

**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*<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup>The 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

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