

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

South of Palermo 115 kV Reinforcement Project

Compliance Status Report: 06

December 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 December 1 through December 31, 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 onset of winter conditions as well as the reallocation of resources to support the Camp Fire recovery.

Bogue Sub-Line Segment

Tower line crews installed all structure tops on the Bogue segment and began reconductoring the circuits. Crews also continued to winterize several landing zones and pull sites as permitted by ground conditions and weather.

South of Palermo Line Segment

Tower crews continued installation of hybrid tower butts on the South of Palermo Segment as permitted by ground conditions and weather.

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 insulators (see photo 1), line pulling/stringing activities, removal of existing structures and snub poles used for pulling activities (see photo 2), installation of track-out prevention mats (see photo 3), wattle installation, and establishment of winterized pull sites and landing zones for reconductoring work in the coming fall/winter (APM HYDRO-1).

During the reporting period, the EM observed appropriate signage marking identified sensitive resources, in accordance with APM BIO-3. The EM also reported that grates were installed on small pipe openings to prevent wildlife use in accordance with the Project's Incidental Take Permit (ITP) Minimization Measures (see photo 4). Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) measures such as silt fencing and wattles were installed and maintained in accordance with APM HYDRO-1 (see photo 5). Due to muddy conditions onsite, additional track-out prevention mats were installed along the access roads to structure 2/24 and landing zone 4/31.

The CPUC EM also observed that the air transit coordination protocols for helicopter use during construction were followed in accordance with APM TRA-2.

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: CPUC EM observed crews receiving helicopter delivery of insulators and the installation of insulators at structure 2/24.







Photo 4: Small openings are covered to prevent wildlife use in accordance with the Project's ITP.



Photo 5: Sensitive environmental resources were clearly marked with signs and silt fencing maintained at Pull Site 0/1B in accordance with the project requirements.

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 Segment, the Pease Sub-Line Segment, and the South of Palermo Line.	Y	
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 Segment, the Pease Sub Line Segment, and the South of Palermo Line.	Y	

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