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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
NATURAL GAS SUPPLY NEEDS
HASTINGS UTILITIES
March 4th, 2026

Hastings Utilities, City of Hastings, Nebraska, a Nebraska Municipal Corporation (Hastings), is requesting proposals for natural gas supply needs and potential other natural gas management services commencing September 1, 2026.

Informal proposals will be accepted by e-mail at sstone@cityofhastings.org until **5:00 p.m. cst, Friday, March 20th, 2026**. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered. It is bidder's responsibility to verify bid documents have been received prior to the deadline.

Hastings is requesting supply proposals under several different scenarios as outlined on the following sheets. Bidder may bid any number of the different scenarios they desire. The option exists to bid only supply for local distribution needs, bid the management of the Hastings transportation capacity on Trailblazer only, and/or bid a combination of the two. Hastings may consider awarding the distribution supply portion to one supplier and the Trailblazer transportation management to a second supplier, or the total package to one supplier.

Hastings reserves the right to accept the bid(s) which best suits its needs regardless of price, to reject any or all bids, to negotiate specific sections of the agreement, and to waive informalities.

Please direct any questions regarding this Request for Proposals to Shane Stone, Director of Administration, 402-462-3551, sstone@cityofhastings.org.



Shane Stone
Director of Administration

Hastings Utilities Gas Supply Bid Criteria & Background

TERM: Hastings will consider a one to five-year term for any of the below options. The new contract term shall commence on September 1, 2026. In your proposal(s) please specify if term is flexible or if you are bidding a specific term.

EXCHANGE AGREEMENT: Hastings is a member of the Central Plains Energy Project (CPEP) and a participant in CPEP Project #2, a 30-year term prepaid natural gas transaction. Hastings receives 500 MMBtu/day during the months of April and May, 300 MMBtu/day for June, 400 MMBtu/day for July, 500 MMBtu/day for August September and October and 2,000 MMBtu/day during the months of November through March (total of 399,900 MMBtu annually). Delivery is at Northern Natural – Demarcation (NNG-Demarc) and pricing is based on the first of month Platts Inside FERC’s Gas Market Report price. Since Hastings does not have direct pipeline transportation capacity from NNG-Demarc to the Hastings Town Border Station (TBS), as part of this RFP Hastings desires to enter into an Exchange Agreement with the supplier providing distribution supply to Hastings. Each month Hastings will “exchange” an equivalent value of natural gas at NNG-Demarc with the supplier of gas delivered to the Hastings TBS or other agreed upon point.

As an example:

- For the month of November, if the first of the month NNG-Demarc index price is \$3.42, Hastings will exchange the value of gas of \$205,200 at NNG-Demarc (2,000 MMBtu/day x 30 days x \$3.42) for an equivalent value of natural gas at the point the supplier is delivering gas to Hastings.
- If the weighted average cost of gas (both fixed price and index priced gas during November) delivered to Hastings happens to be \$3.80 per MMBtu, Hastings would receive 54,000 MMBtu ($\$205,200 / \3.80) which is an equivalent value of the gas exchanged at NNG-Demarc.
- If the weighted average cost of gas delivered to Hastings happened to be \$3.04 per MMBtu, Hastings would receive 67,500 MMBtu ($\$205,200 / \3.04) as an equivalent value.

This is a value for value swap, not an MMBtu for MMBtu swap. If there is any confusion or you need more information on how this process is structured, please call for clarification.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS: Hastings holds 14,840 MMBtu/day FTS capacity on Trailblazer Pipeline. The Primary Receipt Point is PIN 5001 WIC/TPC DULL KNIFE WELD and the Primary Delivery Point is PIN 902900 TPC/NGPL GAGE. The current contract term runs through 12/31/2027. Hastings is classified as a “pre-expansion” shipper and does not pay a separate fuel charge for volumes transported.

Hastings holds 16,000 MMBtu/day of Firm Capacity on Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC. The Primary Receipt Point is PIN 7857 TPC/TIGT ADAMS and the Primary Delivery Point is PIN 15500 HASTINGS/TIGT TBS ADAMS. The contract term runs through 12/31/2037. This is a negotiated, discounted FT contract and the discount is

only applicable for the specific path from PIN 7857 to PIN 15500. The capacity may be used on a secondary path basis but would revert to maximum tariff rates for the specific path utilized. This contract allows for delivery of gas volumes from Trailblazer Pipeline PIN 3850 TIGT/TPC ADAMS or PIN 3851 TIGT/TPC CLAY to the Hastings TBS.

Hastings holds 2,000 MMBtu/day No-Notice Service on Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC. This contract is used primarily for balancing and covering daily swing volumes above and below nominated volumes. All terms and rates including fuel are subject to FERC approved TIGT tariff provisions. The tariff currently allows for a Maximum Storage Quantity of 45 times the Maximum Daily Quantity, so 90,000 MMBtu of firm storage service is available. The contract term runs through 5/31/2029.

