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Dated: December 18, 2009.

James Hyler,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: New.

Title: Part 601 Preferred Lender Arrangements.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 13,674,883.

Burden Hours: 3,197,761.

Abstract: Part 601—Institution and Lender Requirements Relating to Education Loans is a new section of the proposed regulations governing private education loans offered at covered institutions by lenders also participating in the FFEL program. These proposed regulations assure the Secretary that the integrity of the program is protected from fraud and misuse of program funds and places requirements on institutions and lenders to insure that borrowers receive additional disclosures about Title IV, HEA program assistance prior to obtaining a private education loan. These proposed regulations require covered institutions to provide a variety of new loan disclosures, disclosures on private loans, for institutions to prepare and submit an annual report on the use of private loans, and to establish and adopt a code of conduct for institutions' participation in a preferred lender arrangement. The Department, in conjunction with outside entities are submitting the Private Education Loan Applicant Self-Certification form for OMB's approval. While information about the applicant's cost of attendance and estimated financial assistance must be provided to the student, if available, the student will provide the data to the

private loan lender who must collect and maintain the self-certification form prior to disbursement of a Private Education Loan. The Department will not receive the Private Education Loan Applicant Self-Certification form and therefore will not be collecting and maintaining the form or its data.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4046. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) Process Improvement Working Group Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) within the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy on Measurement and Verification for energy savings performance contracts.

DATES: The public meeting will be held Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. *Call-in number:* 301-903-0626.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/financing/espcs_publicforums.html, or contact Katy Christiansen at katherine.christiansen@hq.doe.gov, (202)-586-7930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to present comment on measurement and verification for energy savings performance contracts. Information on the current ESPC program at DOE can be found at <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/financing/espcs.html>.

DOE is considering changes for the purpose of improving quality assurance throughout the life of ESPC contracts.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include the following:

- M&V Dashboards.
- Development of M&V Plans.
- M&V Templates.
- Performance Period M&V.
- FEMP ESPC Life of Contract Services.
- Emerging Technologies for ESPCs.
- Comment periods after each presentation.

The meeting is open to the public. DOE invites participation by all interested parties.

For information on:

- The agenda,
- Facilities or services for individuals with disabilities,
- Requests for special assistance,
- Requests to present or speak.

Contact: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/financing/espcs_publicforums.html or Katy Christiansen at katherine.christiansen@hq.doe.gov, (202) 586-7930.

Minutes: DOE will designate a DOE official to preside at the public meeting. The meeting will not be a judicial or evidentiary-type public hearing. A stenographer will be present to record and transcribe the proceedings. The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; Room 1E-190; Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Public Participation: DOE reserves the right to schedule the order of presentations and to establish the procedures governing the conduct of the public meeting. After the public meeting, interested parties may submit further comments about the proceedings. The public meeting will be conducted in an informal, conference style. Each participant will be allowed to make a prepared general statement (within time limits determined by DOE) before discussion of a particular topic. DOE will permit other participants to comment briefly on any general

statements. At the end of all prepared statements on a topic, DOE will permit participants to clarify their statements briefly and comment on statements made by others. DOE representatives may also ask questions of participants concerning other matters relevant to ESPCs and may accept additional comments or questions from those attending, as time permits.

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Richard Kidd,

FEMP Program Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-27-000]

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Application

December 15, 2009.

Take notice that on December 10, 2009, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star), 4700 Highway 56, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, filed an application in Docket No. CP10-27-000, pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting certificate authority to abandon by removal two Cooper-Bessemer GMVH-10 2000 horsepower units (No. 3 and No. 4) and appurtenant facilities including auxiliary equipment and buildings. The facilities proposed for abandonment are known as Southern Star's United Compressor Station which is located in the North ¼ Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 35 West on the site of Southern Star's existing Hugoton Compressor Station in Grant County, Kansas all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Any questions concerning this application should be directed to David N. Roberts, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., 4700 KY Highway 56 Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, (270) 852-4654 (phone), (270) 852-5010 (fax) or via e-mail at david.n.roberts@sscgp.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or

issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify Federal and State agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all Federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

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 "e-Library" 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 for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's

rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

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 electronic filings.

Comment Date: January 5, 2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-28-000]

Bear Creek Storage Company; Notice of Application

December 16, 2009.

Take notice that on December 11, 2009, Bear Creek Storage Company (Bear Creek), PO Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed with the Commission an application under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Subpart F of Part 157 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA for a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Bear Creek to engage in any of the activities specified in Subpart F of Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, as may be amended from time to time, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission