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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP19-31-000]

**Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Availability of the
Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Lines DT and DS Replacement Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Lines DT and DS Replacement Project (Project), proposed by Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) in the above-referenced docket. The Project consists of the abandonment of two pipelines and construction of one larger diameter pipeline to replace the pipelines being abandoned in Anderson and Franklin Counties, Kansas.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of abandoning, constructing, and operating the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that approval of the Project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Southern Star proposes to construct 31.5 miles of new 36-inch-diameter pipeline, designated as Line DPA, and three small-diameter (i.e., 2 to 4 inches) pipeline laterals, totaling about 5.9 miles. The new pipelines would replace Southern Star's existing Lines DS and DT. Line DS is a 31.4-mile-long, 20-inch-diameter pipeline

of which 29.4 miles would be removed and 2 miles would be abandoned in place. Line DT is a 31.8-mile-long, 26-inch-diameter pipeline, of which 29 miles would be removed and 2.8 miles would be abandoned in place. Southern Star would also modify two existing compressor stations (Ottawa Compressor Station [CS] and Welda CS), five existing tie-ins, and associated auxiliary and appurtenant facilities. Lastly, Southern Star would construct one new regulator/measuring station (Richmond Regulator Station), two new launchers and receivers, three new mainline valves (MLVs), and four new tie-ins along the new pipeline laterals.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the Project area. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the Environmental Documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis.asp>) under the EAs tab. In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>), click on General Search, and enter the docket number in the Docket Number field, excluding the last three digits (i.e. CP19-31). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this Project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before 5:00pm Eastern Time on **October 9, 2019**.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;
- (2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on eRegister. You must

select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select “Comment on a Filing”; or

- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP19-31-000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Motions to intervene are more fully described at <http://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission’s decision. The Commission may grant affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. **Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.**

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at **(866) 208-FERC**, or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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