



EPM reports to the public:

EPM ratifies its announcement on February 2 on moving Hidroitungo from its contingency phase to operation and completion. Thanks to the technical progress made in accordance with the technical work schedules being carried out by over 80 contractors, it insists that the first power generation unit of the Ituango Hydroelectric Project (Hidroitungo) will be commissioned on July 26, 2022.

“We are doing everything we can to keep the work moving forward,” states William Giraldo Jiménez, EPM’s Vice President of Power Generation Projects.

In this way, EPM answers the letter from the Construction Consortium CCC Ituango that is circulating on social media. The letter states the Project’s first power generation unit will be commissioned in October, not July 26. The Consortium states that the schedules are not adjusted to the announced date.

“According to the schedule we know, the critical path for commissioning the first unit is marked by shielding the pipelines and upper pipe elbows, as well as the concrete surrounding them. Completing this foresees beginning tests with water in October,” said CCC Ituango in its letter to EPM.

EPM’s Vice President of Power Generation Projects indicated that the Company has always expressed that the schedules of a mega project the size of Hidroitungo have a degree of uncertainty.

“Installing the shields of the vertical wells is within the critical path of Ituango’s generation units, which has not progressed at the required speed in the lower pipe elbows. However, we expect a time reduction in installing the metal shields of the vertical part of those wells. This is to be assessed in the coming months, since installations in this area are just starting. After this assessment, we will determine what efficiencies have been obtained from both ATB’s installation of the pipes and the Construction Consortium’s concrete placement,” he said.

William Giraldo Jiménez recalled that the Construction Consortium CCC Ituango is not the only firm working on the generator room: there are over 80 contractors working on various fronts to move this Project forward.

“On another note, installing electromechanical equipment and performing commissioning tests does not depend on the Construction Consortium’s work and are begun months after the last of the concrete has been placed in the generation units,” explained Giraldo Jiménez.

Commissioning unit number one of Hidroituango will generate the first 300 megawatts of power for the National Interconnected System. The Project will generate a total of 2,400 megawatts by 2025 when all eight units are operational.