

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

South of Palermo 115 kV Reinforcement Project

Compliance Status Report: 05

November 30, 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 November 1 through November 30, 2018.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND PROGRESS

PG&E began construction activities associated with NTP-1 on July 1, 2018. Additional construction activities associated with NTP-2 were started concurrently on September 6, 2018. All project activities are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2021.

During this reporting period, work was impacted by the reallocation of crews to support the Camp Fire, which was located approximately 25 miles north of the South of Palermo project.

Bogue Sub-Line Segment

Crews completed installing the lower structure sections and all structure tops on the Bogue Sub-Line Segment. Crews removed the existing lower sections and foundations of poles along the Bogue segment. Crews also began reconductoring the Bogue segment and continued to winterize landing zones and pull sites.

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South of Palermo Line Segment

Crews continued installing hybrid tower butts on the South of Palermo Segment. Vegetation crews cleared work areas, as required, to support foundation installation and tower installation.

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

Activities observed during this reporting period along the Bogue Sub-Line Segment and South of Palermo Segment included installation of structure tops and insulators, wire stringing (see photo 1), installation and maintenance of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) measures in accordance with APM HYDRO-1 (see photo 2), exclusion fence maintenance, and establishment of winterized pull sites and landing zones for reconductoring work in the coming fall/winter (APM HYDRO-1) (see photo 3).

During the reporting period, the EM observed appropriate signage marking identified sensitive resources, in accordance with APM BIO-3 (see photo 4). Construction areas near suitable Giant Garter Snake habitat had exclusion fencing installed in accordance with APM BIO-9.

The CPUC EM also observed that SWPPP measures were effectively preventing erosion and track out in accordance with APM HYDRO-1. Active work zone watering to control fugitive dust was performed in accordance with APM AQ-2 and the Fugitive Dust Control Plan (see photo 5).

During the reporting period, the EM also reported that vehicles were equipped with appropriate fire suppression tools in accordance with MM HAZ-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 MMCRP.

Compliance Status

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



ATTACHMENT A Photos

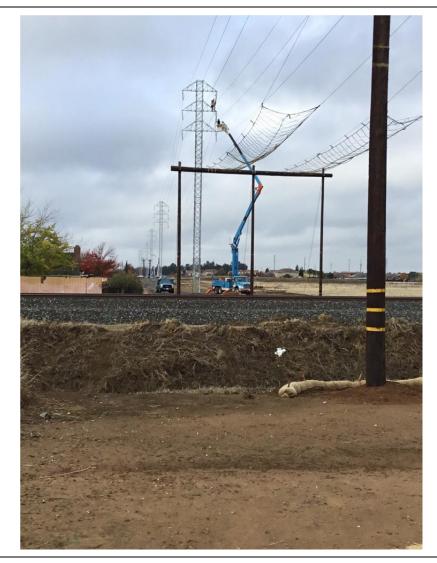


Photo 1: Crews removing transmission line stringing rollers at structure 0/6.



Photo 2: CPUC EM observed new installation of wattles around guard structures at structures 0/6 and 0/3 to prevent erosion in accordance with the SWPPP.



Photo 3: Compaction observed during winterization at Landing Zone 0/1 for future reconductoring work at the Palermo Substation.



Photo 4: Sensitive environmental resources were clearly marked with signs and exclusion fencing at Landing Zone 0/1 in accordance with APM BIO-3. CPUC EM observed crews monitoring and maintaining the exclusion fencing onsite.



Photo 5: Water truck observed to be running regularly, to control fugitive dust in accordance with APM-AQ-2, during winterization activities at Landing Zone 0/1.

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.	
CPUC - 002	September 6, 2018	Construction activities which would take place concurrently with work covered under NTP-1 at select locations along the Bogue Sub Line	Y
		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