

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP98-54-029]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Offer of Settlement

March 17, 2000.

Take notice that on March 8, 2000, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), The Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo), Cheyenne Light Fuel and Power Company (Cheyenne) and Colorado Springs Utilities (Colorado Springs) (collectively called Sponsoring Parties) jointly filed an Offer of Settlement under Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure in the captioned docket. Sponsoring Parties filed the Offer of Settlement relating to refunds of the Kansas ad valorem taxes to resolve for Consenting Working Interest Owners (as defined in the Offer) the issue of refunds due to CIG for reimbursements of the Kansas ad valorem taxes consistent with the requirements of *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*¹ and the Commission's subsequent orders. A copy of the Offer of Settlement, is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. The Offer of Settlement may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Under the Offer of Settlement, each Consenting Working Interest Owner's refund liability will be reduced by 12.5% which represents the typical landowners royalty share of the total refunds. In addition, each Consenting Working Interest Owner will receive an additional reduction in its refund liability of \$10,000, except where a lesser amount will extinguish its liability in its entirety.

The Offer of Settlement, when approved, will eliminate substantially, if not entirely, the obligation of Consenting Working Interest Owners to pursue refund claims against their landowner royalty owners. This is accomplished through the 12.5% reduction in the total refund obligation otherwise owed by Consenting Working Interest Owners.

An estimated 600 or more working interest owners received the benefit of CIG's reimbursement of the Kansas ad valorem taxes. Many of those parties have small refund obligations. The Settlement will eliminate entirely the

refund obligations of those Consenting Working Interest Owners whose remaining refund obligation after the 12.5% reduction discussed above is \$10,000 or less. It is estimated that 400-450 working interest owners' refunds will be entirely eliminated under the Settlement.² Further, every other Consenting Working Interest Owner whose refund obligation, after the 12.5% reduction, exceeds \$10,000 will have that refund obligation reduced by \$10,000 under the Settlement. Thus the Settlement will reduce the collection and administrative burdens on the parties and the Commission while expediting the recovery of the refunds.

In accordance with Section 385.602(f), initial comments on the Offer of Settlement are due on March 28, 2000 and any reply comments are due on April 7, 2000.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER00-1259-000, EL00-38-000, and EC00-48-000]

Louisiana Generating, L.L.C. Cajun Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. Louisiana Generating, L.L.C.; Notice of Filing

March 17, 2000.

Take notice that on March 17, 2000, Louisiana Generating, L.L.C. (Generating, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), tendered for filing a supplement to its January 13, 2000 power purchase agreement between SWEPCO and Cajun Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Cajun) in the above-referenced dockets.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211

²The Sponsoring Parties assert that the number and identity of the working interest owners who will have their refund obligation eliminated by the Settlement cannot be determined at this time since the Commission had required that the well operators—the parties to whom CIG made the tax reimbursements in the first place—provide working interest ownership data to CIG. Since a very large number of well operators have not provided that information to CIG, CIG, PSCo and Colorado Springs also filed a Complaint against those well operators in Docket No. RP00-213-000.

and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before March 27, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestant parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP00-91-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Site Visit

March 17, 2000.

On March 28 and 29, 2000, the Office of Energy Project's (OEP) staff will inspect National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation's (National Fuel) proposed Line AM-60 Replacement Project involving the construction and operation of facilities in Elk, McKean and Warren Counties, Pennsylvania. The areas will be inspected by automobile and on foot. Representatives of National Fuel will accompany the OEP staff. Anyone interested in participating in the site visits must provide their own transportation.

For additional information, contact Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. PR00-15-000]

Overland Trail Transmission Company; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

March 17, 2000.

Take notice that on March 14, 2000, Overland Trail Transmission Company (OTTCO) filed pursuant to Section

¹ 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. Cir., 1996), cert. denied 520 U.S. 1227 (1997).

284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, a petition for rate approval requesting that the Commission approve as fair and equitable a maximum system wide rate of \$0.3948 per MMBtu for interruptible transportation services performed under Section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGP).

OTTCO states that it is an intrastate natural gas pipeline within the meaning of Section 2(16) of the NGPA, which operates wholly within the State of Wyoming.

Pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2)(ii), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date, the proposed rate for transportation services will be deemed to be fair and equitable. The Commission may, prior to the expiration of the 150 day period, extend the time for action or institute a proceeding to afford parties an opportunity for written comments and for the oral presentations of views, data and arguments.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All motions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before April 3, 2000. This petition for rate approval is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-117-000 and CP00-117-001]

Southern Natural Gas Company; South Georgia Natural Gas Company; Notice of Joint Application

March 17, 2000.

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), Post Office Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563 and South Georgia Natural Gas Company (South Georgia) Post Office Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP00-117-000 a

joint application pursuant to Sections 7(c) and 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the Commission's regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for Southern to acquire facilities and authorization for South Georgia to abandon facilities all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.¹ The filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Patrick Pope, General Counsel, Southern Natural Gas Company, Post Office Box 35202-2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563 or call (205) 325-7126.

Southern requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the NGA authorizing it to acquire the facilities of South Georgia, and South Georgia requests approval under Section 7(b) of the NGA to abandon all of its jurisdictional transmission facilities, operations, and certain services not subject to pre-granted abandonment. Southern and South Georgia state that the acquisition will be accomplished by a merger between Southern and South Georgia which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Southern. Further, they state that Southern will acquire South Georgia's assets at the original cost with the same accumulated depreciation and accumulated deferred income taxes as are currently reflected in South Georgia's books.

Southern avers that it will contact with the existing South Georgia customers to provide the same quality and type of service as South Georgia provides today, but under the terms and conditions of Southern's FERC Gas Tariff, as revised pursuant to this application and the Offer of Settlement. To implement the service, Southern and South Georgia seek: (1) Authorization for South Georgia to terminate Volumes I and II of its FERC Gas Tariff; (2) Authorization for Southern to revise its CSS-1, CSS-2, and STS Rate Schedules to incorporate the South Georgia ST-1 and ST-2 Rate Schedules into its First Revised Volume No. 2A of its FERC Gas

Tariff; (3) Cancellation of South Georgia's Order No. 234 Blanket Certificate; and (4) Authorization for Southern to implement the changes to its tariff necessary to implement the terms of the certificate requested herein.

Southern and South Georgia state that the acquisition is part of an overall Offer of Settlement filed concurrently in Docket No. RP99-496-004 to resolve all outstanding issues in Southern's pending Section 4 rate proceeding and they request that the certificate application be processed concurrently with the Offer of Settlement. Southern and South Georgia request that the authorization requested herein take effect on August 1, 2000 and be conditioned upon the approval of the Offer of Settlement. If the settlement is not approved on terms acceptable to the parties thereto, Southern and South Georgia state that they will withdraw the certificate application.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 28, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

¹This application is also incorporated in the Offer of Settlement filed by Southern pursuant to Rule 602 of the Commission's regulations (§ 385.602) in Docket No. RP99-496-004. The portion of the Offer of Settlement relating to the transfer of South Georgia's facilities to Southern has been docketed as CP00-117-001. Pursuant to Rule 602(d)(2) Southern states that it has notified all parties in the rate proceeding as all other persons required by Rule 602(d)(1) that Comments and Reply Comments on the Offer of Settlement are due to be filed by March 28, 2000, and Reply Comments are due to be filed by April 7, 2000.