

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

South of Palermo 115 kV Reinforcement Project

Compliance Status Report: 08

February 28, 2019

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 February 1 through February 28, 2019.

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.

Due to intermittent wet weather conditions during this reporting period, active construction work was often limited.

Pease Sub-Line Segment

Transmission line crews began reconductoring work along the Pease segment and performed preparation work for wire pulling on the Pease-Rio Oso circuit. Crews continued to winterize several landing zones and pull sites as permitted by weather and ground conditions.

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Site Inspections/Mitigation Monitoring

A CPUC third-party EM conducted site observations in areas under active construction along the Pease 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 Pease Sub-Line Segment included installation of netting to protect the roadways during wire pulling (see photo 1), installation of rollers (see photo 2), installation of track-out mats (see photo 3; APM HYDRO-1), and continued establishment of winterized pull sites and landing zones (APM HYDRO-1).

The CPUC EM verified that nesting bird surveys were conducted as required by APM BIO-7 and APM-BIO-8 and no active nests were observed during the location surveys.

During the reporting period, the EM observed appropriate signage marking identified sensitive resources, including vernal pool features, in accordance with APM BIO-3. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as silt fencing and wattles were maintained in good condition in accordance with APM HYDRO-1 (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 MMCRP.

Compliance Status

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



ATTACHMENT A Photos



Photo 1: CPUC EM observed installed netting to protect Hwy 99 during wire pulling activities.

ATTACHMENT A (Continued)

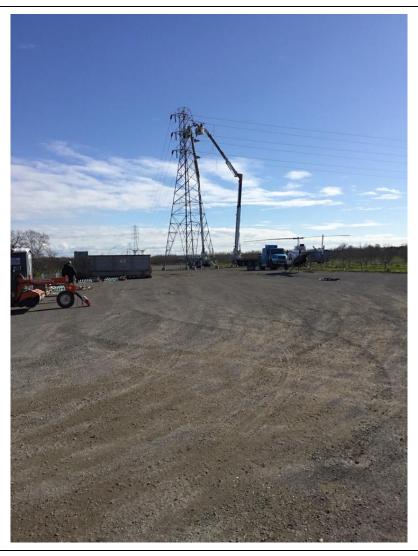


Photo 2: Crews installing rollers at structure 4/24.

ATTACHMENT A (Continued)



Photo 3: Mats installed to prevent track-out at structure 5/25, in accordance with APM HYDRO-1.

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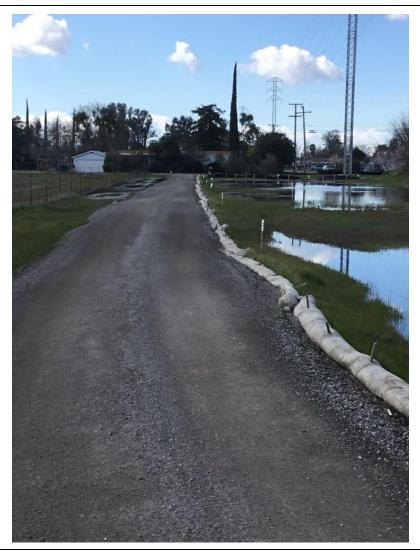


Photo 4: Wattles along the access road to PS 0/1B were observed to be intact and in good condition, in accordance with APM HYDRO-1.

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