



SOUTHERN STAR CENTRAL GAS PIPELINE, INC.

**“Elk City Storage – Base Gas Sale”
2026 BINDING OPEN SEASON**

In conjunction with its Elk City Storage – Market Based Expansion Open Season, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) is pleased to announce the commencement of a Binding Open Season to quantify interest in selling storage base gas in its Elk City Storage Field in a total volume of up to 2,000,000 Dth as set out further herein. Southern Star invites parties interested in submitting a bid for this gas to submit binding bids during the term of this posting as defined below.

Length of Open Season

The Open Season commences at 10:00 AM, Central Clock Time (CCT), June 22, 2026 and concludes at 3:00 PM, CCT, July 17, 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.

CONTINGENCY NOTICE: Elk City Storage – Market-Based Expansion Project

Southern Star is evaluating the potential addition of compression at its Elk City Compressor Station in Elk County, KS. This project will create incremental storage deliverability opportunities, by installing incremental compression and ancillary facility upgrades.

As part of a separate open season, there is approximately 20,000 dth/day, up to 2,000,000 Dth, of available storage deliverability for bid which will, in turn, allow Southern Star to convert base gas to firm, working gas. The project has an estimated in-service date of November 1st, 2028, contingent on the amount of compression added, the amount of market interest, and applicable regulatory requirements. The binding bid(s) received during this Base Gas Open Season will assist Southern Star in determining whether to pursue the proposed expansion and in defining the final parameters of such expansion.

The ultimate sale of the gas pursuant to this Open Season is contingent upon FERC approval of the Elk City Storage – Market-Based Expansion project, and specifically FERC approval of the conversion of 2,000,000 Dth of base gas to working gas, in a manner that is acceptable to Southern Star in its sole discretion. Any successful bidder must execute an agreement to purchase the working gas within fifteen (15) days of being notified as the successful bidder.

Submission of Binding Bids

To respond to this Open Season, interested shippers should submit a Binding Service Request Form by email to sscopenseasonbids@southernstar.com no later than 3:00 PM, CCT on July 17, 2026.

Southern Star will consider the option of Buyer to purchase the gas in place. Bid(s) should contain the total Dth to be purchased.

Requirements for Buyers

Buyers must be approved as creditworthy in advance of bid closing for their bid to be considered valid. Buyers must also have entered a master NAESB gas purchase contract with Southern Star prior to the bid closing for

the bid to be considered valid.

Bid Evaluation - Decision on Additional Storage Deliverability and Proposed Expansion

Southern Star reserves the right to decline to pursue any sale regardless of the terms of the bids it receives. Southern Star will evaluate all bids received in response to this Open Season. Southern Star will notify bidding shippers as soon as possible regarding any decision made with respect to the additional base gas sales.

Upon conclusion of the Bidding Period, Southern Star will evaluate all bids and will award the sale of the gas to the best bid, or best combination of bids, that results in the highest economic value to Southern Star. Southern Star may award sales of gas in whole or in part depending on the total number of bids received and their value. In the event of multiple bids with the same economic value, Southern Star will extend the bid term in order to allow those parties bidding the same economic value to submit another bid of equal or greater economic value to Southern Star. Southern Star reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that are economically unacceptable to Southern Star in its sole discretion or that contain added conditions that are unacceptable to Southern Star.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, Southern Star reserves the right to accept, reject, or aggregate any bid or combination of bids, in its sole discretion, that will generate the highest net bid value to Southern Star in order to justify the economics and viability of the Project and/or maximize the use of capacity.

Southern Star reserves the right to reject bids that contain prices that do not meet its financial objectives. Southern Star reserves the right to reject any bids but may conduct negotiations for binding commitments with bidders that have submitted 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 non-discriminatory manner.

Upon meeting all conditions precedent in a subsequent agreement to purchase gas, the successful Buyer and Southern Star will execute a written NAESB Gas purchase transaction confirmation to facilitate completion and verification of the transaction.

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.

<i>Alex Ross</i>	<i>(270) 313-5728</i>
<i>Kyle Geiger</i>	<i>(270) 852-4637</i>
<i>Greg Blandford</i>	<i>(270) 314-1485</i>
<i>Robin Joska</i>	<i>(270) 302-5007</i>
<i>Scott Warren</i>	<i>(270) 302-6433</i>

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ATTACHMENT A: BINDING SERVICE REQUEST FORM – STORAGE BASE GAS

Date: _____, 2026

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

Re: **June 2026 Binding Open Season**
Elk City Storage – Base Gas Sale

Attention:
sscopenseasonbids@southernstar.com

_____ (Shipper) hereby submits this binding request for gas from Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. related to its proposed Elk City Storage – Base Gas Sale and concurrently provides the following information in connection with this request:

A. Shipper Information

Complete legal name of Shipper: _____

Address of Shipper: _____

B. Bid Information

Transfer Date: _____ *Transfer is to be no earlier than 9:00 am CCT on the in-service date of the proposed Elk City Storage – Market-Based Expansion project; contingent on the amount of compression added, the amount of market interest, and applicable regulatory requirements and approvals.

Amount: _____ Dth total to be purchased

Fixed Price: \$ _____ purchase price of gas in place

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 _____