

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY) FE DOCKET NO. 92-18-NG
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ORDER TERMINATING LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 664-B

Northwest Natural Gas Company (NNG) is currently authorized to import near Kingsgate, British Columbia, up to 3,832 Mcf per day of Canadian natural gas from Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast). This authorization was granted in DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 664 (Order 664) issued September 9, 1992.1/

Order 664 applies to a long-standing import arrangement that was previously held by Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest). Under Order 664, the Department of Energy (DOE) transferred Northwest's authority to import up to 152,000 Mcf per day of gas to four local distribution companies as part of Northwest's program to convert its firm sales obligations to firm transportation.

On August 1, 1994, NNG notified the Office of Fossil Energy, under 10 C.F.R. 590.407 of DOE's regulations, that NNG's gas purchase agreement with Westcoast terminated at the end of June

1/ Northwest Pipeline Corporation, et al., 1 FE 70,683. —

Rehearing was denied in DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 664-A, 1 FE
70,656 (November 9, 1992).

1994, and that the agreement would not be renegotiated. Therefore, NNG seeks to terminate its import authorization in Order 664.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, the import authorization conferred to Northwest Natural Gas Company in Order 664 is hereby terminated. In all other respects, Order 664 shall remain in full force and effect as it pertains to the other three gas distribution companies, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, Washington Natural Gas Company, and The Washington Water Power Company.

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

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