



July 30, 2020

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.¹ 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 April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. Sierrita notes in its report that during this reporting period, a number of trees were planted to meet the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's ("USFWS") success criteria. In an email to Sierrita dated June 16, 2020 regarding ongoing restoration and monitoring requirements, the USFWS confirmed that Sierrita has met all of the Biological Opinion restoration requirements and advised

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

Sierrita that continued right-of-way (“ROW”) monitoring related to tree planting was no longer required.² With this USFWS recommendation, and pursuant to discussions with Commission Staff, Sierrita has met all of its ROW restoration requirements as per the criteria provided in the long-term monitoring plan and no further quarterly restoration reports or ROW monitoring is required.

Filing Information

Sierrita is e-Filing this 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,

SIERRITA GAS PIPELINE LLC

By _____ /s/
Francisco Tarin
Director, Regulatory

Attachments

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

² A copy of the June 16, 2020 USFWS email correspondence is attached to this report.

**CP13-73-000 Sierrita Pipeline Project First Quarter Report
April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020**

Restoration Activities

During this reporting period, Sierrita conducted planting of approximately seventy (70) replacement trees in select washes in order to meet the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's ("USFWS") success criteria. On June 16, 2020, Sierrita received confirmation from the USFWS that Sierrita met their obligation under the Biological Opinion and therefore no further monitoring or plantings would be required. With this USFWS recommendation, and pursuant to discussions with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Staff, Sierrita has met all of its ROW restoration requirements as per the criteria provided in the long-term monitoring plan and no further quarterly restoration reports or right-of-way monitoring is required.

The Annual Monitoring and Cultural Monitoring Reports were provided to the stakeholder groups in the second quarter. The annual stakeholder meeting via Webex, due to COVID-19, that was scheduled for May 28, 2020 was postponed. Sierrita anticipates conducting the meeting during the third quarter of 2020.

Landowner Concerns

No landowner concerns were identified during the reporting period.

Right-of-Way Repairs

No repairs were conducted during the reporting period.

Upcoming Activities

There are no restoration activities scheduled during the third quarter of 2020. As noted above, Sierrita anticipates conducting the annual stakeholders meeting virtually via Webex during the third quarter of 2020.

Photo Documentation

Location:
Milepost 2 at
Snyder Hill Road
Description:
View south.



Location:
Approximately
Milepost 10
Description:
Tree planting at
Wash No. 32 -
View east.



Photo Documentation

Location:
Approximately
Milepost 15
Description:
View south.



Location:
Approximately
Milepost 27 at
State Route 286
crossing
Description:
View southwest.



Photo Documentation

Location:
Approximately
Milepost 39 at
Las Delicias
Ranch Road
Description:
View south.



Location:
Approximately
Milepost 41.5 at
Brown Canyon
Description:
View north.



Photo Documentation

Location:
Approximately
Milepost 43
Description:
Tree planting -
view north.



Location:
Approximately
Milepost 59.9 at
Mirador Road
Description:
View south.



Harding, Nicholas M (Nich)

Subject: USFWS Confirmation Regarding Tree Planting for Sierrita Pipeline

From: Richardson, Scott <scott_richardson@fws.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Bonar, Michael J (Mike) <Michael_Bonar@kindermorgan.com>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Sierrita Trees

[This email message was received from the Internet and came from outside of Kinder Morgan]

Hey Mike,

Thanks for the reminder. Buried in my in-box. Just took a look at the summary table and the monitoring criteria. Thanks for being so complete and thorough in your reporting and monitoring. It has been very helpful as we have gone through this process. I don't really have any questions. Looks like the majority of sites have easily met the criteria. For those that have not, you have certainly done your due diligence to follow up and replant as needed. It all made sense to me and was very clearly reported. Thanks for your diligence. In the end, I think you have done everything we expected and asked you to do. Thanks for that and for your ongoing coordination. I really appreciate your efforts and follow through. I believe you have met your obligation under the BO and do not recommend any further monitoring. Let me know if you need anything else from me. We are good from our end. Thanks again. Just for my own information, it would be good to know when you guys are done with the follow-up watering this year.

Thanks,
Scott

From: Bonar, Michael J (Mike) <Michael_Bonar@kindermorgan.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:11 PM
To: Richardson, Scott <scott_richardson@fws.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sierrita Trees

Scott,

Just checking in to see if you had any questions regarding the information on the tree plantings on the Sierrita ROW?

Thanks

Mike Bonar

“If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there’d be a shortage of fishing rods.” – Doug Larson.



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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 30th day of July 2020.

/s/

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