



El Paso Natural Gas  
Company, L.L.C.  
a Kinder Morgan company

May 7, 2026

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. CP26-156-000  
Responses to Engineering Data Request - OEP/DPC/CB-1

Dear Ms. Reese:

On April 30, 2026, El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. ("EPNG") received a data request ("Data Request") from the Office of Energy Projects ("OEP") seeking engineering-related information pertaining to the proposed Permian West Expansion Project. EPNG is herein filing its responses with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission").

### **Description of Proceeding**

On March 27, 2026, EPNG submitted a Request for Prior Notice Authorization Pursuant to Blanket Certificate in the above-referenced docket seeking authorization to construct, install, operate and maintain an approximately nine-mile, 30-inch outside diameter pipeline loop extension and related appurtenances, located in Hudspeth County, Texas as part of its Permian West Expansion Project ("Project"). The comment period for EPNG's Project commenced on April 6, 2026 and closes on June 5, 2026.

### **Description of Information Being Filing**

EPNG is herein submitting its responses to the Data Request. EPNG notes that its response to Data Request No. 3 includes hydraulic flow model files that contain proprietary and competitively sensitive commercial, engineering or design information that is considered a trade secret and confidential information. In accordance with the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 388.112 (2026), EPNG hereby requests privileged treatment for this material and notes that the Commission routinely treats this type of information as privileged and exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, 18 C.F.R. § 388.107(d) (2026); 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). EPNG has labeled this material as "CUI//PRIV - Contains Privileged Information - Do Not Release." The privileged material is also considered CEII pursuant to the Commission's regulations 18 C.F.R. § 388.113 (2026) and has been labeled as "CUI//CEII - Contains Critical Energy Infrastructure Information - Do Not Release".

**Filing Information**

EPNG is e-Filing this letter and its responses 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

Cc. Andrya C. Torres Perez, OEP

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**ENGINEERING INFORMATION REQUEST**

1. In footnote 4 of its application El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. (“El Paso”) states that the 82,229 dekatherms per day of available capacity is a combination of previously existing unsubscribed, stranded capacity and new capacity created by the proposed facilities and operational changes.
  - a. State the amount and location of the new capacity created by the proposed facilities and operational changes under winter and summer operating conditions. Ensure this is consistent with flow diagrams.
  - b. Provide a narrative detailing the operational changes associated with creating the new capacity.

**Response:**

- 1.a. El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.’s (“El Paso”) flow diagrams reflect capacity increases as a result of the facilities, but do not include operational changes. As displayed on the flow diagrams, capacity is increased only at the Cornudas and Hueco constraints. At Cornudas, the proposed facilities create an additional 80,787 mscf/day under winter conditions and an additional 54,598 mscf/day under summer conditions. At Hueco, the proposed facilities create an additional 19,603 mscf/day under winter conditions and an additional 25,821 mscf/day under summer conditions. The table below details the increased capacity at each location.

	<b>Cornudas</b>		<b>Hueco</b>	
	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Summer</b>
<b>Capacity Increase (mscf/day)</b>	80,787	54,598	19,603	25,821
<b>Capacity Increase Converted to Dekatherms per Day (1,007 Btu/scf) (Dth/day)</b>	81,353	54,980	19,740	26,002
<b>Fuel Reservation (Dth/day)</b>	<b>(2,170)</b>	<b>(1,466)</b>	<b>(496)</b>	<b>(657)</b>
<b>Capacity Increase Net Fuel (Dth/day)</b>	79,183	53,514	19,244	25,345

- 1.b. The proposed pipeline looping facilities reduce the pressure loss between El Paso’s Cornudas A Plant and Hueco Station. Specifically, the discharge pressure at the Cornudas A Plant decreases from 775 psig to 755 psig under winter conditions and from 772 psig to 759 psig under summer conditions, while the suction pressure at the Hueco Station increases from 616 psig to 625 psig under winter conditions and from 617 psig to 638 psig under summer conditions. The reduction in the pressure loss creates the expansion capacity described above.

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From an operational perspective, once the Project is approved, constructed and in service, El Paso will utilize the target pressures listed in this Response 1.b. to effectuate the increased flows as needed. Additional changes may include nominations, scheduling, allocations, and invoicing related matters consistent with El Paso's FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1A, Section 12, Rate Schedule OPAS (Operator Point Aggregation Service) ("El Paso's Tariff").

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2. Multiple primary delivery point locations identified in the Open Season filed in Attachment C of the application are outside of the scope of the flow diagrams. Confirm that Project capacity outside the scope of flow diagrams will be fully supported by the existing unsubscribed capacity. Otherwise update flow diagrams to include the entire path of new capacity.

**Response:**

The Project capacity contracted outside of the scope of the flow diagrams will be fully supported by existing unsubscribed capacity.

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3. File electronically the pipeline simulation models supporting the flow diagrams filed in Attachment B of the application. Ensure the flows and compression in the hydraulic models match the application and flow diagrams filed. Provide an explanation of any discrepancies.

**Response:**

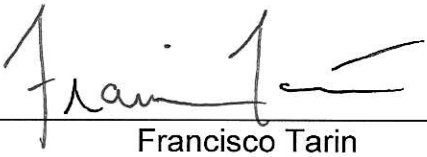
As part of this response, El Paso is providing the Synergy pipeline simulation model files used to create the hydraulic models provided in El Paso's application. Because the simulation model files contain proprietary and competitively sensitive commercial, engineering or design information that is considered a trade secret and confidential information, El Paso requests that these files being provided be treated as privileged information pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 388.112 (2026) of the Commission's regulations.

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STATE OF COLORADO )  
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COUNTY OF EL PASO )

FRANCISCO TARIN, being first duly sworn, on oath, says that he is the Director of the Regulatory Department of El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.; that he has read the foregoing Response to the Office of Energy Projects' Data Request dated April 30, 2026 in Docket No. CP26-156-000, that as such he is authorized to verify the Response, that he is familiar with the contents thereof; and that the matters and facts set forth therein are true to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

  
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Francisco Tarin

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned authority, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

  
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Savannah Ekengren  
Notary Public, State of Colorado  
My Commission Expires: November 26, 2028

