



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.





<b>EPNG's Weekly Environmental Inspector Report No. 8</b>		
<b>Docket No. CP20-483-000</b>		
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Carlsbad South Project</b>	
<b>County/State:</b>	Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico	<b>Date: 10/22/2020</b>
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	10/12/2020 – 10/18/2020	
<b>Environmental Inspectors:</b>	Raymond Patton, Mark Cosby, Danny Day, Adam Eddy, Mike Connors	
<p><b>1. SUMMARY OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY FOR INSPECTION PERIOD:</b></p> <p><u>Line No. 31113:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fencing maintenance, grading and trenching activities continued.</li> <li>• Pipe stringing and pipe installation started.</li> <li>• Trench breakers being added as necessary.</li> <li>• HDD drilling continued at the Black River.</li> </ul> <p><u>Eunice Compressor Station Modifications:</u></p> <p>Eunice Compressor Station modifications were completed. Cleanup of the site and demobilization was started.</p> <p><u>Ancillary Facilities:</u></p> <p>No updates during this reporting period.</p> <p><b>2. RELEVANT ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES:</b></p> <p>During this reporting period, three (3) people received environmental training. A total of six-hundred eighty-one (681) people have received the training.</p> <p>Water trucks have continued operating on ROW and access road to reduce dust from dry conditions.</p> <p><b>3. ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS/ISSUES AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>4. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE ISSUES/RESOLUTIONS:</b></p> <p>No environmental compliance issues were encountered 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:**

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.

**Carlsbad South Project**

**Location:** Station Number 190+00  
**Direction of Photo:** North  
**Description:** Contractor making repairs to environmental controls.  
**Date:** 10/17/2020



**Location:** Station Number 802+00  
**Direction of Photo:** West  
**Description:** Trench breaker installed around pipe.  
**Date:** 10/14/2020





**Carlsbad South Project**

**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





**Carlsbad South Project**

**Location:** Station 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 Number 667+40  
**Direction of Photo:** Northwest  
**Description:** Pipe installed with padding and trench breaker installed.  
**Date:** 10/17/2020





**Carlsbad South Project**

**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

