

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

TEXACO NATURAL GAS INC.)
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FE DOCKET NO. 95-62-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1090

SEPTEMBER 28, 1995

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On August 28, 1995, Texaco Natural Gas Inc. (TNGI) 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 export natural gas to Mexico. Up to a total of 120 Bcf of domestic gas would be exported under short-term and spot market transactions over a two-year period beginning on October 1, 1995. TNGI, a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TEPI Holdings Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Texaco Inc. TNGI states that it will export the gas on its own behalf as well as the behalf of others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by TNGI has been evaluated to determine if the proposed 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), the export of natural gas 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

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

modification or delay. The authorization sought by TNGI to export natural gas to Mexico, 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. Texaco Natural Gas Inc. (TNGI) is authorized to export, at any point on the U.S.-Mexico border, up to 120 Bcf of natural gas to Mexico over a period of two years beginning on the date of the first delivery after September 30, 1995.

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

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

have occurred, TNGI must report monthly total volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price per MMBtu at the international border. The reports shall also provide the details of each 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 exit; (6) the geographic market(s) served; and (7) whether the sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis.

D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than January 30, 1996, and should cover the period from October 1, 1995, until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 1995.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on September 28, 1995.

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