

February 17, 2025

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426

Attention: Ms. Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary

Re: El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.; Docket No. CP24-520-000 Supplemental Filing

Dear Ms. Reese:

In its response to Question No. 1 of the February 12, 2025 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Energy Projects ("OEP") data request filed on February 14, 2025, El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. ("EPNG") stated that as a follow up to a February 3, 2025 meeting with representatives of the Haystack Ranches Community, it would be issuing a written communication to them by February 17, 2025. EPNG is herein submitting a copy of the written communication sent to representatives of the Haystack Ranches Community on February 17, 2025.

Description of Proceeding

On September 17, 2024, EPNG submitted a Request for Prior Notice Authorization Pursuant to Blanket Certificate in the above-referenced docket seeking authorization to construct, install and operate a new compressor station and appurtenances to be located in Yavapai County, Arizona as part of its Maricopa Lateral Expansion Project.

Description of Information Being Filing

Included as Attachment 1, EPNG is providing OEP staff a copy of a letter dated February 17, 2025 sent to representatives of the Haystack Ranches Community that outlines terms under which EPNG would consider relocating its proposed Haystack Compressor Sation site and also details EPNG's commitment to further assess the North Site alternative.

Filing Information

EPNG is e-Filing this letter and attachment 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

Francisco Tarin Director, Regulatory

Enclosures Cc: Ms. Sareh Poormahdi, OEP



February 17, 2025

Dear Community Members,

On February 3, 2025, representatives from El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) met with members of the Haystack Ranches Community (Community) to discuss concerns about our proposed gas compressor station in Yavapai County, Arizona. We appreciate the opportunity to hear your feedback and better understand your perspective. As discussed in our meeting, this letter outlines the terms under which we would consider relocating the project.

Background

As you know, El Paso applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to construct a new gas compressor station north of the Community. The station will help Southwest Gas continue serving residential and business customers in the growing Phoenix area.

During the public comment period, Community members raised concerns about pipeline integrity, air quality, and noise. In response, FERC requested additional information about potential alternative locations, including a site 1.6 miles further north on Arizona State Lands (North Site). El Paso provided a detailed response, explaining why the alternative sites may not be feasible due to technical and environmental considerations.

Commitment to the Community

At our February 3rd meeting, Community representatives reiterated their preference for the North Site. We remain committed to ensuring this project is built in a way that balances energy needs with environmental and community considerations, and we are willing to reexplore the feasibility of the North Site consistent with our commitment to you at the February 3rd meeting.¹ Further information about our additional review of the North Site and the steps we plan to take is outlined below:

1. Environmental and Operational Reassessment – We will reassess the North Site's technical viability and whether its environmental impact can be reduced to match or improve upon the impact of the Proposed Site. This includes reevaluating access routes and exploring options such as using on-site generators for power in lieu of relying on new power line infrastructure. We will share our findings with FERC and Community representatives in the coming weeks.

¹ Building the project at the North Site might increase the project's impact closer to the Community's southern boundary (due to the noise from an active pressure regulator that will be installed just south of the Community), and because of that, we do not think it would be reasonable to condition our reassessment of the North Site on residents withdrawing their protests and supporting the North Site.

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- 2. **Decision on Relocation** If we reassess the North Site and determine that relocating the project is technically workable and would not increase the project's environmental impacts, we will amend or withdraw our current application and submit a new one to FERC for the North Site if doing so won't significantly raise costs, delay the project, or create a hardship for Southwest Gas or its customers.
- 3. Commitment to Safety and Mitigation If our reassessment of the North Site is not successful, we will take additional steps to address your concerns regarding pipeline integrity, air quality, and noise at the Proposed Site, including conducting a "smart pig" integrity inspection of our pipeline near the Community before the station is operational.

We appreciate your engagement and look forward to continuing this dialogue.

Sincerely,

Will W. Brown Chief Commercial Officer

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 17th day of February 2025.

/s/ Francisco Tarin

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