

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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PAWTUCKET POWER ASSOCIATES) FE DOCKET NO. 95-30-NG
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP)
_____)

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1049

MAY 16, 1995

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On May 4, 1995, as supplemented on May 9, 1995, Pawtucket Power Associates Limited Partnership (Pawtucket) 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 10.584 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first delivery after May 25, 1995.^{2/} Pawtucket's

principal place of business is in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts. EMI/Pawtucket, Inc. is the general partner of Pawtucket.

Pawtucket will import the natural gas under spot and short-term purchase arrangements, either on its own behalf or as the agent for others, including but not limited to pipelines, local distribution companies, and commercial and industrial end-users. The proposed authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by Pawtucket has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import arrangement meets the public interest requirement of section 3 of the NGA, as amended by

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

2/ This is the date Pawtucket's blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada expires. See DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 797 issued May 3, 1993 (1 FE 70,789).

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 interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Pawtucket 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. Pawtucket Power Associates Limited Partnership (Pawtucket) is authorized to import up to 10.584 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first delivery after May 25, 1995. 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, Pawtucket 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, Pawtucket 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, Pawtucket 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 July 30, 1995,

and should cover the period from May 25, 1995, until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 1995.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on May 16, 1995.

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