

California Public Utilities Commission Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program

South of Palermo 115 kV Reinforcement Project

Compliance Status Report: 02

August 31, 2018

SUMMARY

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is responsible for overseeing implementation of the mitigation measures set forth in the Final Initial Study (FIS)/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the South of Palermo 115 kV Reinforcement Project. The CPUC has established a third-party monitoring program and adopted a Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP) to ensure that measures approved in the FIS/MND to mitigate or avoid impacts are implemented in the field. This MMCRP status report is intended to provide a description of construction activities on the project, a summary of site inspections conducted by the CPUC's third-party monitors, the compliance status of mitigation measures required by the MMCRP, and anticipated construction activities. Photos of site observations are included in Attachment A of this report. Summaries of the Notices to Proceed (NTP) and Minor Project Refinements (MPR) are provided in Attachments B and C, respectively.

This compliance status report covers construction activities from August 1 through August 31, 2018.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND PROGRESS

PG&E began construction activities associated with NTP-1 on July 1, 2018. All project activities are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2021.

Bogue Sub-Line Segment

During this reporting period, vegetation crews cleared work areas as required to support foundation installation. Tower crews have nearly completed the installation of foundations and have installed most of the lower sections of the lattice steel poles on the new foundations on the Bogue Sub-Line Segment. Crews have also begun to install the tops on the towers and to establish winterized landing zones and pull sites to support reconductoring.

Pease Sub-Line Segment

During this reporting period, a pre-construction survey was performed to prepare for future construction activities on the Pease Sub-Line Segment and vegetation management in the future work areas was also conducted.

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South of Palermo Line

A pre-construction survey for special status-species and sensitive resource areas was performed at LZ/PS 4/31 in the northern section of the South of Palermo Line Segment.

MITIGATION MONITORING, COMPLIANCE, AND REPORTING

Site Inspections/Mitigation Monitoring

A CPUC third-party environmental monitor (EM) conducted site observations in areas under active construction along the Bogue Sub-Line Segment. Areas of active and inactive construction were observed to verify implementation of the mitigation measures stipulated in the project's MMCRP. Observations were documented using site inspection forms, and applicable applicant proposed measures (APMs) and mitigation measures (MMs) were reviewed in the field.

Implementation Actions

Bogue Sub-Line Segment

Activities observed during this reporting period along the Bogue Sub-Line Segment included tower installation (see photos 1 and 2), vegetation clearance in work areas as required for the installation of foundations (MM HAZ-1), installation of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Best Management Practices (SWPPP BMPs) to prevent track-out (APM HYDRO-1), and installation of gravel to winterize Landing Zone (LZ) 4/31 and Pull Site (PS) 4/31 for reconductoring work to be done in the coming fall/winter (APM HYDRO-1; see photo 3).

During the reporting period, the EM observed appropriate buffers marked to prevent impacts to previously identified resources within the vicinity of work areas, including nesting birds and Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle (VELB) host plants, in accordance with APM BIO-11 and APM BIO-8. Water trucks were observed operating along roads and in work areas in accordance with APM AQ-1 and the Fugitive Dust Control Plan (see photo 4).

Mitigation Measure Tracking

Mitigation measures applicable to the construction activities were verified in the field and documented in the CPUC's mitigation measure tracking table. A complete list of mitigation measures and applicant proposed measures is included in the FIS/MND in the Decision for the Power Line Reinforcement Project, as adopted by the CPUC on May 16, 2018 (Decision 18-05-014) and the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP).

Compliance Status

No minor deviations or non-compliances were issued this reporting period.

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ATTACHMENT A Photos

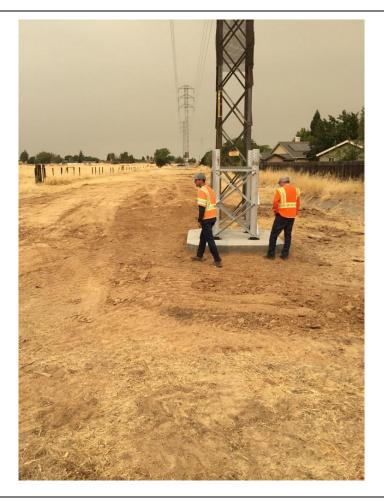


Photo 1: Completed foundation at Bogue Sub-Line Segment Pole 0/4.

ATTACHMENT A (Continued)

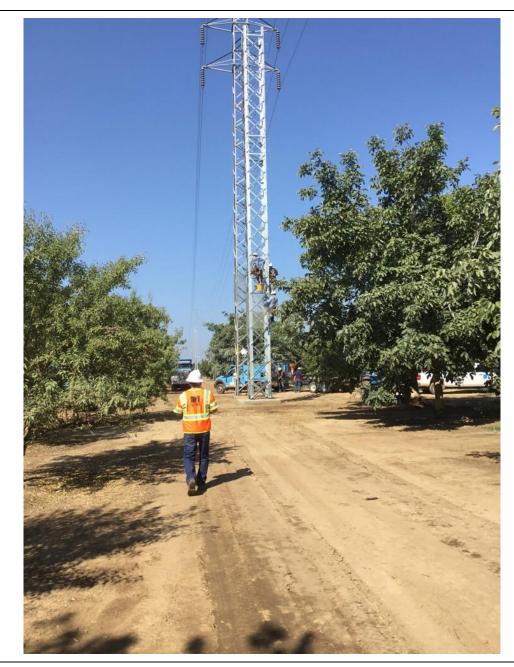


Photo 2: Tower installation Bogue Sub-Line Segment Pole 4/35.

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Photo 3: Water truck running to suppress dust during work at Bogue Sub-Line Segment Pole 4/35 in accordance with APM AQ-1.

ATTACHMENT A (Continued)



Photo 4: Haul trucks bringing in and compacting gravel to complete winterization of landing/pull site for future reconductoring work at Bogue Sub-Line Segment LZ 4/31.

ATTACHMENT B Notices to Proceed

NTP No.	Date Issued	Description	Conditions Included (Y/N)
CPUC - 001	June 14, 2018	Construction activities at select locations along the Bogue Sub-Line	Υ
		Segment, the Pease Sub-Line Segment, and the South of Palermo Line.	

ATTACHMENT C Minor Project Refinement Request

Minor Project Refinement Request No.	Submitted	Description	Status	Approval
001	July 09, 2018	Requested to add an approximately 400-by-600 foot landing zone/pull site along the Pease Sub-Line Segment and also the relocation of an approximately 200-by-200 foot landing zone along the Bogue Sub-Line Segment.	Approved	07/19/18