

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY) FE DOCKET NO. 94-66-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 976

SEPTEMBER 16, 1994

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On September 8, 1994, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) 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 90 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first import delivery after September 30, 1994.^{2/} PGE, an Oregon corporation with its principal place of business in Portland, Oregon, is an electric utility. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Portland General Corporation. PGE will import the natural gas, under spot and short-term purchase arrangements, to use as fuel for its Beaver, Bethel and, soon to be constructed, Coyote Spring generating plants. PGE may also, on occasion, resell surplus gas it cannot use immediately.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by PGE 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 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. _____

2/ This is the date PGE's current blanket authorization to _____

import natural gas from Canada expires. See DOE/FE Opinion and
Order No. 509 issued June 3, 1991 (1 FE 70,455).

interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by PGE 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. Portland General Electric Company (PGE) is authorized to import up to 90 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first import delivery after September 30, 1994. This natural gas may be imported at any point on the border of the United States and Canada.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, PGE shall file with OFP, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity"

for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, PGE 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 United States 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 October 1, 1994, until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 1994.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on September 16, 1994.

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