



Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.

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US Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
Office of Pipeline Safety
Central Region Office
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Mr. Allan Beshore,

RE: Response to Warning Letter (CPF 3-2018-1003W)

On October 5, 2018 you issued a Warning Letter to Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc (Southern Star) outlining a Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV) based on an inspection, which was performed by the Central Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, of a Safety Related Condition Report (SRCR), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code. In the Warning Letter, PHMSA alleged that Southern Star committed a probable violation of the Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, particularly: §192.619 Maximum Allowable Operation Pressure.

With respect to §192.619, PHMSA alleged that Southern Star failed to operate a segment of steel pipeline at a pressure under the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP). Southern Star does not contest these findings.

As noted in the Warning Letter, following the exceedance, Southern Star's operating regulator was removed, inspected, repaired, cleaned, and returned to service. The overpressure protection device was replaced.

In addition, on June 9, 2018, a hydrostatic integrity pressure test was completed on this segment of pipeline that incurred the MAOP exceedance.

Southern Star is committed to operating a safe and reliable pipeline and will continue to take measures daily to protect those individuals who live and work along our pipeline system.

Sincerely,

/s/ 

V.P. & Chief Operations Officer