



November 15, 2022

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

Attention: Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

Re: El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.;
Docket No. CP18-332-000;
South Mainline Expansion Project;
Restoration Plan Update

Commissioners:

El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. (“EPNG”) is hereby filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) in Docket No. CP18-332-000, its quarterly post-construction status report related to the South Mainline Expansion Project.

Description of Proceeding

On April 27, 2018, EPNG submitted its application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (“NGA”) requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity for authorization to construct, own, and operate: (i) an approximately 17-mile, thirty-inch diameter loop line of its existing Line Nos. 1100 and 1103 between Hueco and El Paso, Texas; (ii) the new Red Mountain Compressor Station in Luna County, New Mexico; and (iii) the new Dragoon Compressor Station located in Cochise County, Arizona. This project is referred to as the “South Mainline Expansion Project” or “Project.” On November 21, 2019, the Commission issued an Order granting EPNG’s requested certificate.¹ The South Mainline Expansion Project was placed into service on July 8, 2020.

Restoration Plan Update

On September 12, 2022, Mr. Douglas Cotton, FERC Staff Project Manager (“Staff”), conducted a post-construction site inspection to evaluate the progress of right-of-way (“ROW”) restoration along the 17-Mile Loop Line portion of the Project. While overall restoration was determined to be progressing well along most of the loop line ROW, Mr. Cotton observed significant unauthorized all-terrain vehicle (“ATV”) access along a section of EPNG’s ROW between Mileposts 183.7 to 188.0 which has prevented revegetation over this area. At the conclusion of the inspection, Mr. Cotton recommended EPNG provide an update to its restoration plan that can be implemented by the first Quarter 2023 that details how EPNG will work with affected landowners to put in place

¹ See *El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.*, 169 FERC ¶ 61,133 (2019).

additional mitigation measures designed to deter unauthorized ATV use and, in doing so, promote the successful revegetation on the affected segment of its ROW.

EPNG has since reviewed mitigation alternatives and is proposing to implement the following measures.

- In order to limit unauthorized ATV access on its ROW, EPNG is proposing to install approximately 360 ten-foot long concrete jersey barriers at approximate 100-200 yard intervals between Milepost 183.7 to Milepost 188.0 of the 17-Mile Loop Line ROW in El Paso County, Texas. This activity would be implemented during the first Quarter 2023.
- EPNG is also proposing to install 5-10 security cameras between Milepost 183.7 to Milepost 188 along with signage noting that these areas are under surveillance. This activity would be implemented during the first Quarter 2023.
- EPNG is proposing to reseed this segment of its ROW sometime between June and August of 2023. Reseeding would be scheduled during this time in order to coincide with the summer monsoon season. EPNG believes reseeding during the monsoon season will provide for better chances of successful revegetation. Additionally, by reseeding later, this will give EPNG time to observe if the barrier and camera monitoring mitigation measures have been effective at deterring unauthorized ATV activity.
- EPNG has consulted with the affected landowners along this segment of its ROW and all affected landowners are in support of EPNG's plan to deter unauthorized ATV activity and revegetate its disturbed ROW.

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,

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Enclosure
cc: Mr. Douglas Cotton, OEP

