

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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CATEX VITOL GAS, INC. ) FE DOCKET NO. 93-150-NG  
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT  
AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS, INCLUDING LIQUEFIED GAS,  
FROM AND TO CANADA AND MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 905

JANUARY 3, 1994

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

On December 23, 1993, as amended on December 29, 1993, CATEX Vitol Gas, Inc. (CATEX) 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, for blanket authorization to import and export up to a combined total of 150 Bcf of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), from and to Canada and Mexico. The term of the authorization would be for two years beginning on the date of the first import or export. CATEX, a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business in Boston, Massachusetts, is a natural gas marketing and trading company. CATEX intends to import and export the gas and LNG under spot and short-term transactions, either on its own behalf or as the agent for others.

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

The application filed by CATEX has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import/export 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), the 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 without modification or delay. The authorization sought by CATEX to import and export natural gas from and to \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Canada and Mexico, nations 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. CATEX Vitol Gas, Inc. (CATEX) is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 150 Bcf of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), from and to Canada and Mexico, over a two-year term, beginning on the date of the initial import or export, whichever occurs first. This natural gas and LNG may be imported and exported at any United States border point.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, CATEX shall provide written notification to the Office of Fuels Programs (OFP), Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, FE-50, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, of the date that the first import or export of natural gas or LNG authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

C. With respect to the natural gas or LNG imports and exports authorized by this Order, CATEX shall file with OFP, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports or exports have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have

begun. If no imports or exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports or exports occur, CATEX must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas per MMBtu at the international border. The reports also shall provide the details of each import and export 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 and exit; (6) the geographic market(s) served; (7) whether 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.

D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than April 30, 1994, and should cover the period from the date of this Order until the end of the current calendar quarter, March 31, 1994.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on January 3, 1994.

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Office of Coal & Electricity  
Office of Fuels Programs  
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