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Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St., N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.
Docket No. CP02-385-000
Request to Withdraw Application

Dear Ms. Salas:

On June 10, 2002, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) formerly known as Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. filed in Docket No. CP02-385-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to construct and operate 13 miles of lateral pipeline and a measurement facility (Southern Star facilities) to deliver gas to Redbud Energy LP (Redbud) in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. The "Request for Authorization to Construct Facilities Under Blanket Authorization" was filed pursuant to the authority of the blanket certificate issued to Southern Star (Williams) in Docket No. CP82-479-000, and was protested by some parties within 45 days after the June 17, 2002 Notice was issued by the Commission. Some of those parties were not withdrawn within 30 days thereafter, which resulted in the application being treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Now comes Southern Star with a request to withdraw this application as referenced above. During the processing of this project, Southern Star has been in discussions with Redbud and was made aware that the gas transportation capacity to the Redbud Power Plant scheduled for June 1, 2003 was not required due to business conditions in the independent power generation market which was communicated by Southern Star to the Commission in a filing made on November 14, 2002. Further discussions have now concluded that the Southern Star facilities are not needed by Redbud at this time and therefore, Southern Star has negotiated and signed a termination agreement with Redbud and seeks the withdrawal of Docket No. CP02-385, requesting construction and operations of the gas pipeline facilities to serve that power plant.

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Southern Star expresses its appreciation to the Commission and its staff who have pursued the processing of this docket. This request to withdraw the application will be served upon those parties appearing on the service list, as well as the applicable environmental and cultural agencies and governmental entities involved in the project. In addition the affected landowners as appeared in the landowner list provided in Exhibit Z-1 which was later supplemented, will be receiving similar notices regarding the request to withdraw this docket and termination of the Redbud project.

Any questions regarding this request should be directed to David Roberts at (270) 852-4654.

Sincerely,

/s/ David N. Roberts

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