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In Reply Refer To:
Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.
Docket No. RP10-626-000

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.
4700 Highway 56
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Attention: David N. Roberts, Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Reference: Petition for Waiver of Index of Customers Filing Instructions

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On February 19, 2010, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) filed a request for a limited waiver of certain reporting instructions in the FERC Index of Customers quarterly report (IOC). Specifically, Southern Star requests a waiver of the reporting requirements as provided in the form's instructions to allow the entry of more than one detail record per each shipper/rate schedule/contract combination and requests a limited waiver so that it does not have to re-file and re-post prior IOCs solely due to the use of multiple detail records per each shipper/rate schedule/contract combination.
2. Southern Star states that during a review of procedures for filing its quarterly IOC, as part of its ongoing compliance with the Audit Report in Docket

No. PA08-1-000,¹ it determined that the unique structure of its services was preventing it from technically complying with one of the instructions in the Commission's Instruction Manual for Electronic Filing of the Index of Customers (IOC Manual). Southern Star further states that it has previously filed for and received a limited waiver of the filing instructions for FERC Forms 2 and 11 to allow it to more accurately report the rate schedule information required by those forms.² Southern Star submits this request for a limited waiver to allow it to accurately report its contract information in the IOC and clearly comply with the filing instructions in the IOC Manual, which requires pipelines to "Enter one Detail record for each combination of shipper/rate schedule/contract."³

3. The component structure of Southern Star's services permits a customer to have separately stated transportation contract demands in the production zone and market zone under the same contract under Southern Star's rate schedules. Southern Star states that it has historically used one Detail record for each shipper/rate schedule/contract combination, which results in its IOC having more than one Detail record for each combination of shipper/rate schedule/contract.

4. In this filing, Southern Star asks for a limited waiver to change the way it designates its rate schedules so that it only has one Detail record for each combination of shipper/rate schedule/contract, which it contends will improve the consistency of its data across reports. Southern Star also requests a limited waiver of the IOC Manual so that it does not have to re-post prior IOCs solely due to the use of multiple detail records per shipper/rate schedule/contract combinations.

5. Public notice of the filing was issued on April 23, 2010. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2009)). Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2009)), all timely filed motions to intervene and any motions to intervene out-of-time filed before the issuance date of this order are granted. Granting late intervention at this

¹ See *Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.*, 125 FERC ¶ 61,082 (2008) (requiring Southern Star to establish written policies and procedures ensuring that Southern Star files and posts all indices of customers in compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations).

² See *Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.*, Docket No. AC08-120-000 (August 5, 2008) (unpublished letter order).

³ Instruction Manual for Electronic Filing of Index of Customers, June 2000 at 7 (updated March 2006).

stage of the proceeding will not disrupt the proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. No protests or adverse comments were filed.

6. The Commission finds that both limited waivers are appropriate in this situation. We find that granting the limited waiver prospectively to allow Southern Star to change the way it designates its rate schedules in the IOC so that it only has one Detail record for each combination of shipper/rate schedule/contract will more accurately reflect the individual service components of its bundled services. The Commission also concludes that it is not necessary for Southern Star to re-file and re-post prior IOCs and therefore we grant a limited waiver of the filing instructions in the IOC Manual that would otherwise have required these actions.

By direction of the Commission.

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