



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25-19-000]

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Cedar Vale Compressor Station Project

On November 18, 2024, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) filed an application in Docket No. CP25-19-000 requesting a (Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities in Osage County, Oklahoma. The proposed project is known as the Cedar Vale Compressor Station Project (Project) and would facilitate the delivery of approximately 98,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas to customers in Kansas and Missouri and would allow Southern Star to increase the capacity of its existing natural gas transmission system.

On December 3, 2024, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing Federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a Federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff’s intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹ The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA	July 31, 2025
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline ²	October 29, 2025

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project’s progress.

Project Description

The Cedar Vale Project would consist of the following facilities:

- a new 6,091-horsepower Solar Centaur 50 turbine compressor unit;
- approximately 1,028 feet of associated piping; and
- other appurtenant facilities including vales, tanks, control systems, fencing, and security equipment.

Background

On January 7, 2025, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Cedar Vale Compressor Station Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected

¹ In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality’s regulations, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1736843968. 40 CFR 1501.5(c)(4) (2024).

² The Commission’s deadline applies to the decisions of other Federal agencies, and State agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for Federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission’s deadline for other agency’s decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by Federal law.

landowners; Federal, State, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers.

In response to the Notice of Application, the Commission received environmental comments from the Paul Wayne Kelly Revocable Trust (affected landowner) regarding erosion, special status species, land use/value, air quality/noise, tribal mineral rights, and impacts on vegetation and wildlife/livestock. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA. No comments have been received in response to the Notice of Scoping.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

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, select “General Search” from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and “Docket Number” excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP25-19), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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Secretary.

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