

Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern proposes to: (1) Operate and replace by abandoning in place approximately 2.6 miles of its Grinnell 10-inch diameter branch line with 16-inch diameter pipeline located in Polk County; (2) up-rate the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) on approximately 30 miles of the Des Moines B-Line in Boone, Dallas and Polk counties, and to operate this segment of pipeline at the higher MAOP; (3) hydrostatically test approximately 7.7 miles of the existing Des Moines 16-inch diameter beginning at Northern's Ogden compressor station in Boone County; and (4) install overpressure protection on its existing Des Moines B-Line at the Des Moines #1D Town Border Station.

Northern estimates that it will spend \$4,064,000 of internally generated funds to construct the new pipeline facilities, collectively known as the Pleasant Hill project. Northern states that it needs to construct and operate the proposed Pleasant Hill facilities in order to meet its firm contractual obligations of 96,000 MMBtu equivalent of natural gas per day to MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican).¹

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Michael T. Loeffler, Director, Certificates and Reporting for Northern, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, at (402) 398-7103 or Donna Martens, Senior Regulatory Analyst, at (402) 398-7138.

This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. 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. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages intervenors to file electronically.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's procedural rules (18 CFR 855.214) a motion to intervene or notice

of intervention and pursuant to section 157.205 of the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, 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 time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Comment Date: January 6, 2004.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT95-11-005]

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Filing Amended Refund Report

December 16, 2003.

Take notice that on December 8, 2003, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star), formerly Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc., tendered for filing an amended refund report regarding collection of Kansas ad valorem taxes in Southern Star's Docket No. GT95-11.

Southern Star states that this filing is being made in compliance with a Commission Letter Order dated September 23, 2003, directing Southern Star to amend its report filed on June 5, 2003, so that Commission staff would have sufficient information to completely process the filing. Southern Star states that the filing amends the previous report by providing an annual accounting of ad valorem taxes received from producers and notes that the associated refunds were made to customers as of November 28, 2003.

Southern Star states that a copy of this filing was served on all parties included on the official service list maintained by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before the protest date as shown below. 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 proceedings. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document.

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Protest Date: December 23, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-106-000]

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Tariff Filing

December 16, 2003.

Take notice that on December 10, 2003 Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, First Revised Sheet No. 510, to become effective October 1, 2003.

Southern Star states that the tariff sheet is being submitted to provide the new URL for Electronic Data Interchange that Southern Star has transitioned to since its separation from Williams Gas Pipeline Companies as well as the new contact information. Southern Star states that it completed and tested the new EDI solution in September 2003 and subsequently went live with the new EDI environment on October 1, 2003 and requests an October 1, 2003 effective date for the tariff sheet listed above.

Southern Star states that copies of the tariff sheets are being mailed to Southern Star's jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

¹ Northern Natural Gas Company, 103 FERC ¶ 62,028 (2003).