

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

South of Palermo 115 kV Reinforcement Project

Compliance Status Report: 14

August 31, 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 August 1 through August 31, 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. Construction of additional project elements associated with NTP-3 were started on March 27, 2019. All project activities are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2021.

Tower crews have continued to install foundations on the South of Palermo segments in addition to beginning installation of the steel middle and upper sections of the transmission towers. Transmission line crews have returned from working on Wild Fire Safety Inspections and have installed several switches. The civil crews continued to do winterization work to prepare all-weather locations on the remainder of the South of Palermo Segment.

MITIGATION MONITORING, COMPLIANCE, AND REPORTING

Site Inspections/Mitigation Monitoring

A CPUC third-party EM conducted site observations in areas under active construction. 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 period included silt fence removal, gravel removal (see photo 1), cloth removal, foundation drilling (see photo 2), foundation abutment installation, and work site winterization (see photo 3).

The CPUC EM observed sensitive resource area signs clearly posted in accordance with APM BIO-12 (see photo 4).

Water trucks were used at work sites and along access roads to control and suppress dust as required by APM AQ-2.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as silt fencing are still in good condition in accordance with APM HYDRO-1.

The CPUC EM observed fire suppression tools in vehicles on the project site 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: During this reporting period, construction crews completed gravel removal at Pull Site (PS) 1/13.







Photo 4: Sensitive resources were marked clearly with signage and avoided in accordance with APM BIO-3 at Site 26/190.

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	
CPUC - 003	March 27, 2019	Construction activities at select locations along the Rio Oso Sub 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