

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

ST. LAWRENCE GAS COMPANY, INC.

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FE DOCKET NO. 80-11-NG

ORDER AMENDING PREVIOUS ORDER
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN IMPORT POINT

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 033-A

St. Lawrence Gas Company, Inc. (St. Lawrence) is a natural gas distribution company serving customers in St. Lawrence County, New York. St. Lawrence is authorized to import from Canada maximum daily and annual quantities of natural gas in the amounts of 43,000 Mcf and 9,700,000 Mcf, respectively. It receives this supply from a corporate affiliate, Niagara Gas Transmission Limited (Niagara Limited). The current volumes were authorized to be imported at the international boundary near Cornwall, Ontario/Massena, New York, by the Economic Regulatory Administration (ERA) in DOE/ERA Opinion and Order No. 331/

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issued June 22, 1981. This authorization is the most recent in a series of orders issued originally by the Federal Power Commission (FPC), and then ERA, related to St. Lawrence's imports, beginning with FPC Order No. 3472/ issued August 8,
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1961. In the initial order, the FPC did not impose a specific

1/ 1 ERA 70,532. —

2/ 26 FPC 265. —

expiration date for the import authority St. Lawrence holds. Thus, this gas may be imported until the supply contract between Niagara Limited and St. Lawrence, as it may be amended, is terminated, canceled, or otherwise no longer binding on either party.

On April 15, 1994, St. Lawrence filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)^{3/} and DOE

Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, for authority to add one more import point for its gas. In addition to Massena, New York, the volumes purchased from Niagara Limited would also be delivered at Waddington, New York. The gas would then be transported by the pipeline facilities of Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. to its interconnection with St. Lawrence's system. No new pipeline construction would be required.

Under section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486), 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. Therefore, approving an additional import point for gas imported from Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, is consistent with the public interest.

3/ 15 U.S. C. 717b.

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ORDER

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

A. FPC Order No. 347, issued August 8, 1961, as amended by DOE/ERA Opinion and Order No. 33, issued June 22, 1981, is further amended to authorize St. Lawrence Gas Company, Inc. (St. Lawrence) to import its supply of natural gas from Niagara Gas Transmission Limited (Niagara Limited) at both Massena and Waddington, New York.

B. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by DOE/ERA Opinion and Order No. 33, St. Lawrence shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports showing by month the total volume (in Mcf) imported at each receipt point and the average purchase price per MMBtu paid to Niagara Limited at the international border. The price information for a particular month shall, if applicable, itemize separately the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on June 21, 1994.

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