

127 FERC ¶ 61,210  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman;  
Sudeen G. Kelly, Marc Spitzer,  
and Philip D. Moeller.

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.

Docket No. RP08-350-000

ORDER APPROVING UNCONTESTED SETTLEMENT

(Issued June 1, 2009)

1. On December 11, 2008, pursuant to Rule 602 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.602 (2008), Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) filed an offer of settlement to resolve all the issues in Southern Star's general section 4 rate proceeding.
2. On April 30, 2008, Southern Star made a general rate filing under section 4 of the Natural Gas Act and part 154 of the Commission's regulations. Southern Star sought in its filing to increase its jurisdictional base rates and also proposed several changes to the rate schedules and the general terms and conditions of its FERC gas tariff. On May 29, 2008, the Commission accepted and suspended for five months Southern Star's proposed rates and tariff changes.<sup>1</sup> A prehearing conference was held on June 10, 2008. On October 31, 2008, Southern Star filed revised tariff sheets to move the suspended rates and tariff sheet provisions into effect on November 1, 2008. The parties conducted extensive discovery and held settlement conferences on October 7, 2008, and from November 12 through November 14, 2008. As a result of the conferences and negotiations among Southern Star and various parties, a settlement was reached resolving all the issues set for hearing in the proceeding.
3. Initial comments were filed on December 15, 2008. Reply comments in support of the settlement were filed by several parties on December 17, 2008. On January 13,

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<sup>1</sup> *Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.*, 123 FERC ¶ 61,224 (2008).

4. 2009, the administrative law judge certified the settlement to the Commission as uncontested.<sup>2</sup>

5. The settlement is fair, reasonable and in the public interest and is hereby approved. The Commission's approval of this settlement does not constitute approval of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue in this proceeding.

6. This order terminates Docket No. RP08-350-000.

By the Commission.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Deputy Secretary.

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<sup>2</sup> *Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.*, 126 FERC ¶ 63,002 (2008).