

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

CANTON-POTSDAM HOSPITAL)	
)	FE DOCKET NO. 92-136-NG
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ORDER GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT
NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 752

DECEMBER 16, 1992

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On November 2, 1992, Canton-Potsdam Hospital (Canton) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), requesting long-term authorization to import up to 34,310 Mcf of Canadian natural over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery. Canton will purchase the imported natural gas from Great West Energy, Ltd. for use in Canton's hospital facilities in Potsdam, New York. The gas will be transported via the pipeline systems of TransCanada Pipelines and St. Lawrence Gas directly to the facilities.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by Canton 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 (P.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 Canton 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

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

A. Canton-Potsdam Hospital (Canton) is authorized to import from Canada, at Cornwell, Ontario/Messena, New York, up to 34,310 Mcf of natural gas over a two-year period beginning on the date of first delivery.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Canton 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, Canton 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, Canton must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price per MMBtu (in U.S. dollars) delivered at the international border. The reports shall itemize separately the commodity and transportation charges on a per unit (MMBtu) basis and any reservation charge that Canton pays Great West Energy during the particular calendar quarter.

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.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 16, 1992.

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