

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

VICTORIA GAS CORPORATION)
) FE DOCKET NO. 93-22-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT
AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 784

MARCH 12, 1993

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On February 19, 1993, Victoria Gas Corporation (Victoria) 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 import up to 100 Bcf of natural gas and export up to 100 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after June 5, 1993, the date that Victoria's current blanket authorization expires.^{2/} Victoria, a Texas corporation with its headquarters in Houston, Texas, is a natural gas marketer. Victoria will import and export the gas 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 Victoria has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import/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 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

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

2/ This is the expiration date of Victoria's current import and
- export authorization from and to Canada and Mexico, granted
by DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 413 on July 30, 1990
(1 FE 70,339).

granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Victoria 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. Victoria Gas Corporation (Victoria) is authorized to import up to 100 Bcf of natural gas and export up to 100 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after June 5, 1993. This natural gas may be imported and exported at any point on the United States/Canada border.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Victoria 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 and exports authorized by this Order, Victoria 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, Victoria 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 import and export transaction, including: (1) the name of the purchaser(s); (2) the name of the seller(s); (3) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s); (4) the name of the United States 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 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 July 30, 1993, and should cover the period from June 6, 1993, until the end of the calendar quarter, June 30, 1993.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 12, 1993.

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