



October 23, 2018

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

Attention: Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

Re: Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC;  
Docket No. CP13-73-000;  
Quarterly Post-Construction Status Report

Commissioners:

Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC ("Sierrita") is hereby filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") in Docket No. CP13-73-000, a quarterly post-construction status report related to Sierrita's Pipeline Project ("Project").

### **Description of Proceeding**

On February 7, 2013, Sierrita submitted its application ("Application"), pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act ("NGA"), requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of the Sierrita Pipeline Project located in Pima County, Arizona. Concurrently, Sierrita filed an application in Docket No. CP13-74-000, pursuant to Section 3 of the NGA, seeking a new presidential permit authorizing the export of natural gas at a new international border crossing associated with the Sierrita Pipeline. On June 6, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Issuing Certificate ("Order") granting Sierrita's requested certificate.<sup>1</sup> Sierrita placed the project facilities into service on October 31, 2014.

### **Submittal of Status Report**

In accordance with the Project's Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation, and Maintenance Plan reporting requirements, Sierrita is herein filing a quarterly status report describing its post-construction maintenance/reclamation efforts for the period of July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Sierrita Gas Pipeline, LLC*, 147 FERC ¶ 61,192 (2014).



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**Restoration Activities**

During this reporting period, the bulk of the reclamation monitoring was completed which included the Pima pineapple cactus, agave and tree monitoring, as well as monitoring of all of the vegetation plots. The fall weed monitoring and control activities were completed during the third quarter reporting period as well. The results of the monitoring activities will be provided in Sierrita's 2018 annual report to be filed during the first quarter of 2019.

**Cultural Monitoring**

No cultural resource monitoring activities were conducted on the right-of-way ("ROW") during the reporting period.

**Weed Control**

As noted above, Sierrita completed its fall weed monitoring and control activities during this reporting period. As anticipated, the weed monitoring identified large numbers of buffelgrass within the weed monitoring areas of the ROW. However, the monitoring and control areas have the same or less density of weeds on the ROW as occur in the off-ROW control plots. Control efforts have been on-going in September and October. Additional control may occur during the fourth quarter, if necessary.

**Landowner Concerns**

A private landowner at approximately milepost 37 along the Sierrita pipeline ROW contacted Sierrita's Land Department expressing a concern that the ROW has restricted water flows into one of his stock tanks. Sierrita has hired an engineering firm to address the hydrology of the site and provide recommendations on how to correct the issue. Sierrita representatives are keeping the landowner apprised on the progress of any required repairs.

**Right-of-Way Repairs**

There were no ROW repairs completed during the reporting period.

**Up Coming Activities**

Upland vegetation and weed monitoring activities will be conducted in the fourth quarter 2018.

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**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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2018.

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