

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

South of Palermo 115 kV Reinforcement Project

Compliance Status Report: 17

November 30, 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 November 1 through November 30, 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 completed installation of concrete foundations and hybrid pole bottoms on the South of Palermo line and are continuing to install the steel middle and upper pole sections. Transmission line crews continued reconductoring work along the South of Palermo line. Civil crews have completed winterization of all remaining work locations along the South of Palermo line and have begun to remove gravel from areas where work has been completed.

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 work site winterization (see Photo 1), reconductoring and wire pulling work, installation of tower tops (see Photo 2), and tower and debris removal (see Photo 3). Helicopters were deployed to install tower tops. All required protocols related to Air Transit Coordination were implemented in accordance with APM TRA-2 and the Helicopter Use Plan.

The CPUC EM observed road signs and flaggers directing traffic during construction and helicopter activities that were in or along local roadways in accordance with APM TRA-1 to minimize impacts on traffic and transportation in the project area.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as silt fencing and wattles were inspected and were found to be 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 non-compliances were issued and no minor deviations were observed during this reporting period.

ATTACHMENT A Photos









Photo 4: During routine SWPPP BMP checks, all silt fencing and wattles were found to be in good condition.

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 |