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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

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In Reply Refer To:
Southern Star Central Gas
Pipeline, Inc.
Docket No. RP16-258-000

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.
4700 Highway 56
Owensboro, KY 42301

Attention: Philip A. Rullman,
V.P. & Chief Commercial Services Officer

Reference: Limited Waiver of Tariff Provisions

Dear Mr. Rullman:

1. On December 1, 2015, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) filed a petition requesting a limited waiver of section 9.7(d)¹ of its FERC NGA Gas Tariff to effectuate refunds related to use of the wrong index in periods outside the current twelve month reconciliation period. The Commission grants the limited waiver request to allow Southern Star to refund the net amounts due shippers from prior periods as detailed in the Annual Cash-Out Activity Report for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

2. On March 19, 2013 in Docket No. RP13-593, the Commission approved tariff changes to Southern Star's tariff moving the Excess of the Tolerance Level (ETL) imbalance cash-out process from the third month to the second month. When Southern Star revised its invoicing system to calculate and change the cash-out quantity from the third month to the second month, its system inadvertently continued to incorrectly use the third month's cash-out price instead of the second month's price. Southern Star seeks a

¹ Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., FERC NGA Gas Tariff, Tariff Provisions, Sheet No. 245, 3.0.0.

limited waiver of its tariff for calculating its current period's Annual Cash-Out Activity Report. Southern Star's report includes a reconciliation for prior periods outside the tariff to enable it to refund any net amounts that would have been due customers had it used the proper second month's index price from the time of its tariff change. Southern Star also requests permission to forgive collection of any net shortfalls from the revised out-of-period reconciliations.

3. Public notice of the filing was issued on December 2, 2015. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2015)). Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2015)), all timely filed motions to intervene and any unopposed motions to intervene out-of-time filed before the issuance date of this order are granted. Granting late intervention at this stage of the proceeding will not disrupt the proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. No adverse comments or protests were filed.

4. For good cause shown, the Commission grants the unopposed request for limited waiver of Southern Star's tariff provisions, to allow Southern Star to implement its proposed adjustments correcting errors related to the prior cash-out of ETL imbalances, and to reflect those actions in this year's cash-out activity report. Consistent with the foregoing, the Commission accepts Southern Star's Annual Cash-Out Activity Report for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.