

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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GREAT WEST ENERGY LTD. ) FE DOCKET NO. 93-60-NG  
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 815

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JUNE 25, 1993  
  
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I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_

On June 16, 1993, Great West Energy Ltd. (Great West) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)<sup>1/</sup>, and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127,

requesting blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada. The authorization would allow Great West to import up to 40 Bcf of gas over a period of two years beginning on the date of the first delivery. Great West is a Canadian corporation with offices in Mississauga, Ontario, and Calgary, Alberta. Great West will import the gas under short-term and spot market agreements, either on its own behalf or as the agent for others. Deliveries are expected to commence July 1, 1993, the effective date of Great West's gas export license issued by Canada's National Energy Board. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING \_\_\_\_\_

The application filed by Great West has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import arrangement meets the public interest requirements 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

1/ 15 U.S.C. Sec. 717b. \_\_\_\_\_

without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Great West to import natural gas from 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

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

A. Great West Energy Ltd. (Great West) is authorized to import, at any point on the international border, up to 40 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a period of two years beginning on the date of the first delivery after June 30, 1993.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Great West 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 of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Great West shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports have been made. If no imports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, Great West 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 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 the sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis; and if applicable, (8) the 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 October 30, 1993, and should cover the period from July 1, 1993, until the end of the third calendar quarter, September 30, 1993.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on June 25, 1993.

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