

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

DEKALB ENERGY COMPANY

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) FE DOCKET NO. 93-31-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 793

APRIL 29, 1993

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On March 12, 1993, DEKALB Energy Company (DEKALB) filed an application, under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),^{1/} with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authorization to extend its current import authorization issued in DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 506,^{2/} which expires May 30, 1993. The authorization will allow DEKALB to import up to 73 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after May 30, 1993. DEKALB is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. DEKALB will import the gas under spot and short-term arrangements, and the requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by DEKALB 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 DEKALB to import natural gas from Canada, a nation with which a free trade

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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. DEKALB Energy Company (DEKALB) is authorized to import from Canada, at any point on the international border, up to 73 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after May 30, 1993.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, DEKALB shall file with OFP, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. If no imports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports occur, DEKALB must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas per MMBtu at the international border. The reports shall also provide the details of each import 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; (6) the geographic market(s) served; (7) whether 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 Ordering Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than July 30, 1993, and should cover the period from the date of this order until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 1993.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on April 29, 1993.

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