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October 31, 2024

Debbie-Anne Reese, 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. 48

Dear Ms. Reese:

WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) herewith submits its Weekly Status Report No. 48 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 October 21, 2024 to October 27, 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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Dawn Ramsey, FERC  
Official Service List



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**A. 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.

**TABLE 1-1  
Wahpeton Expansion Pipeline**

**Work Completed during Reporting Period:**

- Continued backfill and cleanup activities.
- Continued boring activities at Bore 64.
- Began hydrostatic testing the north portion of the pipeline.
- Continued cleanup/restoration activities at Valve Site Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 6 and completed or continued painting of valve settings.
- Continued maintenance of Project signage and erosion control devices.

Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments
<b>Pipeline</b>			
Clearing / Grading	0%	100%	
Stringing	0%	100%	
Bending	0%	100%	
Welding	0%	99%	
Joint Coating	0%	99%	
Ditching	0%	100%	
Lowering	0%	99%	
Backfill	2%	97%	
Bores	0 of 68	67 of 68	
Cleanup	<0%	8%	
Seeding	0%	0%	
Final Tie-in and Commissioning	0%	0%	
Hydrostatic Testing	0 of 2	0 of 2	Hydrostatic testing pipeline from Station No. 0+00 to 2500+00.
<b>Appurtenant Facilities <sup>1 2</sup></b>			
Valve Site #1 and Pig Launcher / Receiver #1 at MP 0.0		2 of 2	Valve 1 is mechanically complete.
Cleanup/Restoration		100%	
Valve Site #2 and Pig Launcher / Receiver #2 at MP 11.6		2 of 2	Both mechanically complete. 96% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	10%	90%	

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

<sup>2</sup> Appurtenant facilities are mechanically complete as indicated in the comments section. Electricity to the facilities needs to be provided.



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Valve Site #3 at MP 23.4	0 of 1	0 of 1	96% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	10%	90%	
Valve Site #4 at MP 31.3		1 of 1	Valve 4 is mechanically complete. 96% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	40%	
Valve Site #5 and Pig Launcher / Receiver #3 at MP 39.5		2 of 2	Both are mechanically complete. 96% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	30%	70%	
Valve Site #6 at MP 48.9		1 of 1	Valve 6 is mechanically complete. 96% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	30%	90%	
Valve Site #7 and Pig Launcher / Receiver #4 at MP 60.5		2 of 2	Both are mechanically complete. 96% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	80%	
<b>Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete hydrostatic testing the north portion of the pipeline.</li> <li>• Continue remaining pipeline construction activities.</li> <li>• Continue pad construction and cleanup/restoration activities at Valve Site Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.</li> <li>• Continue boring activities at Bore 64.</li> <li>• Continue maintenance of Project signage and erosion control devices.</li> </ul>			

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

- On October 21, 2024, an approximate 75-gallon inadvertent return (IR) impacting approximately 0.05 acre in an upland woodland area between Station Nos. 2703+00 to 2708+00 (west of the Wild Rice River). It occurred within the contained footprint of a previously reported IR location during the boring activities of Antelope Creek (srie004p) and Wild Rice River (srid003p) (Bore 64).  
On October 22, 2024, an IR was discovered during boring activities at Station No. 2695+00 (east of Antelope Creek and west of Wild Rice River), releasing approximately 50 gallons of drilling fluids and impacting approximately 0.05 acre in harvested cropland.  
On October 23, 2024, an IR was discovered during boring activities at Station No. 2689+00 (east of Antelope Creek and west of Wild Rice River), releasing approximately 50 gallons of drilling fluids and impacting approximately 0.05 acre in harvested cropland.  
On October 26, 2024, an IR was discovered during boring activities at Station No. 2690+00 (east of Antelope Creek and west of Wild Rice River), releasing approximately 75 gallons of drilling fluids and impacting approximately 0.1 acre in harvested cropland.  
WBI Energy implemented measures identified in its Guided Bore Drilling Fluid Monitoring and Operations Plan for the containment and cleanup of the drilling fluids for all IRs. No cultural or sensitive resources were impacted. The landowner was notified.  
Environmental inspectors continue to monitor and maintain erosion control devices at nine IRs discovered on September 4, September 5, September 14, and October 19, 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.



