

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

COENERGY VENTURES, INC.)
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FE DOCKET NO. 93-28-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 788

MARCH 26, 1993

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On March 3, 1993, CoEnergy Ventures, Inc. (CVI) 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 up to 40 Bcf of natural gas to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first export after November 30, 1993, the date CVI's current authorization expires (See 1 FE 70,448). CVI will export the gas on its own behalf, or as agent on behalf of others. CVI is a Michigan corporation with its principal place of business in Detroit, Michigan. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by CVI 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 export of natural gas 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 CVI 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. This blanket order authorizes transactions under contracts with terms of no longer than two years.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. CoEnergy Ventures, Inc. (CVI) is authorized to export up to 40 Bcf 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 export after November 30, 1993.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, CVI 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, CVI 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, CVI 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 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 point(s) of exit;
- (5) the name of the United States transporter(s);
- (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 January 30, 1994, and should cover the period from December 1, 1993, through December 31, 1993.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 26, 1993.

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