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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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In Reply Refer To:
Southern Star Central Gas
Pipeline, Inc.
Docket No. RP16-1236-000

Southern Star Central Gas
Pipeline, Inc.
4700 Highway 56
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Attention: Philip A. Rullman, V.P. &
Chief Commercial Services Officer

Dear Mr. Rullman:

1. On October 7, 2016, the Commission issued an order accepting and suspending Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.'s (Southern Star) filing of revised tariff records¹ pursuant to section 4 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA).² The filing was suspended subject to a technical conference insofar as needed to address the concerns raised by Southern Star's customer Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) and its affiliate Atmos Energy Marketing, LLC (AEM). The revised tariff records consisted of Southern Star's non-conforming service agreement, a negotiated rate agreement and related tariff records constituting its contract with Linn Operating, Inc. (Linn) to ship unprocessed or "wet" gas from Linn's Satanta processing plant, which is closing, to its Jayhawk processing

¹ See the Sept. 9, 2016 Filing: Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., NGA Gas Tariff, Tariff Provisions, [Sheet, No. 207, Quality, 2.0.0, Sheet No. 218A, , 1.0.0, Sheet No. 279, , 3.0.0, Section 1, Table of Contents, 9.0.0, Section 4.2, Non-Conforming Service Agreements With Negotiated Rates, 3.0.0, Section 4.2.1, Non-Conforming Service Agreements With Negotiated Rates, 0.0.0, Section 4.2.2, Non-Conforming Service Agreements With Negotiated Rates, 0.0.0, and Section 4.2.3, Non-Conforming Service Agreements With Negotiated Rates, 0.0.0.](#)

² *Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.*, 157 FERC ¶ 61,012 (2016).

plant located further up the pipeline. Southern Star agreed to waive gas quality standards and ship “wet” gas to implement Linn’s proposal in bankruptcy to close the Satanta plant.

2. The Commission’s acceptance was to be effective March 9, 2017, or on an earlier date established in a subsequent order, subject to the outcome of a technical conference if needed to examine Atmos and AEM’s concern that the receipt point under a contract for gas storage service from the closing plant be re-located to a suitable point agreeable to them. The technical conference was to be held if Southern Star, Atmos and AEM were unable to reach mutual agreement on a new receipt point, but the need for a conference would be obviated if they could reach agreement.

3. On October 28, 2016, Atmos and AEM filed to report that they have reached an agreement with Southern Star on an alternative receipt point and have resolved the issues raised in their comments responding to Southern Star’s September 9, 2016 filing. On November 8, 2016, Southern Star filed to confirm that it has reached an agreement with Atmos and AEM. Consistent with the resolution of these issues, AEM withdraws its request for a technical conference.

4. Based on these Parties’ representations that they have agreed to an alternative receipt point on Southern Star, the Commission finds there is no longer a need to convene a technical conference in this proceeding. Consequently, the Commission rescinds the October 7, 2016 order’s technical conference directive, lifts the suspension, and accepts without further condition the tariff records referenced in footnote 1, effective the date this letter order issues.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.