Date: 10/21/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2703+00

Notes: Installed additional erosion control devices for the containment of an IR prior to cleanup.



Date: 10/21/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2710+00

Notes: Cleanup of an IR reported in Weekly Status Report 47.



Date: 10/22/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2703+00

Notes: Containment and cleanup of an IR discovered on 10/21/2024.

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Date: 10/23/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2689+00

Notes: Containment and cleanup of IRs by installing erosion control devices to mitigate migration and using pumps to return drilling fluids back to the bore mud containment pit.



Date: 10/22/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2690+00

Notes: Discovered IR prior to cleanup.



Date: 10/27/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2690+00

Notes: Cleanup of an IR discovered on 10/26/2024 by using pumps to return drilling fluids back to the bore mud containment pit.

- On October 27, 2024, an approximate half-gallon hydraulic fluid spill from construction equipment occurred at approximately Station No. 489+00 and impacted an approximate one square foot area along the construction right-of-way. Cleanup was postponed until Tuesday, October 29, 2024, due to safety precautions associated with the active hydrostatic testing of the pipeline. 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, the incident was reported using the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality Unified Spill Reporting System, and the affected landowner was notified.



Date: 10/27/2024

Location: Sta. No. 489+00

Notes: Hydraulic fluid spill



At ROW Xing track hoe leaking hydraulic oil  
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27 Oct 2024 09:57:37



Date: 10/29/2024

Location: Sta. No. 489+00

Notes: Removal of contaminated material.

**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**

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





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Date: 10/21/2024

Location: Sta. No. 785+00

Notes: Utilizing a finishing disc for the restoration of the construction right-of-way.



Date: 10/21/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1253+00

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



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Date: 10/21/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1286+00

