



January 24, 2019

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 October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

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

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**Filing Information**

Sierrita is e-Filing this letter with attachments 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. Sierrita is also providing copies of this filing to the OEP.

Respectfully submitted,

SIERRITA GAS PIPELINE LLC

By                     /s/                      
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**Attachments**

cc: Mr. David M. Hanobic  
Mr. Kevin Bowman

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

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**Sierrita Pipeline Project**

On November 27 and 28, 2018, a representative from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") performed a restoration inspection of Sierrita's pipeline right-of-way ("ROW"). Though the findings of the inspection were that no instances of noncompliance or problem areas were observed, the FERC inspector did make minor recommendations. Sierrita has since addressed those recommendations and has included photo documentation of those locations.

**Restoration Activities**

During this reporting period, upland vegetation and weed monitoring activities were completed. The detailed results of the monitoring will be provided in the 2018 Annual Monitoring Report which will be completed in the first quarter of 2019. During this reporting period, Sierrita participated in a conference call with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") regarding tree monitoring. It was determined that in order to meet the success criteria of the USFWS, Sierrita will be required to plant an additional 120 trees in 9 of the 16 wash crossings. Sierrita anticipates completing all required tree plantings sometime during the second quarter of 2019.

**Cultural Monitoring**

No cultural resource monitoring activities were conducted on the ROW during the reporting period.

**Weed Control**

As noted above, weed monitoring activities were conducted during this reporting period. As anticipated, the 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 that occur in off-ROW control plots. Weed control efforts have been on-going during the fourth quarter of 2018 and may continue during the first quarter of 2019, if necessary.

**Landowner Concerns**

As noted in Sierrita's last quarterly report, a grazing lessee 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. EPNG responded by hiring an independent engineering firm to address the hydrology of the site and provide recommendations on how to correct the issue. During this reporting period, the study was completed and concluded that the change in water flows was not the result of the Sierrita ROW, but instead the result of previous alterations upstream of the ROW. Sierrita's Land Department forwarded a copy of the hydrology study to the grazing lessee, provided a synopsis of the study and offered a meeting with the

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hydrology consultant to discuss the report. To date, Sierrita has not received a response from the grazing lessee.

