



June 13, 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. 15

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. 15 for the period of June 2, 2019 through June 8, 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. 15		
Docket No. CP19-28-000		
Project Name:	Northern Delaware Basin Expansion Project	
County/State:	Winkler, Ector, Crane and Upton Counties, Texas	Date: 6/13/2019
Reporting Period:	June 2, 2019 to June 8, 2019	
Environmental Inspector:	David McCullough	
<p>1. Summary of Construction Activity for Inspection Period:</p> <p>During this reporting period, mainline welding activities continued along the new loop line (Line No. 31111), with crews completing welds from Station No. 700+00 up to Wink Compressor Station at Station No. 762+38. Abrasive blasting and coating activities continued between Station No. 228+00 and Station No. 618+00. Additionally, ditching, lowering in, and backfill activities were conducted along the new loop line.</p> <p>Ditching activities were conducted between Station No. 94+00 and Station No. 212+00.</p> <p>Lowering-In activities were conducted between Station No. 62+00 and Station No. 168+00.</p> <p>Backfill activities were conducted between Station No. 62+00 and Station No. 128+00.</p> <p>2. Relevant Environmental Activities:</p> <p>During this reporting period, twenty-four (24) people received environmental training. A total of three-hundred sixty-four (364) 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. All open ditch was walked on a daily basis to ensure that no animals had become entrapped. No animals were noted in the ditch during this reporting period.</p> <p>On June 7, 2019, a calf stepped into a pothole near Station No. 393+08 and became stuck in the hole. The pothole crew nearby was able to slope the hole, and the calf was able to walk out of the pothole under its own power without incident. After the calf left the hole, the pothole was backfilled.</p> <p>On June 3-4, 2019, Douglas Cotton, FERC Project Manager, conducted a field inspection of the project sites. After Safety and Environmental Training at the Kinder Morgan Odessa Office on June 3, 2019, various sites along the Line No. 1105 hydrotest portion of the project were visited. On June 4, 2019, additional sites were visited on the Line No. 1105 hydrotest portion of the project as well as the Loop Line No. 31111 portions of the project. No problem areas or non-compliance issues were noted though a crew was dispatched to Station No. 58+00 to repair some geotech material which was not staked down and blown over in the wind.</p>		



3. Environmental Problems/Issues and Corrective Actions Taken:

A fluid spill occurred on June 7, 2019 consisting of approximately 2 gallons of hydraulic fluid. The spill was caused by the failure of a hydraulic hose on a track hoe while digging near Station No. 186+00. The track hoe immediately shut down, the spill was contained, and absorbent materials were placed to absorb the fluid and minimize the amount of contaminated soil. An area of about 2-feet by 3-feet was contaminated. This material was picked up and placed into DOT drums to await disposal.

As a follow up to the last environmental inspector report's mention of the trash pit encountered during trenching activities at Station No. 10+00, the materials collected and analyzed were determined to be asbestos containing material. EPNG's Environmental Department is coordinating remediation efforts by a third party contractor.

4. Environmental Compliance Issues/Resolutions:

No environmental compliance issues were 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:

During the next reporting period, activities will continue on coating, ditching, lowering-in, and backfill of the new loop line. As previously noted, EPNG is 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. 15

Photos

Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at Station
No. 721+00
Direction of Photo:
North
Description: Mainline
welding crew lining up a
weld.



Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at Station
No. 721+00
Direction of Photo:
North
Description: Mainline
welding crew making
the bead weld.





Photos

Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at Station
No. 718+00

Direction of Photo:
South

Description: Capping
the weld.



Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at Station
No. 479+00

Direction of Photo:
North

Description: Crossing a
track hoe across Frying
Pan Ranch Road





Photos

Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at Station
No. 431+00
Direction of Photo:
Southwest
Description: Abrasive
blasting a weld.



Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at Station
No. 432+00
Direction of Photo:
Southwest
Description: Coating a
weld.





Photos

Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at Station
No. 422+00

Direction of Photo:
West

Description: Mini
Gang crews welding
up pipe sections.



Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at Station
No. 252+00

Direction of Photo:
Northeast

Description: Potholing
for foreign lines.





Photos

Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at
Station No. 207+00
Direction of Photo:
South
Description: Ditching
with a trackhoe.



Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at
Station No. 186+00
Direction of Photo:
North
Description: Bore pit
on the north side of
Texas Highway 874
prior to beginning the
road boar.





Photos

Location: Line No. 31111 ROW at Station No. 172+00
Direction of Photo: Southwest
Description: Digging the ditch near a foreign line crossing.



Location: Line No. 31111 ROW at Station No. 84+00
Direction of Photo: Southwest
Description: Making a tie-in weld.





Photos

Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at Station
No. 64+00

Direction of Photo:
Southwest

Description: Abrasive
blasting a tie-in weld.



Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at Station
No. 66+00

Direction of Photo:
Southwest

Description: Pipeline
installed under
foreign line crossings.





Photos

Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at
Station No. 72+00
Direction of Photo:
Northeast
Description:
Backfilling the ditch
line with a trackhoe.



Location: Line No.
31111 ROW at
Station No. 74+00
Direction of Photo:
Northeast
Description:
Contouring the ROW
after the ditch has
been backfilled.



