



SOUTHERN STAR CENTRAL GAS PIPELINE, INC.

**“Reno County-Kansas Project”
BINDING OPEN SEASON MARCH 16, 2026**

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) is pleased to announce the commencement of a Binding Open Season to quantify complete interest in firm transportation service and to identify demand to construct facilities. Southern Star is specifically evaluating interest in constructing a pipeline, compressor station, and delivery point in Reno County, KS that would provide increased delivery opportunities in the Production Area.

Accordingly, Southern Star is soliciting reliable binding requests for this additional capacity to complete negotiations with a committed shipper.

The Project will be developed by Southern Star using its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Gas Tariff. This ownership and regulatory structure will provide benefits to expansion shippers as well as existing Southern Star shippers. The Project is explained in more detail below.

Length of Open Season

The Open Season commences at 10:00 AM, Central Clock Time (CCT), March 16th, 2026 and concludes at 10:00 AM, CCT, March 23rd, 2026. Southern Star may in its sole discretion extend the length of the Open Season by posting notice of such extension on its Informational Postings website.

Reno County-Kansas Project

Southern Star plans to construct approximately 1.6 miles of new 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline located in Reno County, Kansas (the “Project”). The Project will also include the construction of one new greenfield compressor station, and one new delivery point (“Delivery Point”). The new pipeline and compressor station are designed to flow up to 116,296 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) from Southern Star’s existing Kansas Hugoton Line Segment to the Delivery Point.

The Project capacity includes 96,383 Dth/d of existing capacity, reserved for the Project pursuant to a reservation open season that ran from August 26, 2025 to September 3, 2025, and 19,913 Dth/d of incremental capacity being created as a result of the Project.

The anticipated In-Service Date of the Project is November 1, 2028.

Southern Star has executed a binding precedent agreement with a Project shipper. This precedent agreement provides Southern Star with a sufficient commitment to move forward with the Project and will serve as the shipper’s binding bid in this Open Season. The purpose of this Open Season is to provide all interested parties the opportunity to bid on Project capacity pursuant to the procedures and terms set forth below.

Submission of Binding Bids

To respond to this Open Season, interested shippers should submit a Binding Service Request Form or an executed precedent agreement by email to sscopenseasonbids@southernstar.com no later than 10:00 AM, CCT on March 23rd, 2026. Southern Star will provide a precedent agreement to any Shipper by request. Submission of a precedent agreement before the end of the Open Season is not required for an effective bid. The binding bid should contain the desired contract term, the maximum daily transportation quantity (MDTQ), desired primary receipt(s) and delivery point(s), and any conditions. See Attachment A for the Binding Service Request Form.

Southern Star will seek any necessary approvals from the FERC for the Project. Shippers may propose either the maximum recourse rate or a negotiated rate for firm transportation service.

Any bidder who satisfies the following criteria shall be considered an “Anchor Shipper”:

- Commits to a precedent agreement for at least one hundred sixteen thousand (116,000) Dth/d of Pipeline capacity to be delivered to the Delivery Point, for a primary term of at least twenty (20) years;
- Submits a bid with a reservation rate equal to or greater than the applicable maximum rates and charges under Southern Star's Rate Schedule FTS-P, as such rates and charges and Rate Schedule FTS-P may hereafter be modified, supplemented, superseded or replaced generally (currently, \$0.2761 per Dth/d)
- Southern Star has negotiated a Precedent Agreement with a qualifying Anchor Shipper which will act as a binding bid in this Open Season.

Any qualified Anchor Shipper may receive potential benefits in its Service Agreement in the form of the following non-conforming contract provisions, which will be negotiated on a not unduly discriminatory basis:

- Modified term extension rights;
- Modified right of first refusal provisions;
- Modified reservation charge credit provisions.

Any non-conforming provisions included in any Service Agreement related to the Project are subject to FERC acceptance of the Service Agreement.

