

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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AMOCO ENERGY TRADING CORPORATION) FE DOCKET NO. 95-71-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1094

OCTOBER 17, 1995

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On September 13, 1995, Amoco Energy Trading Corporation (Amoco) 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 export a total of up to 300 Bcf of natural gas to Mexico. The authorization would be for a period of two years beginning on the date of the first export delivery after November 8, 1995.^{2/} Amoco, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Amoco Production Company, which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Amoco Company. The parent company of both these entities is Amoco Corporation. Amoco will export these gas volumes under short-term and spot market transactions. No new pipeline construction would be involved.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by Amoco 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 exportation 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

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

2/ This is the expiration date of Amoco's current blanket _____

authorization to export natural gas, granted by DOE/FE Order
No. 841 on September 24, 1993 (1 FE 70,843).

consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Amoco to export natural gas to Mexico, a nation with which a free trade agreement requiring national treatment 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. Amoco Energy Trading Corporation (Amoco) is authorized to export a total of up to 300 Bcf of natural gas to Mexico over a period of two years beginning on the date of the first export delivery after November 8, 1995. These authorized transactions may take place at any United States border point.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, Amoco shall file with OFP, 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 occur, Amoco must report the following: (1) total monthly volumes in Mcf; (2) the average purchase price of gas per MMBtu at the international border; (3) the name of the seller; (4) the name of the purchaser(s); (5) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement; (6) the name of the U.S. transporter(s); (7) the point(s) of exit; and (8) the geographic market served.

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 November 9, 1995, until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 1995.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on October 17, 1995.

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