi Margaret,
I wanted to check in with you on the proposed SHPO addendum request that I submitted via email on 8/22/24. Originally, I had reached out to Lisa Steckler, who then passed along this email to you. This is SHPO Reference #21-6245.

Please let me know if you could provide a status update on this proposed addendum.

Thanks,
Robbyn Reukauf

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From: Reukauf, Robbyn
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 1:16 PM
To: Steckler, Lisa L. <lsteckler@nd.gov>
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We are currently still undergoing active construction on WBI Energy's Wahpeton Expansion Project. WBI Energy and the pipeline contractor (Jomax) is exploring options for the final hydrostatic test and is proposing to utilize the Maple River as a potential water source. WBI Energy has obtained the required State of North Dakota temporary water permit to utilize the Maple River for water withdrawal purposes.

After further assessment of the proximity of the Maple River in relation to where we need to fill the pipeline with water at the North end of the Project to conduct the final hydrostatic testing, we are proposing to lay approximately 2,400 feet of flat hose/irrigation pipe along the 163rd Ave. SE roadside ditch within the County Road right-of-way. The existing access road to reach the Maple River revised uptake point and the proposed temporary waterline pathway to lay the temporary hose/pipe is depicted on the attached exhibit. This temporary water line and existing access is located outside the approved environmental survey corridor. WBI Energy does not believe that this slight modification to the Project scope will change the original determination.

Please advise if you concur with WBI Energy's determination, and please reach out with any questions or concerns. I am traveling but will be checking my cellphone and email. Thank you very much for your time.

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