If a binding precedent agreement has not been executed by a Shipper prior to or during this Open Season, the Shipper shall execute a binding precedent agreement within fifteen (15) days of being notified of their ultimate award of capacity. This process will be conducted in a non-discriminatory manner and, if necessary, may include additional open seasons. If Southern Star decides to pursue the Project after securing binding commitments, any required applications will be filed with FERC in a timely manner. The timing of commencement of service under projects where FERC approval is required will depend upon the time needed to obtain such approval.

If a negotiated rate is selected, Shipper's negotiated reservation rate should be elected on the Binding Service Request Form and, if Shipper's bid is acceptable, that negotiated rate will be reflected in a Negotiated Rate Agreement to be executed pursuant to a binding precedent agreement to be negotiated with the shipper. If a negotiated rate is selected, Shipper will pay the negotiated reservation rate and the FERC approved maximum commodity rates, fuel and loss charges, ACA, and any other FERC-authorized surcharges.

Additionally, to the extent a party has not already established a sufficient level of credit with Southern Star for its binding bid, sufficient credit must be established as set forth in Section 8.5 of the General Terms and Conditions ("GT&C") of Southern Star's FERC Gas Tariff ("Tariff").

Bid Evaluation - Decision on Additional Firm Transportation Capacity and Proposed Expansion

Southern Star specifically reserves the right to decline to pursue any expansion Project regardless of the terms of the bids it receives. Southern Star will evaluate all bids received in response to this Open Season to determine whether demand economically justifies any proposed expansion. Southern Star will notify bidding shippers as soon as possible regarding any decision made with respect to the additional firm transportation capacity and proposed expansions.

Southern Star will evaluate bids based on net present value determined with reference to rate, volume, term, the date the service is to commence and the cost to Southern Star of any related facilities, if applicable, using a discount rate equal to the FERC interest rate applicable to pipeline refunds pursuant to 18 CFR Section 154.501. If there is a tie among bids in the net present value determination, capacity will be prorated, as applicable, first to Anchor Shippers and then, if capacity is still available, to bidders that do not qualify as Anchor Shippers.

Comparable bids that cannot be awarded in full will be awarded on a pro rata basis. Shippers should indicate in their bids the minimum volume of capacity they are willing to take in the event Southern Star must prorate the bids. If a bidder is unwilling to accept a partial award, then it must so indicate as part of its binding bid.

Due to the reticulated nature of its pipeline and other operational limitations, Southern Star's available capacity to be awarded may vary with specific receipt and delivery point combinations requested in various bids. Therefore, Southern Star reserves the right to consider, in its sole discretion, operational factors such as constraints based on the volumes and receipt and delivery point combinations requested when evaluating the cumulative net present value to Southern Star.

Southern Star reserves the right to reject bids that contain rates or terms that do not meet its financial objectives or which could adversely affect the economics or operational viability of the Project. Southern Star further reserves the right to reject any non-conforming bids but may conduct negotiations for binding commitments with bidders that have submitted non-conforming bids or bids that do not meet its financial project objectives if the bid is acceptable as a starting point for negotiations at Southern Star's sole discretion. This process will be conducted in a not unduly discriminatory manner.

Existing Firm Capacity Holders – Reverse Open Season / Request for Offers to Permanently Release

Current Southern Star FTS-P Shippers who have capacity with an expiration date beyond November 1, 2028 on Southern Star's pipeline system may notify Southern Star if they have an interest in permanently releasing capacity in a binding notification prior to the expiration of this Open Season. Those that wish to permanently release their capacity should follow the Capacity Release Portal within CSI at the following link, <https://csi.southernstar.com/CapacityRelease/Offers>. The binding notification should contain the FTS-P transportation agreement number, the volume, the receipt and delivery points and any other conditions that would be necessary to effectuate a permanent release of the capacity to allow Southern Star to determine the need for, and feasibility of, any proposed expansion. Southern Star is not obligated to accept any such binding offer to release capacity. Requests by shippers to permanently release capacity are subject to rejection or proration by Southern Star on a not unduly discriminatory basis for any reason, including but not limited to Southern Star's evaluation of the results of this Open Season, and/or their failure to be compatible, be economically accretive, or directly offset the Project's facilities that Southern Star plans to construct and/or modify to satisfy the Project's capacity.

