

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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PETRO-CANADA HYDROCARBONS INC.)	DOCKET NO. 93-23-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 783

MARCH 12, 1993

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On February 19, 1993, Petro-Canada Hydrocarbons Inc. (PCHI) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE) under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) requesting blanket authorization to export to Canada up to 150 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term, beginning on the date of first delivery. PCHI, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Petro-Canada, a Canadian company engaged in the exploration, production, refining, transportation and marketing of oil, natural gas, and other hydrocarbons and minerals. The requested authorization does not require the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING

The application filed by PCHI has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import 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 importation 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 PCHI 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, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. Petro-Canada Hydrocarbons Inc. (PCHI) is authorized to export to Canada, at any point on the international border, up to 150 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term, beginning on the date of first delivery.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, PCHI shall notify the Office of Fuels Programs (OFP), Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, FE-50, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, in writing, of the date that the first export delivery of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

C. With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, PCHI 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 occur, PCHI must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas per MMBtu delivered to 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 a interruptible or firm basis.

E. 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 March 12, 1993.

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