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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.
Increase Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of Laterals TLB, TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004
and TLB-005
Hemphill County, Texas
Docket No. CP20-_____

Dear Secretary Bose:

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star), pursuant to the authority of its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000 and the provisions of Sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), submits for eFiling a Prior Notice Request for Authorization to increase the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) on Southern Star's Lines TLB (also referred to as "Hobart Ranch Lateral"), TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004 and TLB-005 in Hemphill County, Texas.

The electronic files include the following documents, which have been classified as "Public" or "Critical Energy Infrastructure Information" (CEII) as noted below.

Volume I - Public Files:

- This transmittal letter describing the filing and its content.
- Prior Notice of Proposed Blanket Certificate Activity. Proposed activity is to increase the MAOP of Lines TLB, TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004 and TLB-005 to an MAOP of 1100 psig.
- Form of Notice
- Attachment 1 – General Location of Facilities (Map)

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Volume II- Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) Files:

Attachment 2 - Flow Diagrams and Flow Diagram Data – Critical Energy Infrastructure Information - Southern Star submits the attached System Flow Diagrams that meet the definition of CEII as found in Section 388.113 of the Commission's regulations and therefore requests that the Commission accord treatment to the eFiled documents concerning CEII information in a manner consistent with Section 133.112 of the Commission's regulations. Accordingly, all pages of the system flow diagrams are clearly marked "**Contains Critical Energy Infrastructure Information-Do Not Release**".

Pursuant to the Commission's electronic filing guide,¹ Southern Star is eFiling this Prior Notice and will provide two complete copies to the Commission (OEP Room 62-46).

Please call the undersigned at (270) 852-4655 with any questions regarding the documents.

Sincerely,

/s/Cindy C. Thompson

Cindy C. Thompson
Manager, Regulatory

¹ Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Filing Guide/Qualified Documents List (February 14, 2017), available at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing.pdf>.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

In the Matter of)
) Docket No. CP 20-____-000
Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.)

**REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO
INCREASE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE OPERATING PRESSURE UNDER
THE PRIOR NOTICE PROCEDURES OF SECTION 157.205**

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. ("Southern Star") herewith submits a prior notice request under the provisions of its blanket certificate (Docket No. CP82-479-000) and Sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") to increase the maximum allowable operating pressure on Southern Star's Line TLB pipeline lateral (Hobart Ranch Lateral) as well as receipt laterals TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004 and TLB-005 in Hemphill County, Texas.

APPLICANT

The exact legal name of the party tendering the request is Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., and its principal place of business is located at 4700 State Highway 56, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301. Southern Star is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and is duly authorized to conduct business in the states of Colorado, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming. Southern Star is a natural gas company as defined in Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act ("NGA") and engaged in the

business of storing and transporting natural gas in interstate commerce under authorizations granted by the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence and communications regarding this request are to be addressed to:

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The above listed persons are designated to receive service pursuant to Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR §385.2010 (2011), and eService is requested in lieu of paper copies.

BACKGROUND

Southern Star's Hobart Ranch Lateral consists of approximately 12.9 miles of 16-inch diameter lateral pipeline extending from the tailgate of the Hobart Ranch plant to the Canadian-Blackwell mainline. Southern Star's Hobart Ranch Lateral was authorized and constructed pursuant to the automatic provisions of its Blanket Certificate (Docket No. CP82-479-000) in 1998.¹ The current maximum allowable operating pressure ("MAOP") of the Hobart Ranch Lateral is 900 pounds per square inch gauge ("psig"). Four smaller receipt laterals (TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004 and TLB-005) that are connected to the Hobart Ranch Lateral are also requested to be uprated from MAOP of 900 psig to 1100 psig. These four laterals each have one receipt meter (16584, 16620, 16621 and 16820, respectively). TLB-001 is approximately 10 feet of 8-inch

¹ See *Williams Gas Pipeline Central, Inc.*, Annual Report of Activities, Docket No. CP99-368.

diameter lateral pipeline; TLB-002 is approximately 1,735 feet of 6-inch diameter lateral pipeline; TLB-004 is approximately 448 feet of 8-inch and 10-inch diameter lateral pipeline; and TLB-005 is approximately 97 feet of 6-inch diameter lateral pipeline.

