

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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NORTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY) FE DOCKET NO. 91-33-NG
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ORDER TERMINATING LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 528-A

DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 528 (Order 528),1/ issued
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August 30, 1991, by the Office of Fuels Programs (OFP) of the Department of Energy, authorized Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) to import from Canada at Emerson, Manitoba, up to 20,000 Mcf per day of natural gas to be purchased from Mobil Oil Canada (Mobil) for system supply through October 31, 2000. The gas sales contract was originally entered into by Northern and Mobil on August 24, 1990.

The contract was amended March 4, 1992, to reduce the maximum daily contract volume from 20,000 Mcf per day to 12,000 Mcf per day and to implement new pricing terms. Further, on August 6, 1993, Northern notified Mobil that it was reducing its obligation to purchase gas volumes under the contract to zero on November 1, 1993. The cancellation of the contract was part of Northern's restructuring under the requirements of Order 636, issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which calls

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for the natural gas industry to separate gas transporters from gas sellers in order to create a more competitive market for buyers. Northern informed OFP on October 26, 1993, that, for all practical purposes, it no longer will have a gas merchant role and, thus, requests that Order 528 be terminated.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, Order No. 528 is hereby terminated in its entirety effective on the date of this Order.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 18, 1993.

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