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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. 51

Dear Ms. Reese:

WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy) herewith submits its Weekly Status Report No. 51 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 November 11, 2024 to November 17, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Lori Myerchin

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Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
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Attachment

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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.
- The monthly FERC environmental inspection was conducted on November 12 and 13, 2024.
- A Winter Construction and Stabilization Plan will be filed concurrently with this report to address remaining activities in winter conditions. WBI Energy will follow the FERC’s Plan and Procedures along with the Winter Construction and Stabilization Plan to ensure Project areas are stabilized and erosion control devices remain effective during the winter months.
 - Due to weather conditions, matting removal and topsoil replacement from approximately Station Nos. 2640+00 to 2740+00 (Bore 64) will occur when conditions allow to prevent rutting and mixing of topsoil and subsoil. Topsoil piles will be stabilized, and erosion control devices will be installed as necessary to prevent sediment migration.

**TABLE 1-1
Wahpeton Expansion Pipeline**

Work Completed during Reporting Period:

- Completed welding, joint coating, and backfill activities.
- Completed hydrostatic testing the south portion of the pipeline.
- Began drying the south portion of the pipeline.
- Continued cleanup activities including the removal of erosion control devices at inadvertent return locations associated with Bore 64 and debris from mat bridges in roadside ditches (see photos below).
- Continued investigation of anomalies (ACVG) in the pipeline.
- Began seeding the non-cultivated construction right-of-way.
- Continued pad construction at Valve Site Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 7.
- Continued maintenance of Project signage and erosion control devices.

Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments
Pipeline			
Clearing / Grading		100%	
Stringing		100%	
Bending		100%	
Welding	1%	100%	
Joint Coating	1%	100%	
Ditching		100%	
Lowering		100%	
Backfill	1%	100%	
Bores		68 of 68	
Cleanup	5%	85%	Areas where final cleanup is incomplete will be stabilized pursuant to the Winter Construction and Stabilization Plan.



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Seeding ¹	25%	25%	Included applying straw mulch over seeded areas followed by a crimper to anchor the straw mulch.
Final Tie-in and Commissioning	0%	0%	Final tie-in and commissioning by 11/27/2024.
Hydrostatic Testing	1 of 2	2 of 2	Completed second test section from Station No. 2632+32 to 3100+00.
Appurtenant Facilities ^{2 3}			
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. 97% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	95%	
Valve Site #3 at MP 23.4		1 of 1	Valve 3 is mechanically complete. 98% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	96%	
Valve Site #4 at MP 31.3		1 of 1	Valve 4 is mechanically complete. 98% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	50%	
Valve Site #5 and Pig Launcher / Receiver #3 at MP 39.5		2 of 2	Both are mechanically complete. 98% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	90%	
Valve Site #6 at MP 48.9		1 of 1	Valve 6 is mechanically complete. 98% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	96%	
Valve Site #7 and Pig Launcher / Receiver #4 at MP 60.5		2 of 2	Both are mechanically complete. 98% completion of pad construction.
Cleanup/Restoration	0%	96%	

¹ Approximately 52.5 acres (out of 70 acres requiring seeding) remain to be seeded and include roadside ditches, open rangeland (Sta. Nos. 1860+00 to 1922+00, 1941+66 to 1943+26, 2398+00 to 2400+00, and 2530+00 to 2534+00), three CRP tracts (MW 148, 164, 120) and the perimeter of the valve sites. These areas will be stabilized in accordance with the FERC Plan and the Winter Construction and Stabilization Plan and seeded in the spring or summer of 2025.

² Pad construction and cleanup/restoration includes backfilling and spreading of gravel as site conditions allow. Temporary fencing will be installed at Valve Sites 2, 4, 5, and 6 and the permanent fencing installed in the spring of 2025.

³ Appurtenant facilities are mechanically complete as indicated in the comments section. Remaining electrical and communication work will be completed upon commissioning of the pipeline.



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Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:

- Complete drying the south portion of the pipeline.
- Continue preparing for final tie-ins and commissioning of the pipeline.
- Continue repair and cleanup at current anomaly (ACVG) locations.
 - With current weather conditions, the anomaly locations currently excavated will be repaired, backfilled and topsoil spread or stabilized as conditions allow. The remaining anomaly locations will be investigated when conditions allow in the spring or summer of 2025 and in coordination with the impacted landowners.
- Continue maintenance of Project signage and erosion control devices.

Problem Areas, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness: None

Non-Compliance Issues, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness: None

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

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Date: 11/11/2024

Location: Sta. No. 376+00

Notes: Inspection of an anomaly found in the pipeline.



Date: 11/11/2024

Location: Sta. No.830+00 and Bore 24.

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

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Date: 11/12/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1907+00

Notes: Continued maintenance of erosion control devices along the construction right-of-way.



Date: 11/12/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2320+00 and Bore 54.

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

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Date: 11/12/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2580+00

Notes: Removing soil clods found outside of construction right-of-way after final grading.



Date: 11/13/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1490+00

Notes: Inspection of an anomaly found in the pipeline.

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Date: 11/13/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1496+00

Notes: Inspection of an anomaly found in the pipeline.