Gas received into the Hobart Ranch Lateral is delivered into the western terminus of Southern Star's Canadian Blackwell mainline where it can either flow east towards Southern Star's production market interface or be delivered off-system to Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC (Transwestern). There is currently a demand for additional gas to be delivered to Transwestern. Southern Star therefore intends to operate Lines TLB, TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004, and TLB-005 at pressures above the current 900 psig maximum allowable operating pressure in order to be able to transport more gas on the Hobart Ranch Lateral. While this will not increase mainline capacity on Southern Star's Canadian Blackwell line, it will increase firm delivery capacity to Transwestern. Such increased capacity to Transwestern will be posted as unsubscribed capacity and made available to interested parties pursuant to Southern Star's tariff either via an open season or on a first come, first served basis.

PURPOSE OF REQUEST: MAOP UPRATE

The purpose of this prior notice filing is to increase the MAOP of Lines TLB, TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004 and TLB-005 to 1100 psig, which is the level supported under PHMSA's regulations based on prior Subpart J pressure testing and/or supported by material records. Therefore, no work is necessary to increase the MAOP of the lateral. However, as discussed below, associated auxiliary facilities (some which may be installed under the automatic provisions of Southern Star's blanket certificate instead of Section 2.55(a) due to workspace requirements) will be installed

under separate Commission regulations in order to allow for Southern Star to effectively utilize the higher operating pressure.

Attachment 1 is a map showing Southern Star's Hobart Ranch Lateral as well as the other four laterals connected to it for which this increased MAOP is requested. The Hobart Ranch Lateral was designed at an MAOP of 900 psig. The 16-inch diameter pipeline consists of predominately .250-inch wall thickness pipe with .281-inch wall thickness pipe at various road crossings and other applicable points. The Hobart Ranch Lateral was built to meet Class I design criteria, except at road crossings which were built to Class II design criteria. As previously stated, the MAOP of the above-mentioned laterals is 900 psig. In this filing, Southern Star is proposing to increase the MAOP to 1100 psig.

At the terminus of the Hobart Ranch Lateral, a new regulator setting will be installed to protect the MAOP (900 psig) of Southern Star's Line TL (Canadian-Blackwell Line). This will consist of a dual run regulator skid. This work to auxiliary facilities would be done within the Commission's Section 2.55(a) regulations, except that due to an access road and some temporary workspace falling outside the original workspace, these facilities will be installed pursuant to the automatic provisions of Southern Star's blanket certificate.

The auxiliary facilities to be installed or replaced in association with the increase in MAOP will be on existing facilities already in service pursuant to Section 2.55 (a) of the Commission's regulations. In addition to the new regulator, other work associated with auxiliary facilities includes replacing a mainline valve setting (including the adjacent tee, riser piping, elbow and flange for the TLB-004 lateral) with pipe of the same grade and wall thickness as the existing pipe, replacing a plug in a pig launcher at the south end of Line TLB, and replacing a coupon sampler

on lateral TLB-005 in Hemphill County, Texas. The estimated cost of the auxiliary facilities, which are depicted on the General Location Map (Attachment 1), is approximately \$170,000.

No auxiliary work is required to effectively utilize the uprate of TLB-001 and TLB-002. Materials records exist to support the increase of the MAOP to 1100 as proposed.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND LANDOWNER CONCERNS

As described above, the facilities associated with the increase in the MAOP from 900 psig to 1100 psig on the Hobart Ranch, TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004 and TLB-005 laterals will be done within the Commission's requirements for 2.55(a) or the automatic provisions of Southern Star's blanket certificate. Environmental review and landowner notifications will be done within the applicable Commission regulations and no environmental or landowner consequences are anticipated as a result of this pressure uprate. No costs are required for the actual pressure uprate of Southern Star's Hobart Ranch or the four laterals connected to it for which the increased MAOP is requested (TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004 and TLB-005).

