

June 2, 2025

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426

Attention: Ms. Debbie-Anne Reese, Secretary

Re: El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.; Docket No. CP18-332-000; South Mainline Expansion Project; <u>Final Post-Construction Report</u>

Dear Ms. Reese:

On May 12, 2025, El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. ("EPNG") filed Quarterly Post-Construction Report No. 18 related to the South Mainline Expansion Project ("Project") in Docket No. CP18-332-000 with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission").¹ Subsequent to the filing of its most recent post-construction status report, EPNG initiated an informal discussion with Commission staff regarding its revegetation and monitoring progress and reclamation activities related to its Project since it was placed into service close to five years ago.

As part of those discussions, Commission staff recognized EPNG's efforts to reclaim its construction right-of-way along the 17-mile loop line Project area in West Texas. These efforts have included reseeding, the implementation of measures limiting unauthorized all-terrain vehicle access onto its right-of-way (i.e, the installation of jersey barriers) and ongoing monitoring. However, ongoing extreme drought conditions that have prevailed over numerous years, along with sandy soils present along the 17-mile loop line Project area, have made revegetation along its right-of-way difficult to succeed. Commission staff agreed that EPNG has undertaken the necessary measures to successfully revegetate the construction right-of-way along the 17-mile loop line Project area given the extreme dry conditions affecting the area. As such, FERC staff released EPNG of any further post-construction reporting requirements for the South Mainline Expansion Project.

¹ EPNG's South Mainline Expansion Project was authorized pursuant to the Commission Order issued on November 21, 2019. [See *El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.,* 169 FERC ¶ 61,133 (2019)] EPNG placed its South Mainline Expansion Project into service on July 8, 2020.

Filing Information

EPNG is e-Filing this letter with the Commission's Secretary in accordance with the Commission's Order No. 703, *Filing Via the Internet*, guidelines issued on November 15, 2007 in Docket No. RM07-16-000.

Respectfully submitted,

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Francisco Tarín

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Gertrude Fernandez Johnson, OEP

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Commission's Secretary in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 385.2010 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado as of this 2nd day of June, 2025.

/s/ Francisco Tarín

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