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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10–48–000]

#### Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 16, 2010.

Take notice that on January 29, 2010, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star), 4700 State Highway 56, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, filed in Docket No. CP10–48–000, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.210, and 157.216 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to replace a two mile section of the 12-inch diameter XT pipeline by constructing approximately two miles of 20-inch diameter pipeline, located in Johnson County, Missouri, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web 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. For assistance, contact FERC at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Specifically, Southern Star proposes to replace two miles of 12-inch diameter XT pipeline with two miles of 20-inch diameter XM pipeline as a continuation of its multi-year plan initiated in 2008 to replace the remaining miles of 12-inch diameter XT pipeline. Southern Star estimates the cost of construction to be \$4,961,000, for which internally generated funds will be used. Southern Star asserts that after the proposed construction is completed, approximately two miles of the 12-inch diameter XT pipeline will be abandoned either in place or by removal at landowners' discretion. Southern Star states that the replacement pipeline will improve reliability and offer flexibility on its system, but does not provide any additional firm capacity upstream and will continue to be operated at its

current Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of 570 psi.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to David N. Roberts, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., 4700 State Highway 56, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, or call (270) 852–4654.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for 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 NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9115–5; Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2009–0816]

#### A Framework for Categorizing the Relative Vulnerability of Threatened and Endangered Species to Climate Change

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing an extension of the original 30-day public comment period for the draft document titled, "A Framework for Categorizing the Relative Vulnerability of Threatened and Endangered Species to Climate Change" (EPA/600/R–09/011). This extension is being granted in response to request from interested parties. The document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment

within EPA's Office of Research and Development. This draft document describes an evaluative framework that may be used to categorize the relative vulnerability of species to climate change. To illustrate the use of this framework, it was applied to six U.S. threatened and endangered species: the golden-cheeked warbler, the salt marsh harvest mouse, the Mount Graham red squirrel, the Lahontan cutthroat trout, the desert tortoise and the bald eagle.

An external peer review of this report has been completed. The public comment period and the external peer review are separate processes. The public comment period provides an opportunity for all interested parties to comment on the document. When finalizing the draft document, EPA will consider any public comments received in accordance with this notice.

EPA released this draft document solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination review and comment under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination.

**DATES:** The original 30-day public comment period began on November 25, 2009 and closed on December 28, 2009. All comments received to date will be considered, including those received after the close of the original public comment period. An additional 30-day comment period begins on February 23, 2010, and ends March 25, 2010. Comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by March 25, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft "A Framework for Categorizing the Relative Vulnerability of Threatened and Endangered Species to Climate Change" is available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page under the Recent Additions and the Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Information Management Team, NCEA; telephone: 703–347–8561; facsimile: 703–347–8691. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, "A Framework for Categorizing the Relative Vulnerability of Threatened and Endangered Species to Climate Change."

Comments may be submitted electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions