



October 30, 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. 9

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. 9 for the period of October 19, 2020 through October 25, 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 /s/
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 30th day of October 2020.

/s/
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EPNG's Weekly Environmental Inspector Report No. 9		
Docket No. CP20-483-000		
Project Name:	Carlsbad South Project	
County/State:	Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico	Date: 10/30/2020
Reporting Period:	10/19/2020 – 10/25/2020	
Environmental Inspectors:	Raymond Patton, Mark Cosby, Danny Day, Adam Eddy, Mike Connors	
<p>1. SUMMARY OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY FOR INSPECTION PERIOD:</p> <p><u>Line No. 31113:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grading and trenching activities continue on both spreads. • Pipe stringing, welding and pipe installation also continue on both spreads. • HDD drilling activities continue at Dry Wash 50 and US Highway 285 crossing. <p><u>Eunice Compressor Station Modifications:</u></p> <p>Eunice Compressor Station Modifications work has been completed including restoration.</p> <p><u>Ancillary Facilities:</u></p> <p>No updates during this reporting period.</p> <p>2. RELEVANT ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES:</p> <p>During this reporting period, eight (8) people received environmental training. A total of six hundred and eighty-nine (689) people have received the training.</p> <p><u>Inadvertent Returns at Dry Wash 50 HDD:</u></p> <p>The first occurred on October 24, 2020 near Station Number 748+77 within the ROW. An estimated 60 gallons of drilling fluid surfaced in an upland area adjacent to the Dry Wash 50 HDD. The return was above the ordinary high water mark and contained within upland areas. No fluid reached the dry wash. Affected landowner notifications were made and environmental personnel accessed the area to remove the fluids with a vacuum truck. Agency notifications were made regarding this inadvertent return.</p> <p>Two inadvertent returns occurred on October 28, 2020 at the Dry Wash 50 HDD. The first inadvertent return occurred near Station Number 748+00 within an area located inside project right-of-way. An estimated 65 gallons of drilling fluid surfaced adjacent to the dry wash. Approximately 30 gallons of fluid flowed into the dry wash, which was dry at the time. No waters were affected as a result of the drilling fluid entering the wash. The area was promptly cleaned up.</p> <p>The second inadvertent return occurred later that afternoon approximately 40 feet from the drilling rig (i.e., Station Number 745+97). Up to 100 gallons came to the surface in an area within the project right-of-way. A crew dug a relief trench from the release site back to bore pit to funnel drilling fluid back to reclaim pit. EPNG made affected landowner and agency notifications for both inadvertent releases.</p> <p><u>US Highway 285 Crossing - Modified Boring:</u></p> <p>On October 29, 2020, two inadvertent releases occurred on the east side of the US Highway 285. One release was approximately 20 gallons at Station Number 475+76. The other release was approximately 5 gallons at Station Number 475+06. All drilling fluids were contained inside the ROW boundaries and cleaned up promptly. Affected landowner and agency notifications were made regarding these inadvertent returns.</p>		

EPNG notes that the path for the modified bore crossing of US Highway 285 was slightly modified. EPNG originally proposed to cross US Highway 285 with a straight horizontal located up to 10 feet below the highway. However, once boring activities commenced at this location, EPNG contractor crews increased the depth of the bore by an additional 10 feet in order to avoid existing utility lines located along the highway. This change resulted in a curved radius for the bore path. The modified path did not require any additional workspaces and the modified boring activities have been conducted within the project-approved workspaces.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS/ISSUES AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN:

No environmental problems or issues were encountered this reporting period.

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 on both spreads. Pipe prep, stringing, trench prep, and pipe installation will continue.

Carlsbad South Project

Location: Station Number 478+00
Direction of Photo: Northwest.
Description: HDD drill rig staged on ROW with secondary containment.
Date: 10/19/2020



Location: Station Number 580+00
Direction of Photo: Northwest
Description: Silt fence, topsoil pile, and trench installed on ROW.
Date: 10/22/2020



Carlsbad South Project

Location: Station Number 748+77
Direction of Photo: Northeast
Description: Crew installing containment around inadvertent return at Dry Wash 50 HDD location.
Date: 10/24/2020



Location: Station Number 748+77
Direction of Photo: Southeast
Description: Inadvertent return containment at Dry Wash 50 HDD location.
Date: 10/24/2020



Carlsbad South Project

Location: Station Number 191+00
Direction of Photo: South
Description: View of pipe being lowered into trench.
Date: 10/22/2020



Location: Station Number 568+00
Direction of Photo: Northeast
Description: Trench breaker installed around pipe.
Date: 10/23/2020



Carlsbad South Project

Location: Station Number 748+00
Direction of Photo: Southeast
Description: Inadvertent return in dry wash prior to cleanup at Dry Wash 50 HDD location.
Date: 10/28/2020



Location: Station Number 745+97
Direction of Photo: East
Description: Inadvertent return with relief trench dug to funnel drilling fluid back to the bore pit at Dry Wash 50 HDD location.
Date: 10/28/2020



Carlsbad South Project

Location: Station Number 475+06
Direction of Photo: Northwest
Description: Inadvertent release (approx. 5 gallons) on the east side of US Highway 285 crossing.
Date: 10/29/2020



Location: Station Number 475+76
Direction of Photo: Northwest
Description: Inadvertent release (approx. 20 gallons) on the east side of US Highway 285 crossing.
Date: 10/29/2020

