

October 22, 2020

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. CP20-483-000 Carlsbad South Project

Weekly Environmental Inspector Report No. 8

Commissioners:

El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. ("EPNG") is hereby filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") in Docket No. CP20-483-000, its weekly status report related to the Carlsbad South Project ("Project").

Description of Proceeding

On June 19, 2020, EPNG filed a prior notice request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.208(b), and 157.210 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to construct an approximate 17.1-mile sixteen-inch (16") outside diameter ("O.D.") loop line of its existing sixteen-inch (16") O.D. Line No. 3191 in Eddy County, New Mexico as well as to undertake minor appurtenant facility modifications at an existing compressor station at Lea County, New Mexico. This project is referred to as the Carlsbad South Project. At the conclusion of the notice period for the Carlsbad South Project on August 24, 2020, the project was deemed approved.

Submittal of Status Report

In compliance with Section 157.208(c)(10) of the Natural Gas Act, EPNG is providing Environmental Inspector Report No. 8 for the period of October 12, 2020 through October 18, 2020.

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.

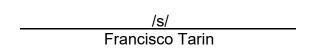
By<u>/s/</u>
Francisco Tarin
Director, Regulatory

Enclosures

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 22nd day of October 2020.



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EPNG's Weekly Environmental Inspector Report No. 8		
Docket No. CP20-483-000		
Project Name:	Carlsbad South Project	
County/State:	Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico	Date: 10/22/2020
Reporting Period:	10/12/2020 – 10/18/2020	
Environmental	Raymond Patton, Mark Cosby, Danny Day, Adam Eddy, Mike Connors	
Inspectors:		

1. SUMMARY OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY FOR INSPECTION PERIOD:

Line No. 31113:

- Fencing maintenance, grading and trenching activities continued.
- Pipe stringing and pipe installation started.
- Trench breakers being added as necessary.
- HDD drilling continued at the Black River.

Eunice Compressor Station Modifications:

Eunice Compressor Station modifications were completed. Cleanup of the site and demobilization was started.

Ancillary Facilities:

No updates during this reporting period.

2. RELEVANT ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES:

During this reporting period, three (3) people received environmental training. A total of six-hundred eighty-one (681) people have received the training.

Water trucks have continued operating on ROW and access road to reduce dust from dry conditions.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS/ISSUES AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN:

During the late afternoon on October 20, 2020, an inadvertent return occurred at the State Highway 285 modified bore location near Station Number 473+60 in Section 3, Township 25 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. During the modified boring operations, approximately 200 gallons of drilling fluid associated with an inadvertent return were observed in a dry ditch on the west side of State Highway 285. Boring activities were immediately shut down. The return was contained and cleaned up. No water resources were affected by this inadvertent return.

The landowner affected by this inadvertent return, the New Mexico State Land Office ("MNSLO"), was notified of this event. Additionally, in accordance with EPNG's HDD Contingency Plan, agency notifications were made. The modified bore activities were restarted on October 21, 2020. No additional inadvertent returns were observed.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE ISSUES/RESOLUTIONS:

No environmental compliance issues were encountered 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:

Grading, trenching and pipe installation will continue. HDD activities associated with the Black River are anticipated to be completed. The modified bore at State Highway 285 will be completed. Portions of the southern part of the Project are approaching the restoration phase. Final cleanup at the Eunice compressor station will continue.

Location: Station
Number 190+00
Direction of Photo:
North
Description:
Contractor making
repairs to

Date: 10/17/2020

environmental

controls.

Location: Station Number 802+00 **Direction of Photo:**

West

Description: Trench breaker installed around pipe.

Date: 10/14/2020



Location: Station Number 582+00 **Direction of Photo:**

Southeast

Description: View of ROW and erosion control devices. **Date:** 10/14/2020



Location: Station Number 17+00 Direction of Photo:

Northeast

Description: Foreign

line crossings. **Date:** 10/15/2020



Number 578+00 **Direction of Photo:**Northwest **Description:** Silt fence installed on edge of ROW, topsoil pile stabilized with hay, and excavated trench. **Date:** 10/16/2020

Location: Station

Location: Station
Number 667+40
Direction of Photo:
Northwest
Description: Pipe
installed with padding
and trench breaker

Date: 10/17/2020

installed.



Location: Station Number 473+00 **Direction of Photo:**

North

Description:

Inadvertent return at State Highway 285.

Date: 10/20/2020



Location: Station Number 473+00 Direction of Photo:

East

Description:

Containment and cleanup of inadvertent return at State Highway 285

Date: 10/20/2020

