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CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION)

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ORDER GRANTING LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2045

NOVEMBER 16, 2004

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On October 21, 2004, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),^{1/} and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, for authorization to import from Canada up to 6.4 Bcf of natural gas annually. The term of the authorization would begin November 1, 2004, and extend through October 31, 2009. Cascade is a Washington corporation engaged in the retail sale of natural gas in the States of Washington and Oregon.

Cascade will purchase the gas from Enserco Energy, Inc. (Enserco) under the terms of a Base Contract and Transaction Confirmation (Base Contract) with Enserco. The gas would be imported near Sumas, Washington, at the interconnect of TransCanada Pipelines Company and Gas Transmission Northwest (GTN). The requested authorization will not require the construction of new pipeline facilities.

The price of the gas under the Base Contract is a market-sensitive index price based at the Alberta Energy Company Hub with no demand component. The index price changes monthly based on industry surveys and as reported in the *Canadian Gas Price Reporter*.

II. FINDING

The application filed by Cascade has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import arrangement meets the public interest requirement of section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486). Under section 3(c), the import of natural gas from a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas is deemed to be consistent with the public interest and must be

^{1/} 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Cascade to import natural gas from Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) is authorized to import up to 6.4 Bcf of natural gas annually from Canada in accordance with the “ Base Contract and Transaction Confirmation” between Cascade and Enserco Energy, Inc., dated June 16, 2004. This natural gas may be imported from Canada near Sumas, Washington.

B. The term of this authorization began November 1, 2004, and extends through October 31, 2009.

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Cascade shall file with the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, Cascade must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas per MMBtu delivered at the international border.

D. The first quarterly report required by this Order is due not later than January 30, 2005, and should cover the period from November 1, 2004, until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 2004.

E. The quarterly reports shall be filed with the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, FE-34, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026-4375.

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