

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF ENERGY MARKET REGULATION

In Reply Refer To
Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.
Docket No. RP19-357-001

January 29, 2019

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

Attention: Scott LaMar, Director,
Rates & Regulatory

Reference: Non-Conforming Agreement

Dear Mr. LaMar:

On January 10, 2019, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) filed a revised tariff record¹ to comply with the Commission's Order issued December 26, 2018, (December 26 Order) in Docket No. RP19-357-000.² The December 26 Order directed Southern Star to either eliminate or modify the capacity release marketing arrangement in its discount agreement with Empire District Electric Company (Empire) to be consistent with Commission policy. Specifically, Southern Star modified the capacity release marketing arrangement in its discount agreement with Empire by deleting the phrase "or at a negotiated rate equal to or greater than maximum rates." Accordingly, the referenced tariff record satisfactorily complies³ with the December 26 Order and is accepted effective December 1, 2018, to match the commencement of the

¹ Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., FERC NGA Gas Tariff, Tariff Provisions, [Section 2.1.3, Non-Conforming Service Agreements, 1.0.0.](#)

² *Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.*, 165 FERC ¶ 61,270 (2018) (December 26 Order).

³ Southern Star also corrected a typographical error in the original discount agreement that referenced the wrong contract number (TA8385) on Page 3 of the discount agreement. This revised discount agreement correctly references TA22489 and should eliminate potential confusion in the future.

new discount agreement.

Public notice of the filing was issued on January 15, 2019, allowing for protests to be filed as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2018)). 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 this order issues, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2018).

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