



## I. BACKGROUND

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On November 4, 1992, WAL/OX filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), requesting blanket authorization to import up to 30 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery.

WAL/OX is a joint venture consortium of Walters Consolidated Group Limited and Onyx International, Inc. with offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Knoxville, Tennessee, respectively. WAL/OX contemplates purchasing Canadian natural gas, either on its own behalf or on behalf of others, for sale to U.S. purchasers including pipelines, local distribution companies, and industrial and commercial end-users.

## II. FINDING

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The application filed by WAL/OX has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import arrangement meets the public interest requirements 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 importation 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 granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by WAL/OX to import natural gas from Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion and is therefore consistent with the public interest.

## ORDER

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For the reasons set forth above, under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. WAL/OX is authorized to import from Canada, at any point on the international border, up to 30 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, WAL/OX shall notify the Office of Fuels Programs, Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, in writing of the date that the first import delivery of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, WAL/OX shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. If no imports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports occur, WAL/OX must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price per MMBtu at the international border. The reports shall also provide the details of each import transaction, including (1) the name of the seller(s); (2) the name of the purchaser(s); (3) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s); (4) the name of the transporter(s); (5) the point(s) of entry; (6) the geographic market(s) served; (7) whether sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis; and if applicable, (8) the per

unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/ reservation charge breakdown of the contract price.

D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than January 30, 1993, and should cover the period from the date of this order until the end of the current calendar quarter December 31, 1992.

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