

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LIMITED) FE DOCKET NO. 93-10-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT
AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 778

MARCH 5, 1993

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On January 29, 1993, TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) 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 up to 500,000 Mcf per day of natural gas from Canada and export up to 500,000 Mcf per day of natural gas to Canada, over a two-year term beginning on the date of first import or export. TransCanada will import and export the gas on its own behalf, or as agent on behalf of others. TransCanada states some of the natural gas may be imported to be reexported to Canada. TransCanada is a Canadian natural gas transmission company incorporated by Special Act of the Parliament of Canada, and owner of a natural gas transmission system.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by TransCanada has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import/export arrangement meets the public interest requirements 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 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 TransCanada 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

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

A. TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) is authorized to import up to 500,000 Mcf per day of natural gas from Canada, and export up to 500,000 Mcf per day of natural gas to Canada, at any point on the United States/Canada border, over a two-year term beginning on the date of first import or export.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, TransCanada shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports or exports of natural gas have been made. If no imports or exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports or exports have occurred, TransCanada 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 and 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 the sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis; and, if applicable, (8) the contract pricing provisions, including the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price.

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 the date of this Order until the end of the current calendar quarter, March 31, 1993.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 5, 1993.

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