

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF ENERGY MARKET REGULATION

In Reply Refer To:
Letter Order Pursuant to § 375.307
Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.
Docket No. RP20-470-000

February 18, 2020

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

Attention: Scott LaMar, Director,
Rates & Regulatory

Reference: Modernization Surcharge Implementation

Dear Mr. LaMar:

On January 30, 2020, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) filed tariff records¹ to implement a capital cost recovery mechanism (CRM) to recover costs incurred to improve system integrity and satisfy emerging legal requirements, among other things. Southern Star states the proposed CRM complies in all respects with the Commission's Order issued January 31, 2019 in Docket No. RP19-289-000.² The January 31 Order approved a settlement with customers that provided for a CRM to be instituted by March 1, 2020, and delineated various requirements for the calculation of the surcharge. The tariff records referenced in the Appendix are accepted effective March 1, 2020, as proposed.

Public notice of the filing was issued on February 4, 2020. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2019)). Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2019)), all timely filed motions to intervene and any unopposed motion to intervene filed out-of-time before the issuance date of this order are granted. Granting late intervention at this stage

¹ See Appendix.

² *Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.*, 166 FERC ¶ 61,084 (2019) (January 31 Order).

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

This acceptance for filing shall not be construed as a waiver of the requirements of section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, as amended; nor shall it be construed as constituting approval of the referenced filing or of any rate, charge, classification, or any rule, regulation, or practice affecting such rate or service contained in your tariff; nor shall such acceptance be deemed as recognition of any claimed contractual right or obligation associated therewith; and such acceptance is without prejudice to any findings or orders which have been or may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against your company.

This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2019).

Issued by: Marsha K. Palazzi, Director, Division of Pipeline Regulation

Appendix

**Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.
FERC NGA Gas Tariff
Tariff Provisions**

Tariff Records Accepted Effective March 1, 2020

[Sheet No. 8, Statement of Rates for Transp. and Other Related Services, 5.0.0](#)

[Sheet No. 9, , 4.0.0](#)

[Sheet No. 10, , 4.0.0](#)

[Sheet No. 11, , 6.0.0](#)

[Sheet No. 12, , 4.0.0](#)