

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE)
CORPORATION) FE DOCKET NO. 94-29-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 943

MAY 3, 1994

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On March 31, 1994, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)^{1/} and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, for blanket authorization to import up to 25.55 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after October 31, 1994.^{2/} WPSC is a Wisconsin corporation with its principal place of business in Green Bay, Wisconsin. WPSC will import the gas under short-term and spot market transactions for its own account, as well as for the accounts of others for which WPSC may agree to act as agent. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by WPSC 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), 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

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

2/ This is the expiration date of WPSC's current blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada, granted by

DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 321 on June 19, 1989 (1 FE
70,230).

modification or delay. The authorization sought by WPSC to import natural gas from Canada, 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

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

A. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) is authorized to import from Canada, at any point on the international border, up to 25.55 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after October 31, 1994.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, WPSC 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 delivery of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, WPSC shall file with OFP, 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 occur, WPSC must report total monthly volumes

in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas 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 name of the U.S. transporter(s); (5) the point(s) of entry; (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 January 30, 1995, and should cover the period from November 1, 1994, until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 1994.

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

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