FORM OF NOTICE

A proposed notice suitable for publication in the Federal Register is included herewith in compliance with the Commission's regulations. Copies of this Request will be sent to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Missouri Public Service Commission, and Kansas Corporation Commission.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

In accordance with Section 157.208(c) of the Commission's Regulations (18 C.F.R. 157.208), the following attachments are also submitted herewith:

Attachment 1 – Location of Facilities (Map)

Attachment 2 - Flow Diagrams

Flow Diagram Data

(Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) submitted separately)

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. respectfully requests authorization to increase the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of Southern Star's Hobart Ranch Lateral (Line TLB) as well as associated laterals, Lines TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004 and Line TLB-005 to 1100 psig.

Respectfully submitted,

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.

/s/ Cindy Thompson
Manager, Regulatory

December 9, 2019

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.

Docket No. CP20 -

PRIOR NOTICE OF ACTIVITY UNDER BLANKET CERTIFICATE

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Take notice that on _____, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) filed a prior notice request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act, and Southern Star's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000, for authorization to increase the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of Southern Star's Lines TLB (also referred to as the "Hobart Ranch Lateral"), TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004 and TLB-005 to 1100 psig.

The purpose of this prior notice filing is to increase the MAOP of Lines TLB, TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004 and TLB-005 to 1100 psig, which is the level supported under PHMSA's regulations based on prior Subpart J pressure testing and/or supported by material records. Therefore, no work is necessary to increase the MAOP of the lateral lines. However, as further detailed in the application, associated auxiliary facilities (some which may be installed under the automatic provisions of Southern Star's blanket certificate instead of Section 2.55(a) due to workspace requirements) will be installed under separate Commission regulations in order to allow for Southern Star to effectively utilize the higher operating pressure.

Gas received into the Hobart Ranch Lateral is delivered into the western terminus of Southern Star's Canadian Blackwell mainline where it can either flow east towards Southern Star's production market interface or be delivered off-system to Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC (Transwestern). Southern Star intends to operate Lines TLB, TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004, and TLB-005 at pressures above the current 900 psig maximum allowable operating pressure in order to be able to transport more gas on the Hobart Ranch Lateral. While this will not increase mainline capacity on Southern Star's Canadian Blackwell line, it will increase firm delivery capacity to Transwestern.

Any questions concerning this prior notice request should be directed to Cindy Thompson, Manager, Regulatory, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., 4700 Highway 56, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, by phone at (270) 852-4655, or by email to cindy.thompson@southernstar.com.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such motions or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the “eLibrary” link and is available for review in the Commission’s Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an “eSubscription” link on the web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on (insert date).

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

VERIFICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
) ss:
COUNTY OF DAVIESS)

Cindy C. Thompson, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Manager, Regulatory for Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; that as such she is authorized to sign and verify the foregoing Request for Authorization to increase the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of Lines TLB, TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004 and TLB-005 to 1100 pounds per square inch gauge (psig); that she has read the filing and is familiar with the contents thereof; that the matters and things set forth therein are true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge and belief; and that the proposed activity complies with the requirements of Subpart F of Part 157 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to the best of her information, knowledge and belief.

