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ORDER VACATING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM AND TO CANADA

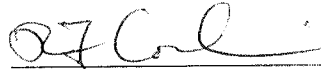
DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2078-A

On March 16, 2005, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) granted blanket authorization to Bay State Gas Company (Bay State) in DOE/FE Order No. 2078 (Order 2078) (2 FE ¶71,101) to import and export up to a combined total of 60 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term beginning on April 1, 2005, and extending through March 31, 2007.

On October 10, 2006, DOE was notified that Bay State is applying for a new authorization increasing the volume amount of natural gas requested in its current authorization. Since the new authorization will supersede the current authorization, Bay State has requested that DOE vacate Order 2078.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, Order 2078, authorizing the import and export of natural gas from and to Canada, is hereby vacated.

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