

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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TENNGASCO CORPORATION)	FE DOCKET NO. 93-17-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 773

FEBRUARY 16, 1993

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On February 5, 1993, as amended February 10, 1993, Tenngasco Corporation (Tenngasco) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)^{1/}, requesting blanket

— authorization to export natural gas to Canada. Tenngasco would export up to 100 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of domestic gas over a two-year period beginning on the date of the first delivery after February 28, 1993.^{2/} Tenngasco, a Delaware corporation with

— its principal place of business in Houston, Texas, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tenneco Corporation. The company is a major U.S. marketer and broker of natural gas. Tenngasco will 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 _____

The application filed by Tenngasco 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. 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

1/ 15 U.S.C. 717b.

2/ This is the expiration date of Tenngasco's existing export
authorization granted by DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 312 on
April 28, 1989 (1 FE 70,221).

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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
Tenngasco 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. Tenngasco Corporation (Tenngasco) is authorized to
export, at any point on the international border, up to 100 Bcf
of natural gas to Canada over a period of two years beginning on
the date of the first delivery after February 28, 1993.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, Tenngasco shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, 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, Tenngasco must report monthly total volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price per MMBtu at the international

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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.

D. The first quarterly report required by Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than April 30, 1993, and should cover

the period from March 1, 1993, until the end of the current
calendar quarter, March 31, 1993.

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

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for Fossil Energy