 /s/ Cindy C. Thompson
Cindy C. Thompson
Manager, Regulatory

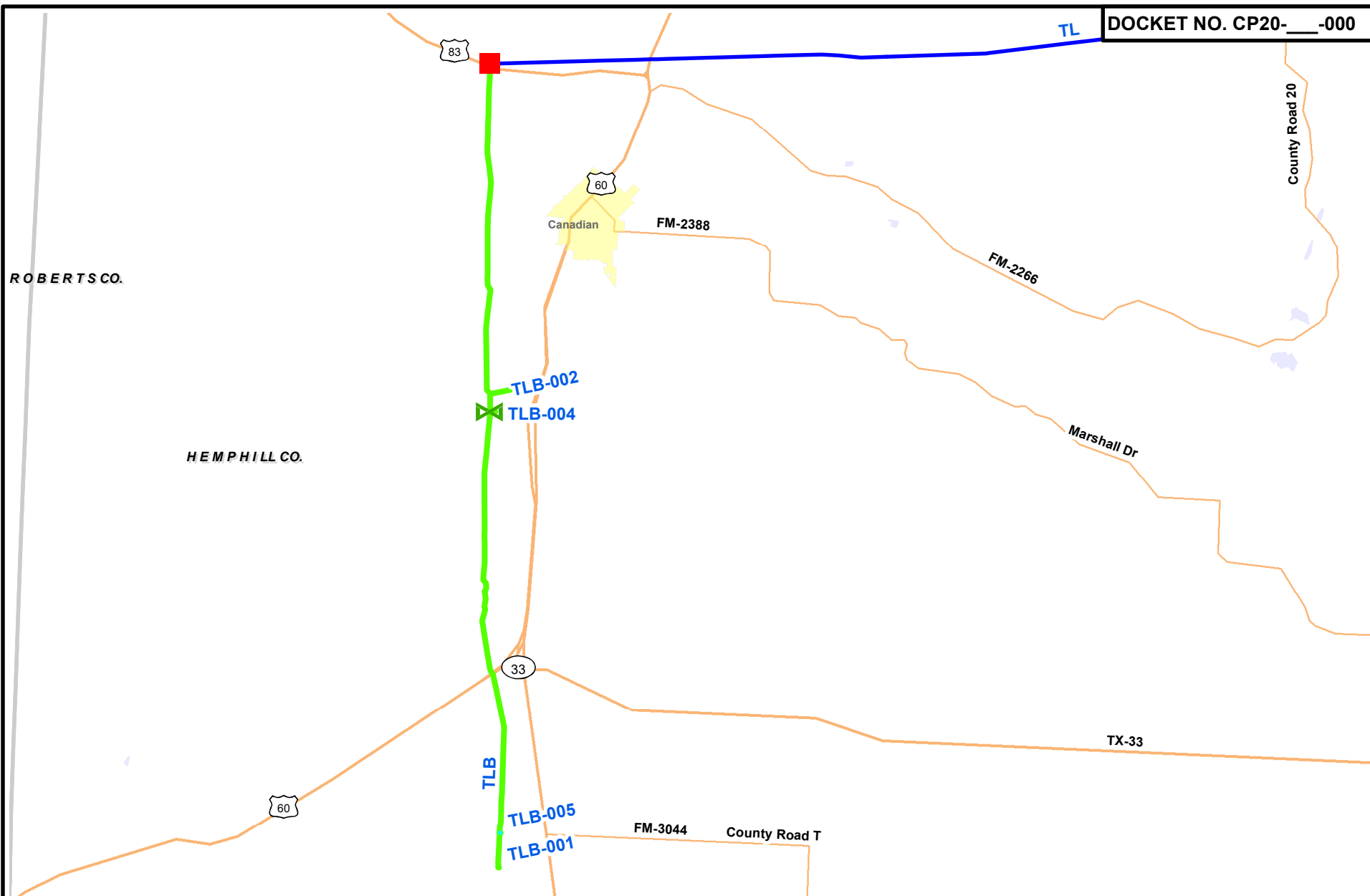
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 9th day of December 2019.





 /s/ Shelley N. Payne
Notary Public
Kentucky State at Large

My Commission expires October 30, 2021.
Notary ID #588625

ATTACHMENT 1

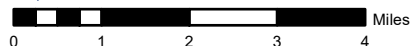
GENERAL LOCATION OF FACILITIES (MAP)



-  Mainline valve setting to be replaced with pipe under 18 CFR Section 2.55 (a)
-  Regulator to be installed under 18 CFR Section 157.208 (a)
-  Uprate Lines: MAOP=1100
-  Southern Star Centerline



SOUTHERN STAR
CENTRAL GAS PIPELINE



GENERAL LOCATION MAP

SOUTHERN STAR CENTRAL GAS PIPELINE, INC.
LINE "TLB" UPRATE
HEMPHILL COUNTY, TEXAS
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Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.
Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) Uprate
Lines TLB, TLB-001, TLB-002, TLB-004, TLB-005

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ATTACHMENT 2

FLOW DIAGRAMS AND FLOW DIAGRAM DATA

DO NOT RELEASE

CRITICAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION

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SUBMITTED SEPARATELY