

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

WICKFORD ENERGY MARKETING, L.C.) FE DOCKET NO. 95-11-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM AND TO CANADA AND MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1026

FEBRUARY 8, 1995

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On January 30, 1995, Wickford Energy Marketing, L.C. (WEM, L.C.) 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, requesting blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico. The term of the proposed authorization would be for a period of two years beginning on the date of the initial import or export delivery, whichever occurs first. Specifically, WEM, L.C. requests authorization to import up to 100,000 Mcf per day of Canadian gas and up to 100,000 Mcf per day of Mexican gas (or a total volume over two years of up to 73 Bcf of gas from Canada and Mexico, respectively). In addition, WEM, L.C. requests authorization to export a total of up to 100,000 Mcf per day of domestic gas to Canada and up to 100,000 Mcf per day of domestic gas to Mexico (or a total volume over two years of up to 73 Bcf of gas to Canada and Mexico, respectively).

WEM, L.C., is an Oklahoma corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas. WEM, L.C. proposes to import and export this gas under short-term and spot market transactions, either on its own behalf or as the agent for others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

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II. FINDING

The application filed by WEM, L.C. has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and 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), an 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 WEM, L.C. to import and export natural gas from and to 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

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

A. Wickford Energy Marketing, L.C. (WEM, L.C.) is authorized to import up to 73 Bcf of natural gas from Canada and up to 73 Bcf of natural gas from Mexico. In addition, WEM, L.C. is authorized to export up to 73 Bcf of natural gas to Canada and up to 73 Bcf of natural gas to Mexico. This authorization is for a period of two years beginning on the date of the initial import

or export, whichever occurs first. These transactions may take place at any United States border point.

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

C. With respect to the imports and exports authorized by this Order, WEM, L.C. shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, 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, WEM, L.C. must report total monthly volumes of gas in Mcf and the average purchase price 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 the 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, 1995, and should cover the period from the date of this Order until the end of the first calendar quarter, March 31, 1995.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 08, 1995.

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