

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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NORTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY) FE DOCKET NO. 92-68-NG
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ORDER TERMINATING LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION
TO EXPORT AND IMPORT NATURAL GAS TO AND FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 680-A

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In DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 680 (Order 680),^{1/} issued

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October 9, 1992, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) was authorized by the Office of Fuels Programs (OFP) of the Department of Energy to export to Canada at the Montana-Saskatchewan border near Willow Creek, Saskatchewan, up to 60,000 Mcf per day of natural gas produced in the State of Montana. The exported domestic gas is transported across Canada to the Manitoba-Minnesota border near Emerson, Manitoba, where it is reimported by Northern and sold to customers on the north end of Northern's transmission system. The authorization expires December 31, 1997.

On October 26, 1993, Northern notified OFP that under the requirements of Order 636, the pipeline services restructuring rule issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Northern has assigned its contractual rights related to the export/import arrangement to NGC Energy Resources, Limited Partnership ("NER"). NER is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Its general partner and

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majority equity owner is Natural Gas Clearinghouse. By order issued July 16, 1993, the FERC approved Northern's restructured services, effective November 1, 1993.^{2/} Thereafter, the gas will be sold under certain agreed upon arrangements between NER and Northern's former customers.

Northern states that, with the effectiveness of its restructuring, it no longer will have a natural gas merchant role, for all practical purposes. Thus, the authorization granted by OFP will not be required. Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, Order 680 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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2/ Northern Natural Gas Company, 64 FERC □ 61,073.

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