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

October 17, 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 October 15, 2024 request, as supplemented, for WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) to utilize a new water uptake location for hydrostatic testing for the Wahpeton Expansion Project in Cass and Richland Counties, North Dakota. The new uptake location near milepost (MP) 1.2 will require WBI Energy to:

- utilize an existing approach and 0.12 acre of 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, cultivated cropland, and the Mapleton Compressor Station (MP 0.0) to transport water from the Maple River for 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.

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