

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
ECONOMIC REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION

St. Lawrence Gas Co., Inc.)
) Docket No. 77-005-NG
) (FPC G-17500)

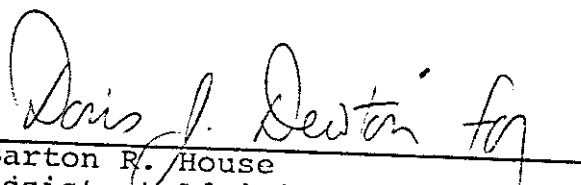
DECISION AND ORDER

On September 1, 1977, St. Lawrence Gas Company, Inc. (St. Lawrence) filed with the Federal Power Commission (FPC) in Docket No. G-17500 a petition to amend the FPC's Opinion No. 347 and order of December 8, 1966, as amended, issued pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, authorizing the importation of natural gas from Canada. The petition requested authorization to increase maximum daily importation from 23,000 Mcf per day to 30,000 Mcf per day during September and October 1977, and to increase the total annual importation thereby. On September 29, St. Lawrence supplemented its petition by filing with the FPC copies of an order issued by the Canadian National Energy Board approving the application of Niagara Gas Transmission Limited, St. Lawrence's supplier, for an increase in daily and annual volumes of gas authorized during the twelve-month period ending October 31, 1977.

The FPC noticed the September 1 petition on September 9, and set October 4 as the deadline for the filing of protests and petitions to intervene. None were filed with the FPC. On October 1, 1977, the Department of Energy (DOE) came into existence. Under the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91), authority to decide this case was vested in the Secretary. Accordingly, in a DOE Final Rule dated October 1, 1977, (42 F.R. 5534, October 17, 1977), this case was transferred to the Secretary. Also on October 1, the Secretary issued DOE Delegation Order No. 0204-4 (42 F.R. 60726, November 29, 1977) which delegated to the Administrator, ERA, authority to decide this matter.

The petition requests authorization to import natural gas from the period September 1, 1977, through October 31, 1977. This period having run, the matter is moot. Accordingly, the petition is dismissed. It is so decided and ordered.

Issued in Washington, D.C., December 23, 1977.


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