

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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CRESTAR ENERGY MARKETING CORP. ) FE DOCKET NO. 93-04-NG  
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 766

FEBRUARY 16, 1993

## I. Description of Request

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On January 22, 1993, Crestar Energy Marketing Corp. (Crestar) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), requesting blanket authorization to import and export up to 50 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year period beginning on the date of the first import or export. Crestar, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Crestar Energy Inc. Crestar proposes to import and export the gas under short-term and spot market transactions either on its own behalf or as the agent for others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

## II. FINDING

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The application filed by Crestar has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import/export arrangement 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). Under section 3(c), the import or export 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 Crestar to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the

section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest.

ORDER

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

A. Crestar Energy Marketing Corp. (Crestar) is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 50 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada, at any point on the international border, over a two-year period beginning on the date of the first delivery.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Crestar 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 or export delivery of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

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

D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than April 30, 1993, and should cover the period from the date of this order until the end of the current calendar quarter, March 31, 1993.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 16, 1993.

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Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Fossil Energy