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



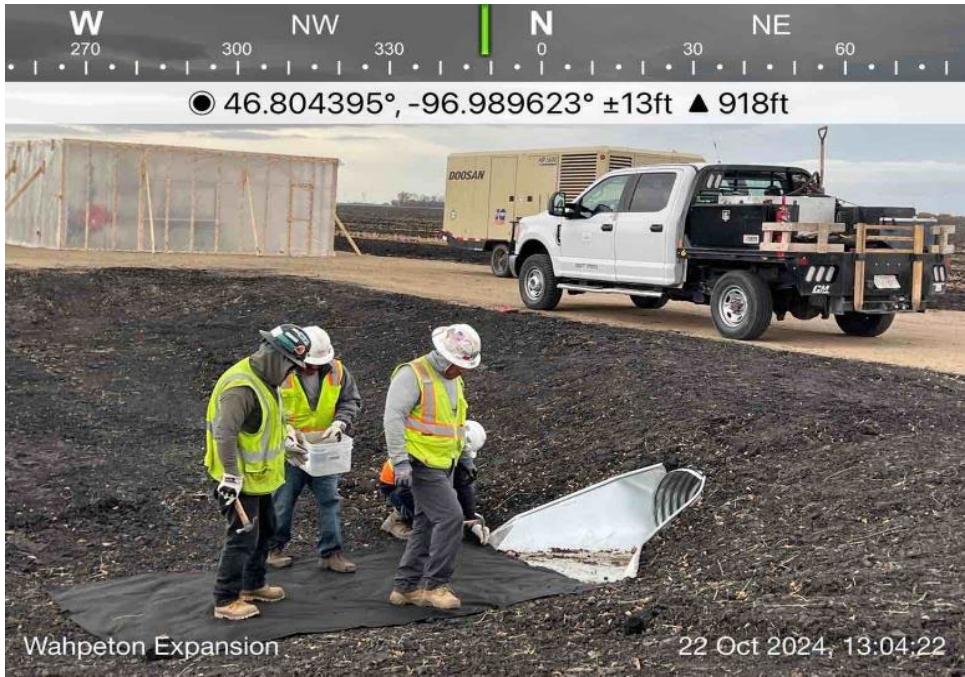
Date: 10/22/2024

Location: Near Sta. No. 0+00

Notes: Laying lay-flat hose in a roadside ditch to transport water from Maple River to Mapleton Compressor Station for hydrostatic testing of pipeline (V67).



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Date: 10/22/2024

Location: Sta. No. 615+00 and Valve Site 2.

Notes: Installed culvert and preparing for rock installation.



Date: 10/22/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1000+00

Notes: Reviewing restoration of construction right-of-way edges after grading topsoil.

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Date: 10/22/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1495+00

Notes: Spreading topsoil across construction right-of-way.



● 46.905066°, -97.052686° ±9ft ▲ 931ft

Date: 10/23/2024

Location: Near Sta. No. 0+00 and Maple River.

Notes: Uptake of water from the Maple River to transport water to Mapleton Compressor Station for hydrostatic testing of pipeline (V67).

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Date: 10/23/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1005+00

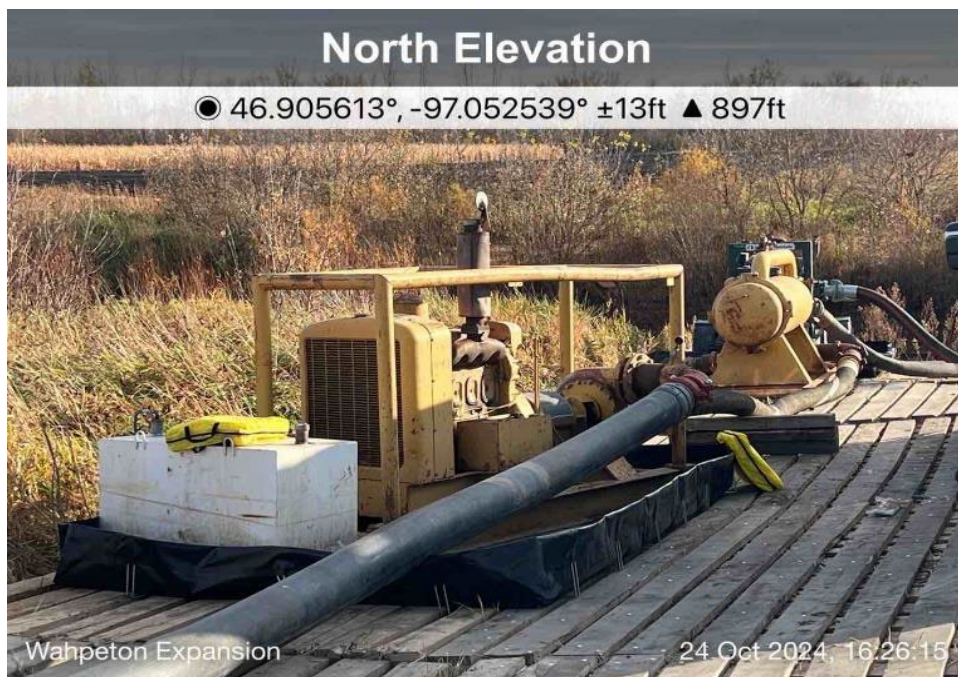
Notes: Leveling edges of construction right-of-way after grading topsoil.



Date: 10/23/2024

Location: Sta. Nos. 1060 to 1200+00.

Notes: Grading topsoil across the construction right-of-way



Date: 10/24/2024

Location: Near Sta. No. 0+00 and Maple River.

Notes: Pump in secondary containment for uptake and transport of water from the Maple River to the Mapleton Compressor Station for hydrostatic testing of pipeline (V67).



