

National Audubon Society, and Platte River Whooping Crane Critical Habitat Maintenance Trust filed an offer of settlement for the Kingsley Dam Project (FERC No. 1417) and the North Platte/Keystone Diversion Project (FERC No. 1835) per Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.

Comments on the proposed settlement may be filed with Commission no later than June 4, 1998, and replies no later than June 15, 1998. Copies of comments and replies by parties and intervenors must be served on all other parties and intervenors. Under Rule 602(f)(3), a failure to file comments constitutes a waiver of all objections to the offer of settlement.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-53-004]

KN Interstate Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Refunds Distributed and Due for Kansas Ad Valorem Taxes

May 29, 1998.

Take notice that on May 18, 1998, KN Interstate Gas Transmission Company (KNI), filed a summary statement of refunds due for Kansas ad valorem taxes pursuant to the Commission's September 10, 1997, letter order in Docket No. GP97-3-000, *et al.* The report summarizes the calculation of refund amounts received from producers to date and how much is still due, including principle and interest. The workpapers show KNI has received \$5,028,711 through April 9, 1998, out of a total \$25,380,970 billed to producers.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before June 5, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public

inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2596-002 New York]

Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation; Notice Soliciting Applications

May 29, 1998.

On November 10, 1997, Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation (RG&E), the existing licensee for the Station 160 Hydroelectric Project No. 2596, filed a letter withdrawing its pending application for subsequent license for the project. The original license for Project No. 2596 expired December 31, 1993, and the project is currently operating under an order requiring continued project operation issued on January 21, 1994.

On November 19, 1997, the Commission disallowed the withdrawal of the license application until after Commission review and approval of an application to surrender the license for the project. On March 31, 1998, RG&E filed an application to surrender the license for Project No. 2596.

The project is located on the Genesee River, in Livingston County, New York. The project consists of: (1) an existing reservoir with a surface area of 4.5 acres and a total storage volume of 480 acre-feet at the normal maximum surface elevation of 579.1 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) an existing dam, about 334 feet long, comprised of (a) an existing stone masonry wingwall; (b) an existing uncontrolled spillway section with a crest elevation of 579.1 feet msl, constructed of cut stone, with concrete footings, 257 feet long; and (c) an existing 23-foot-long spillway section controlled with timber gates; (3) an existing concrete and masonry powerhouse with a Francis turbine-generator unit rated at 340 kW; (4) an existing 18-foot-long concrete spillway; and (5) appurtenant equipment and facilities.

Pursuant to Section 16.20 of the Commission's Regulations, the deadline for filing an application for subsequent license and any competing license applications was December 31, 1991. There are no other pending applications for license for this project. Because the existing licensee has requested to withdraw its application and surrender

its license, the situation is similar to that contemplated by Section 16.25 of the Commission's Regulations, which applies when an existing licensee files a notice of intent to file a new license application and then fails to do so. In these circumstances, Section 16.25 of the Commission's Regulations, the Commission is soliciting applications from potential applicants other than the existing licensee.

A potential applicant that files a notice of intent within 90 days from the date of issuance of this notice: (1) may apply for a license under Part I of the Federal Power Act and Part 4 (except Section 4.38) of the Commission's regulations within 18 months of the date on which it files its notice; and (2) must comply with the requirements of Section 16.8 of the Commission's Regulations.

Pursuant to Section 16.19 of the Commission's Regulations, the licensee is required to make available certain information described in Section 16.7 of the Commission's regulations. Such information is available from the licensee at Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, 89 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14649.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-566-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

May 29, 1998.

Take notice that on May 22, 1998, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), Post Office Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP98-566-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.218 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (118 CFR 157.205, 157.218) for authorization to abandon a measurement facility at a delivery point location, under Southern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-406-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Southern states that it constructed the delivery point facility to exchange natural gas with Texas Gas