

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

WASHINGTON ENERGY EXPLORATION, INC.)	
WASHINGTON ENERGY MARKETING, INC.)	FE DOCKET NO. 87-11-NG
)	

ORDER GRANTING TRANSFER OF BLANKET
AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 168-C

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On April 2, 1993, Washington Energy Marketing, Inc. (Washington Marketing) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),^{1/} requesting that the natural gas import authorization granted Washington Energy Exploration, Inc. (Washington Exploration) be transferred to Washington Marketing. Washington Exploration^{2/} concurred with the transfer in a letter to FE dated April 5, 1993. No other change is proposed to the existing authorization and the overall import quantity.

Washington Marketing is a Washington corporation with its headquarters in Seattle, Washington. Washington Marketing and Washington Exploration are wholly-owned subsidiaries of

Washington Energy Resources Company which recently underwent a corporate reorganization. As a result of this reorganization, all Canadian marketing and purchasing activities were reassigned from Washington Exploration to Washington Marketing. This includes the importation into the United States of natural gas originating in Canada. Currently, Washington Exploration is authorized in DOE/ERA Opinion and Order No. 168,3/ as amended

by DOE/ERA Opinion and Order Nos. 168-A4/ and 168-B,5/ to

import up to 73 Bcf of Canadian natural gas. The authorization expires March 31, 1995.6/

II. FINDING

Washington Marketing's application has been evaluated to determine if reassigning Washington Exploration's blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada meets the public interest requirement of section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486). Approval of the transfer of authorization to Washington Marketing is in the public interest.

3/ 1 ERA Para. 70,697 (April 12, 1987).

4/ 1 FE Para. 70,396 (December 28, 1990).

5/ Unpublished (May 16, 1991).

6/ Initial pipeline deliveries under the two-year blanket authorization began April 1, 1993. As part of its

authorization, Washington Exploration was permitted to import liquefied natural gas by truck.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, the transfer of the import authorization granted by DOE/ERA Opinion and Order No. 168 (Order 168), as amended, to Washington Energy Marketing, Inc. (Washington Marketing) is approved and made effective as of the date of this order. Washington Marketing may continue importing the volumes of natural gas previously authorized through March 31, 1995, and shall be subject to all the terms and conditions of Order 168, as though Washington Marketing were the original licensee.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on April 30, 1993.

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