Date: 11/13/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2580+00 and Bore 62.

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



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Date: 11/14/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1726+00

Notes: Spreading topsoil after inspection of an anomaly found in the pipeline.



Date: 11/14/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1755+00

Notes: Continued maintenance of erosion control devices at wetland (wrib006e) along the construction right-of-way.

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Date: 11/14/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2635+00

Notes: Dewatering pipeline following hydrostatic test of the south portion of pipeline.



Date: 11/15/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1760+00

Notes: Grading topsoil along the construction right-of-way.

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Date: 11/16/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1909+00

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



Date: 11/16/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2532+00

Notes: Inspection of an anomaly found in the pipeline.



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Date: 11/16/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2560+00

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



Date: 11/17/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1709+00

Notes: Seeding the construction right-of-way and additional temporary workspace for Bore 40.



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Date: 11/17/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1710+00

Notes: Spreading mulch over seeded construction right-of-way.



Date: 11/17/2024

Location: Sta. No. 1755+00

Notes: Spreading mulch over seeded construction right-of-way.



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Date: 11/17/2024

Location: Sta. No. 3086+00

Notes: Inspection of an anomaly found in the pipeline.

Additional photos requested from November 12 and 13, 2024 FERC environmental inspection (in order by Station Number).



Date: 11/14/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2689+00 and Bore 64.

Notes: Removal of erosion control devices used for the containment of inadvertent returns during boring activities of Bore 64 (west of Wild Rice River).



Date: 11/15/2024

Location: Sta. No. 2689+00 and Bore 64.

Notes: Removal of erosion control devices used for the containment of inadvertent returns during boring activities of Bore 64 (west of Wild Rice River).



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Date: 11/18/2024
Location: Sta. No. 2708+00 and Bore 64.
Notes: Looking west across removal of erosion control devices used for the containment of inadvertent returns during boring activities of Bore 64 (east of Wild Rice River).



Date: 11/18/2024
Location: Sta. No. 2709+00 and Bore 64.
Notes: Looking east at removal of erosion control devices used for the containment of inadvertent returns during boring activities of Bore 64 (east of Wild Rice River).



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Date: 11/18/2024

Location: Sta. No. 3051+00

Notes: Removal of construction debris in waterbody (srie001e) and along construction right-of-way.



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C. Construction Status – Aboveground Facilities

TABLE 2-1 Modifications at Mapleton Compressor Station				
Work Completed during Reporting Period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work was completed during this reporting period. 				
Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments	
Install Aboveground Station Piping	0%	100%		
Install Belowground Station Piping	0%	100%		
Cleanup / Restoration ⁴	0%	100%		
Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work is planned for the next reporting period. 				
Problem Areas, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No problem areas were identified during reporting period. 				
Non-Compliance Issues, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No non-compliance issues were identified during reporting period. 				
Non-Compliance Issues from Federal, State or Local Permitting Agencies and Responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

⁴ 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:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work was completed during this reporting period. 				
Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments	
Initial Site Work	0%	98%	5/	
Concrete Work		100%		
Install Aboveground Piping		100%		
Install Belowground Piping		100%		
Install Buildings		100%		
Cleanup / Restoration ⁵	0%	95%		
Install Security Fence		100%		
Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work is planned for the next reporting period. 				
Problem Areas, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No problem areas were identified during reporting period. 				
Non-Compliance Issues, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No non-compliance issues were identified during reporting period. 				
Non-Compliance Issues from Federal, State or Local Permitting Agencies and Responses:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

⁵ Remaining initial site work and final cleanup and restoration will be completed in conjunction with Block Valve #3 within the border station yard.



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Date: 11/15/2024
Location: Valve Site 3 and MDU-Kindred Border Station.
Notes: Completed security fence.



Date: 11/15/2024
Location: Valve Site 3 and MDU-Kindred Border Station.
Notes: Completed security fence.



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TABLE 2-3
MDU- Wahpeton Border Station

Work Completed during Reporting Period:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work was completed during this reporting period. 				
Activity	Total % Completed This Period	% of Total Job Completed	Comments	
Initial Site Work	0%	98%	6/	
Concrete Work		100%		
Install Aboveground Piping		100%		
Install Belowground Piping		100%		
Install Buildings		100%		
Cleanup / Restoration ⁶	0%	95%		
Install Security Fence		100%		
Work Planned for next Reporting Period and Schedule Changes:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work is planned for the next reporting period. 				
Problem Areas, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No problem areas were identified during reporting period. 				
Non-Compliance Issues, Corrective Actions and Effectiveness:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No non-compliance issues were identified during reporting period. 				
Non-Compliance Issues from Federal, State or Local Permitting Agencies and Responses:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

⁶ Remaining initial site work and final cleanup and restoration will be completed in conjunction with Block Valve #7 within the border station yard.



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Date: 11/14/2024
Location: Valve Site 7 and MDU-Wahpeton Border Station.
Notes: Completed security fence.



Date: 11/14/2024
Location: Valve Site 7 and MDU-Wahpeton Border Station.
Notes: Completed security fence.



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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.