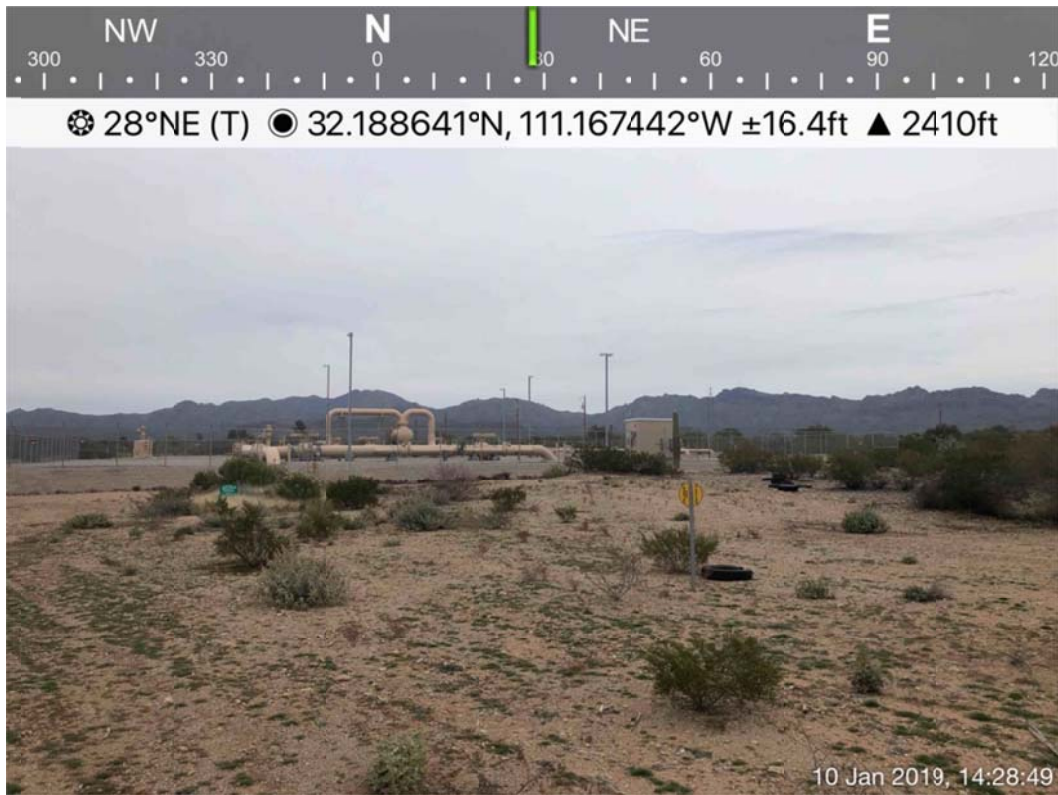
**Right-of-Way Repairs**

During this reporting period, Sierrita completed subsidence repairs at approximately milepost 51.5 and milepost 3 and conducted ROW clean up at approximately milepost 0 all as requested by the FERC inspector during the November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> restoration inspection as noted above.

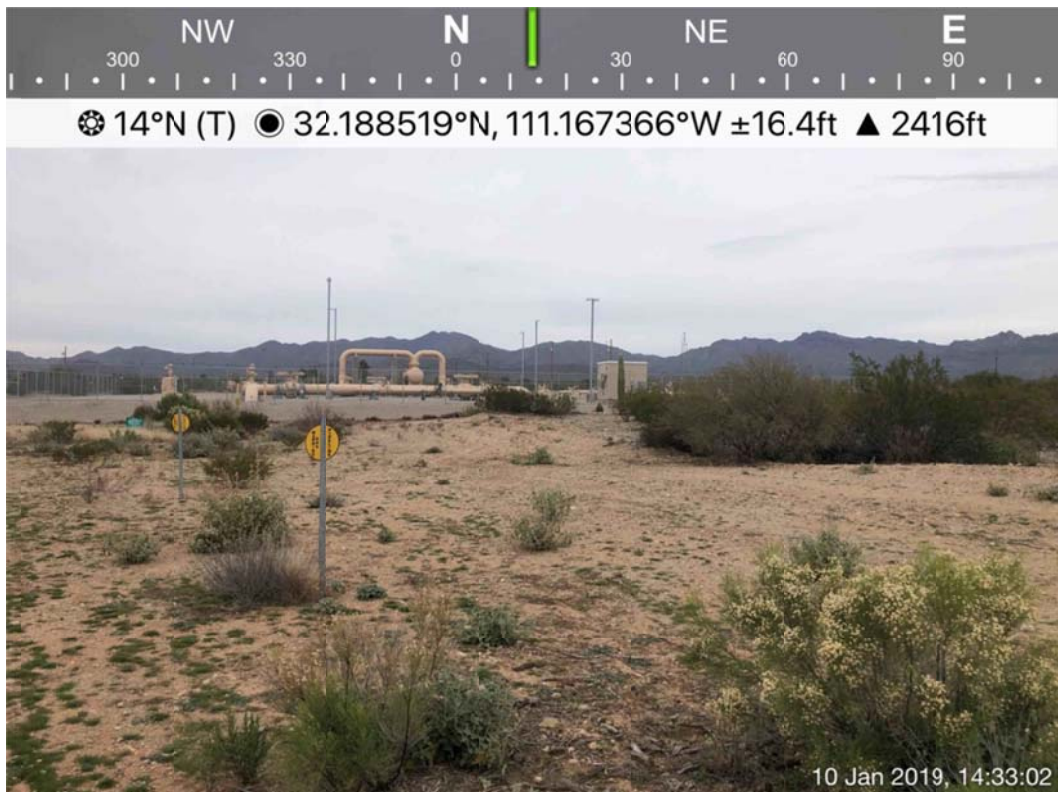
**Up Coming Activities**

Weed control efforts related to weed monitoring may occur during the first quarter of 2019.