Any existing FTS-P Shipper submitting a binding notification offering to permanently release its capacity is making a binding offer to release that will, if accepted by Southern Star either in whole or in part, obligate the FTS-P Shipper to sign and submit a binding release agreement as provided. The effective date for the permanent release will be the actual date that transportation service under this expansion begins. If accepted, the released term will be the balance of the term of the releasing shipper's existing agreement up to the term of the expansion shippers' agreements. Acceptable offers to release capacity shall be subject to an exit fee as follows. A shipper who releases capacity (i.e., a turnback shipper) shall remain responsible for the difference between the expansion shipper's rate and the reservation rate under the releasing shipper's service agreement with Southern Star for the remaining term of the releasing shipper's service agreement, but will not be responsible for any commodity charges, ACA, fuel, or any other authorized usage surcharges associated with the released capacity, nor shall the releasing shipper be entitled to any credits associated with such capacity. Should Southern Star determine to phase the project, Southern Star also reserves the right to receive the turnback capacity in stages as necessary to match the effective date(s) of the expansion capacity agreements executed as a result of the Open Season.

Contacts

Southern Star appreciates your interest in our Open Season. Please feel free to call any of the contacts provided below if you have any questions or would like to further discuss this Open Season.

Robin Joska (270) 302-5007
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BINDING SERVICE REQUEST FORM – PRODUCTION AREA

Date: March ____, 2026

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

Re: **March 2026 Binding Open Season
Reno County-Kansas Project**

Attention:
sscopenseasonbids@southernstar.com

_____ (Shipper) hereby submits this binding request for firm transportation service (FTS) from Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. related to its proposed Project and concurrently provides the following information in connection with this request:

A. Shipper Information

Complete legal name of Shipper: _____
Address of Shipper: _____

B. FTS Service

a. Requested Maximum Daily Transportation Quantity (MDTQ) (Dth/d): _____

b. Requested Term (years): _____ (from actual in-service date – 20 year minimum)

Proposed in-service date is 11/1/2028

c. Rate: Option Selection:

- (i) Recourse Rate Option- YES _____ NO _____
Southern Star’s Maximum Applicable FTS-P Rates (Currently \$0.2761 Dth/d) for service on the expansion project.
- (ii) Negotiated Rate Option- YES _____ NO _____
Negotiated Rate of _____ as reflected in “Exhibit III” hereto binding negotiated rate agreement executed by shipper.
- (iii) Shipper will also pay commodity charges, fuel and loss charges, ACA, and any other FERC approved surcharges.

d. Indicate requested Maximum Daily Quantities (MDQ) of Primary Receipt/Delivery Points

FTS Primary Receipt Point(s) ¹

Receipt Point Name	Receipt Point Number	MDQ ²
Total Receipt MDTQ³		

FTS Primary Delivery Point(s) ¹

Delivery Point Name	Delivery Point Number	MDQ ²
Total Delivery MDTQ³		

New Receipt or Delivery Point(s): For any new point(s) to be constructed, please provide the legal description for such point(s).

¹ Please refer to Southern Star’s Master Receipt Point List and Master Delivery Point List for point names and numbers.

² Net of fuel per Southern Star’s FERC Gas Tariff. Point MDQ’s must equal the total MDTQ.

³ Total Receipt Point MDTQ must equal Total Delivery Point MDTQ as well as Production Area MDTQ requested on page 1 of Attachment A, Exhibit I.

C. Partial Award of Capacity:

Please indicate whether Shipper is willing to accept a partial award of capacity in the event there is a tie and 100% of your bid cannot be awarded.

Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, please state the minimum volume (Dth/d): _____

Shipper understands that this request form, complete and unrevised as to format, must be received by Southern Star before the transportation request will be accepted and processed.

Shipper, by its signature, represents to Southern Star that the information above is correct and accurate

Signature

Name

Title

Telephone No. _____

E-Mail Address _____

Date _____