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM LOAD PROFILE:

Hastings Daily/Monthly Distribution System Volumes

Month	Approx. Minimum Daily Quantity	Minimum Monthly Quantity*	10 yr Monthly Avg.	3 yr Peak Daily Swing Avg.**
Sep	1,333	39,990	37,256	2,667
Oct	1,613	50,003	76,953	5,900
Nov	3,333	99,990	137,441	4,033
Dec	5,484	170,004	207,072	3,300
Jan	6,452	200,012	239,124	6,100
Feb	4,643	130,004	204,553	6,532
Mar	3,226	100,006	146,045	4,867
Apr	2,167	65,010	88,713	2,967
May	1,452	45,012	49,673	2,233
Jun	1,200	36,000	35,417	333
Jul	1,000	31,000	36,931	4,000
Aug	968	30,008	36,950	6,933
		997,039	1,296,128	

*Minimum Monthly Quantities are all base load volumes. Hastings desires the ability to “fix” prices in advance of the start of the gas month for up to the minimum monthly quantity for each month. Pricing will be based on current NYMEX pricing at the time the price is “fixed” less/plus appropriate basis and other costs, if any. Hastings is currently “fixing” prices on a minimum of four different purchase dates each year and will buy full NYMEX contracts of 10,000 MMBtu minimum for each month hedged. Hastings will pay for the supply in the actual month of delivery.

**Due to natural gas needed for generation, each day has a possible need for daily swing volume up to the transmission max daily quantity (MDQ).

SUPPLY AND MANAGEMENT OPTIONS FOR BID:

1.) DISTRIBUTION GAS SUPPLY ONLY - delivery of distribution system gas supply volumes to Hastings based on the load profile above. The minimum daily and minimum monthly quantity volumes are baseload volumes. Hastings desires the ability to convert up to the minimum monthly quantity volumes to a fixed price based on NYMEX (plus/minus basis) in advance of the start of the gas month. Any minimum monthly volumes not fixed in advance will default to a predetermined index based on “first of the month” pricing. For bidding purposes please identify an appropriate Inside FERC or Gas Daily first of the month index (and pricing formula) that would be used to determine pricing, and two years minimum historic pricing information for that index. Pricing for daily swing quantity volumes shall be based on an appropriate Gas Daily index price. Please identify the appropriate daily index on which pricing will be based. Hastings will provide supplier notice of desired daily swing volume by 8:30 a.m. of the day preceding gas flow. Flexibility may exist with weekend/holiday scheduling so additional notice may be provided by Hastings if desired by supplier. Hastings also has flexibility with swing volumes during the summer months. Please identify standard weekend nomination requirements and whether non-ratable daily nominations are allowed over weekends and holidays. Distribution system load is relatively small and generally predictable during the summer. The daily swing amounts listed are desired in the event natural gas fired electrical generation would be needed by Hastings. It is typically known two to three days in advance if the natural gas steam units will be run for any significant amount of time so although some flexibility would be needed to accommodate the potential for natural gas generation, Hastings could potentially be more flexible with notification requirements if necessary.

Firm Delivery Point options are:

A.) Firm off of Trailblazer Pipeline at PIN 3850 TIGT/TPC ADAMS (with a secondary point of PIN 3851 TIGT/TPC CLAY). Under this option Hastings would use its TIGT FT contract to move gas from Trailblazer Pipeline to the Hastings TBS and would be responsible for paying all transportation costs associated with that haul downstream of PIN 3850. Supplier would only be responsible for gas supply and transportation costs to deliver gas to PIN 3850 or PIN 3851.

B.) Firm delivery directly to the Hastings TBS (PIN 15500 HASTINGS/TIGT TBS) with supplier’s own TIGT firm capacity or released TIGT firm capacity. Supplier would be responsible for all costs to deliver gas to PIN 15500.

C.) Firm delivery to PIN 5001 WIC/TPC DULL KNIFE WELD and Hastings would use its Trailblazer and TIGT transportation contracts to move gas supply to the Hastings TBS. Supplier would only be responsible for gas supply and transportation costs to deliver gas to PIN 5001.

Exchange Agreement Volumes at NNG – Demarc that Hastings is purchasing through CPEP would need to be incorporated into this supply agreement. A separate Exchange Agreement covering the details of the exchange will be executed by supplier and Hastings.

2.) TRAILBLAZER CAPACITY MANAGEMENT ONLY - If Hastings chooses to enter into an agreement with a supplier to deliver distribution gas supply to PIN 3850 TIGT/TPC ADAMS, PIN 15500 HASTINGS/TIGT TBS, or partial supply to PIN 5001 WIC/TPC DULL KNIFE WELD as outlined in Option 1 above, all or a portion of the Trailblazer capacity may remain available for utilization. In that case, Hastings would be interested in entering into an Asset Management Agreement or Agency Agreement with a supplier to maximize the value of any excess Trailblazer capacity. As Hastings is a municipal utility with the primary purpose of providing our ratepayers with the most reliable supply and cost competitive rates possible, Hastings is not interested in entering into an agreement where any significant amount of financial risk exists to Hastings. Hastings will leave it up to the bidders to identify cost sharing percentages and other specific conditions that would be associated with this type of transaction.

3.) TOTAL SUPPLY AND TRAILBLAZER CAPACITY MANAGEMENT
Hastings is also interested in entertaining proposals for an Asset Management Agreement or Agency Agreement for a complete natural gas distribution supply in conjunction with the optimization of Trailblazer capacity from a single supplier. Again, bidders may use their own creativity to present options they would entertain. Please be specific regarding cost sharing percentages of excess Trailblazer revenues and distribution supply pricing formulas.

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