

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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AMERADA HESS CORPORATION ) FE DOCKET NO. 93-25-NG  
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 782

MARCH 12, 1993

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## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

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On February 29, 1993, Amerada Hess Corporation (Amerada) 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 natural gas to Canada. Up to 30 Bcf of domestic gas would be exported over a two-year period beginning on the date of the first delivery. Amerada, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New York, New York, is engaged in the production, refining, transportation, and marketing of oil, natural gas, and other hydrocarbons. Amerada would 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 Amerada 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 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 Amerada 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

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

A. Amerada Hess Corporation (Amerada) is authorized to export, at any point on the international border, up to 30 Bcf of natural gas to Canada over a period of two years beginning on the date of the first delivery.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Amerada 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, Amerada 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, Amerada must report monthly total volumes in Mcf and the average purchase 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.

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 12, 1993.

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