

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,) FE DOCKET NO. 93-99-NG
ELECTRIC SUPPLY BUSINESS UNIT)
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ORDER AMENDING PREVIOUS ORDER
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING IMPORT POINTS

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 851-A

In DOE/FE Order No. 851 (Order 851),^{1/} issued September 30, 1993, the Department of Energy (DOE) granted blanket authorization to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Electric Supply Business Unit (PG&E/ESBU), to import up to 305 Bcf of natural gas from Canada at the border of the United States and Canada near Kingsgate, British Columbia. PG&E/ESBU is a California public utility. The gas is used for fuel in PG&E/ESBU's electric generating plants. The term of the authorization is for two years beginning on the date of the first import delivery. Imports of gas began January 1, 1994. Thus, Order 851 shall remain in effect through December 31, 1995.

1/ 1 FE 70,855. -

On August 30, 1994, PG&E/ESBU filed an application with DOE requesting that Order 851 be amended to authorize the company to take delivery of the imported gas at any point on the international border where U.S. and Canadian pipeline systems interconnect.

Under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act,^{2/} 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 additional import points for gas imported from Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, is consistent with the public interest.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, the following language shall be substituted for Ordering Paragraph A of DOE/FE Order No. 851 (Order 851) in its entirety:

"Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Electric Supply Business Unit (PG&E/ESBU) is authorized to import, at any point on the international border, up to 305 Bcf of natural gas from Canada. The term of the authorization is for a period of two years beginning on the date of the first delivery."

2/ 15 U.S.C. 717b.

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In all other respects, Order 851 shall remain in full force and effect.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on September 30, 1994.

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