



May 30, 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. 13

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. 13 for the period of May 19, 2019 through May 25, 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/  
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Director, Regulatory

Enclosures



<b>EPNG Weekly Environmental Inspector Report No. 13</b>		
<b>Docket No. CP19-28-000</b>		
<b>Project Name:</b>	Northern Delaware Basin Expansion Project	
<b>County/State:</b>	Winkler, Ector, Crane and Upton Counties, Texas	<b>Date:</b> 5/30/2019
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	May 19, 2019 to May 25, 2019	
<b>Environmental Inspector:</b>	David McCullough	
<p><b>1. Summary of Construction Activity for Inspection Period:</b></p> <p>During this reporting period, crews ran ground penetrating radar in several locations looking for additional foreign lines along the new loop line (Line No. 31111) route. Stringing activities continued and were completed between Station No. 431+00 and Station No. 621+00.</p> <p>The mainline welding crew conducted welding activities on the new loop line from the first crossing of Texas Highway 874 at Station No. 189+00 to Frying Pan Ranch Road at Station No. 479+00. The mini-gang worked on welding shorter sections of pipe and road crossings between Station No. 60+00 and Station No. 340+00. Additionally, abrasive, blasting and coating activities kicked off during this reporting period between Station No. 0+00 to Station No. 93+00.</p>		
<p><b>2. Relevant Environmental Activities:</b></p> <p>During this reporting period, thirty-three (33) people received environmental training. A total of two-hundred eighty-three (283) people have received environmental training on the Northern Delaware Basin Expansion Project.</p> <p>All equipment was checked for noxious weeds and found to be clean.</p>		
<p><b>3. Environmental Problems/Issues and Corrective Actions Taken:</b></p> <p>During topsoiling activities, crews encountered oil-contaminated soil at approximate Station No. 218+85 along the new loop line ROW. Upon further investigation and minimal excavation (using hand tools), crews unearthed a two-inch oil line that appears to have leaked. The contaminated soil was removed and containerized, and oil absorbent pads were used to soak up approximately 0.5 to 1 gallon of pooled oil. Contaminated soil was taken to a containment structure at the Keystone Compressor Station to await disposal. EPNG has identified the owner of the oil line and has contacted them.</p>		
<p><b>4. Environmental Compliance Issues/Resolutions:</b></p> <p>No environmental compliances issues were identified during this reporting period.</p>		
<p><b>5. Issues and Concerns Identified by Landowners:</b></p> <p>No landowner issues or concerns were identified during this reporting period.</p>		



**6. Work Planned for the Following Reporting Period:**

It is anticipated that during the next reporting period, stringing, welding and coating activities will continue along the new loop line. Additionally, it is anticipated that work will begin on ditching, tie-ins and lowering-in of the new loop line 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. 13

**Photos**

**Location:** Line No.  
31111 ROW at Station  
No. 702+00

**Direction of Photo:**  
Southwest

**Description:** Potholing  
an unknown foreign  
line near Station No.  
702+00 with a hydro-  
vac truck.



**Location:** Line No.  
31111 ROW at Station  
No. 641+00

**Direction of Photo:**  
Southeast

**Description:** Utilizing  
ground penetrating  
radar to locate  
unknown foreign lines.





### Photos

**Location:** Keystone Compressor Station  
**Direction of Photo:** Southeast  
**Description:** Loading out pipe for delivery to the new loop line ROW.



**Location:** Line No. 31111 ROW at Station No. 504+00  
**Direction of Photo:** Northwest  
**Description:** Pulling one of the pipeline trucks through a sandy area with a dozer.





### Photos

**Location:** Line No.  
31111 ROW at Station  
No. 504+00

**Direction of Photo:**  
North

**Description:** Stringing  
pipe along the ROW.



**Location:** Line No.  
31111 ROW at Station  
No. 486+00

**Direction of Photo:**  
North

**Description:** Bending  
pipe along the ROW.





## Photos

**Location:** Line No.  
31111 ROW at Station  
No. 311+00

**Direction of Photo:**  
Northeast

**Description:** Lining up  
the pipe for a weld.



**Location:** Line No.  
31111 ROW at Station  
No. 309+00

**Direction of Photo:**  
Northwest

**Description:** Making  
an initial weld on the  
pipe.







**Photos**

**Location:** Line No.  
31111 ROW at Station  
No. 311+00

**Direction of Photo:**  
Northeast

**Description:** Welding  
activities.



**Location:** Line No.  
31111 ROW at Station  
No. 312+00

**Direction of Photo:**  
Northeast

**Description:** Grinding  
a weld.





### Photos

**Location:** Line No.  
31111 ROW at Station  
No. 59+00

**Direction of Photo:**  
East

**Description:** Abrasive  
blasting a weld prior  
to coating.



**Location:** Line No.  
31111 ROW at Station  
No. 56+00

**Direction of Photo:**  
Southeast

**Description:** Coating  
a weld.





**Photos**

**Location:** Line No.  
31111 ROW at Station  
No. 401+00

**Direction of Photo:**  
North

**Description:**  
Construction crossing  
at Texas Highway  
874.



**Location:** Line No.  
31111 ROW at Station  
No. 401+00

**Direction of Photo:**  
North

**Description:** Crossing  
the welding crew  
equipment across  
Texas Highway 874.





### Photos

**Location:** Line No.  
31111 ROW at Station  
No. 218+85

**Direction of Photo:**  
South

**Description:**  
Abandoned oil line  
that leaked to the  
surface during  
topsoiling activities.



**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 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

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*/s/*

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