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DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 464-A

Order Clarifying Blanket Authorization to Import Natural Gas from Canada

On January 28, 1991, Neste Trading (USA), Inc. (Neste) requested that DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 464 (Order 464), issued December 20, 1990, be amended to authorize specifically the agency relationship contemplated in the underlying arrangement. This order clarifies the December 20 order consistent with the intended grant of authority and Neste's request.

Order 464 grants Neste blanket authority to import Canadian natural gas over a two-year term. This authority is implicitly conditioned by the assertions and facts in the decisional record which, Order 464 states explicitly, anticipate Neste will exercise authority "for its own account or on behalf of third parties." In addition, we emphasize most blanket import arrangements involve agency relationships and the Department has approved these arrangements in general grants of blanket authority. To distinguish for specific authorization Neste's agency relationship would raise questions, unnecessarily, about this body of administrative cases. This clarification is dispositive of Neste's request.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 20, 1991.