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**Milepost 0 prior to clean-up activities**



**Milepost 0 after clean-up activities**

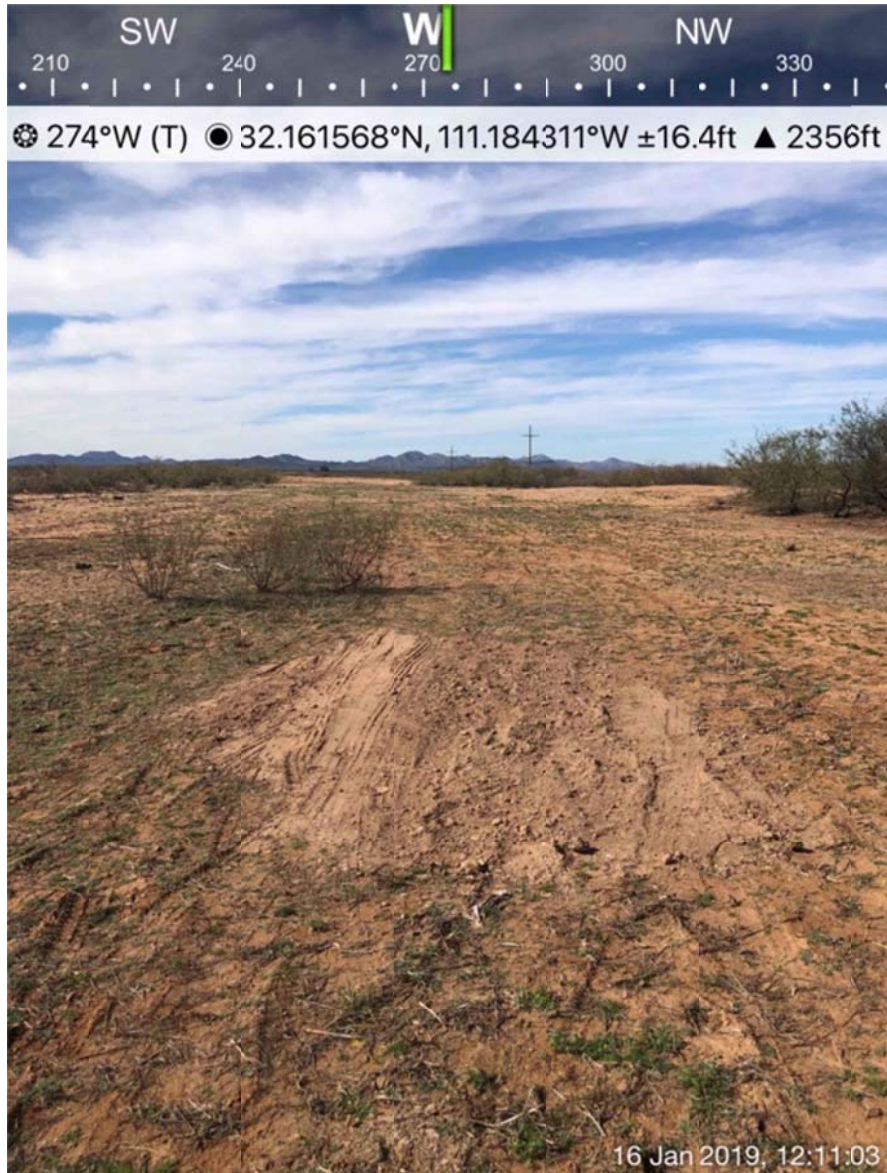


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**Completed subsidence repairs at milepost 3, view east**

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**Completed subsidence repairs at milepost 3, view west**



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**Completed subsidence repairs at milepost 51.5, view south**

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**Completed subsidence repairs at milepost 51.5, view north**