

May 15, 2019

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. CP19-28-000 Northern Delaware Basin Expansion Project Weekly Environmental Inspector Report No. 11

#### Commissioners:

El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. ("EPNG") is hereby filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") in Docket No. CP19-28-000, its weekly status report related to the Northern Delaware Basin Expansion Project ("Project").

#### **Description of Proceeding**

On December 19, 2018, EPNG filed a prior notice application pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208(b), and 157.210 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act and EPNG's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-435-000 for authorization to construct an approximate 14-mile twenty-four-inch (24") outside diameter ("O.D.") loop line of its existing 20-inch (20") O.D. Line No. 3162 in Winkler County, Texas, as well as make minor appurtenant facility modifications at existing compressor station and other facility locations in Winkler, Crane, and Upton Counties, Texas. Additionally, EPNG will be required to hydrotest approximately 51 miles of its existing 24-inch (24") O.D. Line No. 1105 that traverses Winkler, Ector, and Crane Counties, Texas. On December 27, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization initiating the 60 day comment period to allow for any person or Commission's staff to file motions or notice to intervene and protests. Since no protests were filed within the comment period, the Project was deemed to be authorized on February 26, 2019.

#### Submittal of Status Report

In compliance with Section 157.208(c)(10) of the Natural Gas Act, EPNG is providing Environmental Inspector Report No. 11 for the period of May 5, 2019 through May 11, 2019.

## Filing Information

EPNG is e-Filing this letter and report 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 Tarin Director, Regulatory

Enclosures



EPNG Weekly Environmental Inspector Report No. 11		
Docket No. CP19-28-000		
Project Name:	Northern Delaware Basin Expansion Project	
County/State:	Winkler, Ector, Crane and Upton Counties, Texas	Date: 5/15/2019
Reporting Period:	May 5, 2019 to May 11, 2019	
Environmental Inspector:	David McCullough	

## 1. Summary of Construction Activity for Inspection Period:

During this reporting period, potholing activities were conducted with a hydrovac truck at the Keystone and Wink compressor stations. Foreign line locating continued along the new loop line (Line No. 31111) from Texas Highway 302 at approximate Station No. 554+00 up to Station No. 703+00, approximately 5,900 feet from Wink Compressor Station. Crews also continued clearing and grading activities along the new loop line route between Station No. 26+00 and Station No. 480+00 (Texas Highway 18 and Frying Pan Ranch Road). Clear and grade work is completed between Station No. 0+00 and Station No. 132+00.

On Thursday, May 9, 2019, crews began pipe stringing activities for the new loop line from Station No. 0+00 to Station No. 132+00.

#### 2. Relevant Environmental Activities:

During this reporting period, forty-four (44) people received environmental training. A total of one-hundred forty-eight (148) people have received environmental training on the Northern Delaware Basin Expansion Project.

All equipment was checked for noxious weeds and found to be clean.

Bird nest surveys were conducted between Texas Highway 874 and Access Road A14 (Station No. 401+00 to Station No. 589+00), with no active nests seen. To date, no active bird nests have been found from the kick-off site at Station No. 0+00 up through Station No. 589+00.

## 3. Environmental Problems/Issues and Corrective Actions Taken:

On May 6, 2019, it was noted that a minor disturbance occurred outside of the ROW near Station No. 128+00. A mesquite tree was pulled from the ground at this location, and the roots being pulled out caused disturbance of approximately five (5) feet long by two (2) feet wide outside of the ROW. Work was halted while this incident was discussed with the foreman and equipment operators and decided going forward to only remove trees that were three (3) feet inside of the ROW to minimize a re-occurrence. The disturbance was raked out at this location.

On May 7, 2019, it was noted that a minor disturbance occurred outside of the ROW near Station No. 175+00. There were tire tracks from the mower outside of the ROW for approximately ten (10) feet long x two (2) feet wide outside of the ROW. The mower was shut down, and retraining was conducted with the equipment operators. The tracks were



raked out. The foreman was reminded of the importance of staying within the bounds of the ROW, and the decision was made by the foreman to stay three (3) feet within the boundary stakes for all clearing work going forward.

# 4. Environmental Compliance Issues/Resolutions:

There were no environmental compliance issues identified during this reporting period.

# 5. Issues and Concerns Identified by Landowners:

No landowner issues or concerns were identified during this reporting period.

# 6. Work Planned for the Following Reporting Period:

It is anticipated that during the next reporting period, foreign line locating, clearing, grading and pipe stringing activities will continue along the new loop line ROW. Crews will also begin welding, abrasive blasting and coating activities during the next reporting period.

EPNG is moving forward with securing the appropriate permitting agency clearances and landowner approvals related to modification to the scope of the Line No. 1105 hydrostatic testing activities. EPNG will seek Commission approval for an alternative measures request once all clearances have been obtained.



### Report No. 11





Location: Line No. 31111 ROW at Station No. 68+00 **Direction of Photo:** Northeast **Description:** Running the ground penetrating radar while surveying for unknown foreign lines. Location: Line No. 31111 ROW at Station No. 183+00 **Direction of Photo:** Southwest **Description:** Potholing an unknown foreign line.



Location: Line No. 31111 ROW at Station No. 164+00 **Direction of Photo:** Northeast **Description:** Clearing topsoil from the ROW with a dozer. Location: Line No. 31111 ROW at Station No. 270+00 Direction of Photo: East **Description:** Along the ROW after grading was completed.



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Location: Keystone Compressor Station **Direction of Photo:** Northeast **Description:** Loading a pipe stringing truck at the pipe laydown area. Location: Line No. 31111 ROW at Station No. 13+00 **Direction of Photo:** West Description: Unloading pipe along the ROW of the new loop line.



Location: Line No. 31111 ROW at Station No. 129+00 **Direction of Photo:** Northeast **Description:** Stringing pipe on the ROW of the new loop line. Location: Line No. 31111 ROW at Station No. 125+00 **Direction of Photo:** Northeast **Description:** Pipe strung on the ROW of the new loop line.

## **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that I have this day caused a copy of the foregoing documents 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

/s/ Francisco Tarin

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