

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

AMERICAN HUNTER EXPLORATION LTD.)
) FE DOCKET NO. 93-13-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 770

FEBRUARY 16, 1993

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On February 3, 1993, American Hunter Exploration Ltd. (American Hunter) 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 export to Canada up to 100 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery. American Hunter, a Delaware corporation with its principal office in Calgary, Alberta, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Canadian Hunter Exploration Ltd. American Hunter will export this gas under short-term and spot market transactions for its own account and as an agent for others. The requested authorization does not require the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by American Hunter has been evaluated to determine if the proposed 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. No. 102-486). Under section 3(c), an import or export of natural gas from or to 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 American Hunter to export natural gas 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

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

A. American Hunter Exploration Ltd. (American Hunter) is authorized to export to Canada up to 100 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery.

B. This natural gas may be exported at any point on the U.S./Canada border.

C. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, American Hunter shall notify the Office of Fuels Programs (OFP), Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, in writing of the date that the first export of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

D. With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, American Hunter shall file with OFP, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether exports of natural gas have been made. If no exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If exports have occurred, American Hunter must report monthly total volumes in Mcf and the average sales price per MMBtu at the international border. The reports shall also provide the details of each 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 exit;

(6) the geographic market(s) served; and (7) whether the sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis.

E. The first quarterly report required by Paragraph D 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