

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

SONAT MARKETING COMPANY L.P.)	FE DOCKET NO. 93-43-NG
(Formerly Sonat Marketing Company))	FE DOCKET NO. 93-53-NG
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ORDER TRANSFERRING BLANKET AUTHORIZATIONS
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1079

DOE/FE Order No. 821 (Order 821), issued in FE Docket No. 93-53-NG on July 14, 1993, authorized Sonat Marketing Company (SMC), a corporation organized in the State of Delaware and located in Birmingham, Alabama, to import natural gas from Canada. Specifically, SMC has authority to import up to 100 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first delivery.^{1/} Imports of gas began May 1, 1995, and the two-year term, therefore, extends through April 30, 1997. In addition, DOE/FE Order No. 833 (Order 833), issued in FE Docket No. 93-43-NG on August 11, 1993, authorized SMC to export up to 100 Bcf of natural gas produced in the United States to Mexico over a period of two years beginning on the date of the first delivery.^{2/} Exports have not yet commenced under Order 833.

1/	1 FE	70,819.	—
2/	1 FE	70,834.	—

On August 28, 1995, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) was informed that SMC is changing its corporate structure. A new Delaware limited partnership is being formed named Sonat Marketing Company L.P. to which all of SMC's natural gas marketing operations and substantially all of its assets will be transferred. SMC will be the general partner of and will manage Sonat Marketing Company L.P. SMC requests that its two authorizations be transferred to Sonat Marketing Company L.P.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, the import and export authorizations conferred by DOE/FE Order Nos. 821 and 833 are transferred from Sonat Marketing Company to Sonat Marketing Company L.P.

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