

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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CENTRA GAS MANITOBA, INC.) DOCKET NO. 92-150-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM AND TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 739

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NOVEMBER 27, 1992

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I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On November 25, 1992, Centra Gas Manitoba, Inc. (Centra Manitoba) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authorization to import up to 8 Bcf and to export up to 8 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery. Centra Manitoba, a Canadian corporation with its principal place of business in Winnipeg, Manitoba, is a subsidiary of Westcoast Energy Inc., also a Canadian corporation.

II. FINDING

The application filed by Centra Manitoba has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import/export arrangement meets the public interest requirements of section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-486). Under section 3(c), the import or export of natural gas from or to 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 Centra Manitoba to import and export 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

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

A. Centra Gas Manitoba, Inc. (Centra Manitoba) is authorized to import up to 8 Bcf and to export up to 8 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first import or export delivery.

B. This natural gas may be imported or exported at any point on the international border.

C. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Centra Manitoba shall notify the Office of Fuels Programs (OFP), Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, FE-50, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, in writing, of the date that the first import or export delivery of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

D. With respect to the natural gas transactions authorized by this Order, Centra Manitoba shall file with OFP, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports or exports of natural gas have been made. If no imports or exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports or exports occur, Centra Manitoba must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas per MMBtu at the international border. The reports shall also provide the details of each import and export 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 U.S. transporter(s); (5) the point(s) of entry and exit; (6) the geographic market(s) served; (7) whether sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis; and if applicable, (8) the contract pricing provisions, including the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/ reservation charge breakdown of the contract price.

E. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph D 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.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 27, 1992.

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