

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

BOSTON EDISON COMPANY)

FE DOCKET NO. 95-119-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1134

DECEMBER 20, 1995

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On December 13, 1995, Boston Edison Company (Boston Edison) 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 up to 50 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a term of two years beginning on the date of the first delivery. Boston Edison is a Massachusetts corporation with its principal place of business in Boston, Massachusetts. The volumes will be imported by Boston Edison for use in its electric generating facilities or for sale to domestic purchasers. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by Boston Edison has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import 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 importation 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 Boston Edison to import natural gas from Canada, a nation with which a free

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

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. Boston Edison Company (Boston Edison) is authorized to import from Canada up to 50 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery. The gas may be imported at any U.S./Canada border point.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Boston Edison shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, 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 have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports occur, Boston Edison must report total monthly volumes

in Mcf and the average purchase price 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 U.S. 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 January 30, 1996, and should cover the period from the date of this Order until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 1995.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 20, 1995.

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