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Northern Natural Gas Company, Division of Enron Corp., Northern Natural Gas Company (FPC Docket No. CP70-70, FE Docket No. 89-36-NG), September 10, 1990.

DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 331-A

Order Transferring Authorizations to Import and Export Natural Gas from and to Canada

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act and 10 CFR Sec. 590.405, it is hereby ordered that:

A. The long-term authorization granted by the Federal Power Commission (FPC) to Northern Natural Gas Company, Division of Enron Corp. (Division) in Opinion No. 618, issued May 11, 1972, in Docket CP70-70, to export and import natural gas produced in central Montana is hereby transferred to Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern). Under FPC Opinion No. 618, Northern is authorized to export to Canada at Willow Creek, Saskatchewan and import back into the United States at Emerson, Manitoba, up to 150,000 Mcf per day of natural gas produced in the Tiger Ridge area of Montana. The term of the dual export and import authorization extends through October 31, 1992, consistent with the term of the corresponding licenses of the National Energy Board of Canada and the underlying contracts with Montana producers for the purchase of this gas.

B. The blanket authorization granted to Division by the Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy in DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 331 issued September 5, 1989, in Docket No. 89-36-NG, is hereby transferred to Northern. Under Order No. 331, Northern is authorized to import a maximum of 219 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year period expiring October 31, 1991, using any currently installed pipeline facilities at the international border.

C. Except as modified by Ordering Paragraphs A and B, all other terms and conditions in FPC Opinion No. 618 and DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 331 shall remain in effect.

D. The transfer of these import and export authorizations is not effective until the proposed corporate restructuring involving the transfer of Division's facilities and other assets to Northern is complete, provided,

however, that this reorganization shall be accomplished within one year of the date of this Order. Division and Northern shall notify the Office of Fuels Programs, Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, FE-50, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, of the effective date of the reorganization within 10 days thereof.

E. With respect to the exports and imports authorized by Ordering Paragraph A, Northern shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether exports and imports of natural gas occurred, and if so, giving by month, the total volume of the imports and exports in Mcf.

F. With respect to the imports authorized by Ordering Paragraph B, Northern shall file quarterly reports indicating whether sales of imported gas have been made, and if so, giving by month, the total volume of the imports in Mcf and their weighted average price per MMBtu at the international border. The reports shall also provide the details of each import transaction, including the names of the seller(s), and the purchaser(s), including those other than Northern, estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s), transporter(s), points of entry, market(s) served, and if applicable, the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity charge breakdown of the price, any special contract price adjustment clauses, and any take-or-pay or make-up provisions.

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