Date: 10/24/2024

Location: Sta. No. 618+00 and Bore 19.

Notes: Spreading topsoil after tie-in of Bore 19.



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Date: 10/24/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1765+00

Notes: Removal of construction matting and debris along the construction right-of-way.



Date: 10/24/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1495+00

Notes: Removal of construction bridge along the construction right-of-way.



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Date: 10/24/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1660+00

Notes: Grading subsoil on the construction right-of-way.



Date: 10/24/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1816+00

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



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Date: 10/25/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1600+00

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



Date: 10/26/2024

Location: Sta. No. 612+00

Notes: Construction of dewatering structure for hydrostatic test water along the construction right-of-way and north of Valve Site 2.

## South East Elevation

● 46.804690°, -96.988882° ±9ft ▲ 929ft



Date: 10/26/2024

Location: Sta. No. 612+00

Notes: Completing construction of dewatering structure for hydrostatic test water along the construction right-of-way and north of Valve Site 2 (left).

## South Elevation

● 46.804393°, -96.989482° ±13ft ▲ 905ft



Date: 10/27/2024

Location: Sta. No. 615+00 and Valve Site 2.

Notes: Signage of hydrostatic testing of north portion of pipeline in progress. Valve Site 2 in background.



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**C. Construction Status – Aboveground Facilities**

<b>TABLE 2-1</b> <b>Modifications at Mapleton Compressor Station</b>				
<b>Work Completed during Reporting Period:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No work was completed during this reporting period.</li> </ul>				
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Total % Completed This Period</b>	<b>% of Total Job Completed</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
Install Aboveground Station Piping	0%	100%		
Install Belowground Station Piping	0%	100%		
Cleanup / Restoration <sup>3</sup>	0%	100%		
<b>Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No work is planned for the next reporting period.</li> </ul>				
<b>Problem Areas, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No problem areas were identified during reporting period.</li> </ul>				
<b>Non-Compliance Issues, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No non-compliance issues were identified during reporting period.</li> </ul>				
<b>Non-Compliance Issues from Federal, State or Local Permitting Agencies and Responses:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No non-compliance issues were identified during reporting period.</li> </ul> Copies included: Not applicable				
<b>Landowner Issues: None</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Milepost / Alignment Sheet #</b>	<b>Problem/Concern</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>

<sup>3</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**

<b>Work Completed during Reporting Period:</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No work was completed during this reporting period.</li> </ul>				
Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments	
Initial Site Work	0%	98%		
Concrete Work		100%		
Install Aboveground Piping		100%		
Install Belowground Piping		100%		
Install Buildings		100%		
Cleanup / Restoration <sup>4</sup>	0%	90%		
Install Security Fence	0%	0%		
<b>Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No work is planned for the next reporting period.</li> </ul>				
<b>Problem Areas, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No problem areas were identified during reporting period.</li> </ul>				
<b>Non-Compliance Issues, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No non-compliance issues were identified during reporting period.</li> </ul>				
<b>Non-Compliance Issues from Federal, State or Local Permitting Agencies and Responses:</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No non-compliance issues were identified during reporting period.</li> </ul> Copies included: Not applicable				
<b>Landowner Issues: None</b>				
Date	Name	Milepost / Alignment Sheet #	Problem/Concern	Corrective Action

<sup>4</sup> Final cleanup and restoration will be completed in conjunction with Block Valve #3 within the border station yard.



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**TABLE 2-3**  
**MDU- Wahpeton Border Station**

**Work Completed during Reporting Period:**

- No work was completed during this reporting period.

Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments
Initial Site Work	0%	98%	
Concrete Work		100%	
Install Aboveground Piping		100%	
Install Belowground Piping		100%	
Install Buildings		100%	
Cleanup / Restoration <sup>5</sup>	0%	80%	
Install Security Fence	0%	0%	

**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**

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

<sup>5</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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**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.