

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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ANADARKO TRADING COMPANY )  
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FE DOCKET NO. 94-90-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1001

NOVEMBER 04, 1994

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_

On October 31, 1994, Anadarko Trading Company (ATC) 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 up to 108 Bcf of natural gas from Mexico over a two-year term. ATC is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas. The company would import this gas under spot and short-term purchase arrangements. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

ATC states that it has inadvertently imported gas from Mexico since March 1994 without authorization. The terms of these transactions have been reported to DOE. Therefore, in the unique circumstances of this case, ATC seeks two-year blanket import authority for the period beginning March 1, 1994, through February 29, 1996.

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

The application filed by ATC 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), an import 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

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

interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by ATC to import natural gas from Mexico, 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. ATC Trading Company Limited (ATC) is authorized to import from Mexico, at any point on the international border, up to 108 Bcf of natural gas from March 1, 1994, through February 29, 1996.

B. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, ATC shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, 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 have occurred, ATC 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 point(s) of entry; (5) the name of the United States transporter(s); (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.

C. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph B of this Order is due not later than January 30, 1995, and should cover the fourth calendar quarter of 1994.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 4, 1994.

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