

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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THE BROOKLYN UNION GAS COMPANY,	)	
CONNECTICUT NATURAL GAS	)	
CORPORATION, NEW JERSEY NATURAL	)	
GAS COMPANY, YANKEE GAS SERVICES	)	
COMPANY, PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC	)	ERA DOCKET NOS. 86-44-NG
AND GAS COMPANY, BOSTON GAS	)	86-45-NG
COMPANY, NATIONAL FUEL GAS	)	86-46-NG
DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION,	)	86-48-NG
LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY,	)	
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT GAS COMPANY,	)	FE DOCKET NOS. 87-02-NG
NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS	)	91-92-NG
COMPANY, COLONIAL GAS COMPANY,	)	
CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC	)	
CORPORATION, CONSOLIDATED EDISON	)	
COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC., ESSEX	)	
COUNTY GAS COMPANY, ENERGYNORTH	)	
NATURAL GAS, INC., VALLEY GAS	)	
COMPANY AND COMMONWEALTH GAS	)	
COMPANY	)	

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ORDER AMENDING PREVIOUS ORDER  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING IMPORT POINTS

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 368-H

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APRIL 25, 1995

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

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In a series of orders issued by the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE),1/ The Brooklyn Union Gas Company (Brooklyn Union) and several other Northeast gas distribution companies (Repurchasers)2/ that purchase gas from Alberta Northeast Gas Limited (ANE) were authorized to import up to 397,100 Mcf per day of natural gas from Canada for a period ending 15 years after November 1st following the initial delivery date. Initial deliveries began on November 1, 1991, through the pipeline system of Iroquois Gas Transmission System (Iroquois) at the border of the United States and Canada near Waddington, New York. The Repurchasers are currently authorized to purchase and import all of their ANE volumes at only two points of importation: (1) at the point of interconnection between the pipeline systems of TransCanada PipeLine Limited (TransCanada) and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company near Niagara Falls, New York,

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1/ DOE/FE Opinion and Order Nos. 368, 1 FE 70,285, (January 11, 1990), 368-A, 1 FE 70,370 (November 15, 1990), 368-B, order on reh'g, 1 FE 70,400 (January 16, 1991), 368-C 1 FE 70,426 (March 18, 1991), 368-D, 1 FE 70,504 (November 11, 1991), 368-E, 1 FE 70,505 (November 27, 1991), 368-F, 1 FE 70,791 (May 7, 1993), and 368-G, 1 FE 70,994 (July 11, 1994). DOE transferred part of Boston Gas Company's import authority to Commonwealth Gas Company in DOE/FE Opinion and Order Nos. 561, 1 FE 70,515 (December 19, 1991), and 561-A, order on reh'g, 1 FE 70,533 (February 20, 1992).

2/ The Repurchasers are Boston Gas Company, Brooklyn Union, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Colonial Gas Company, Commonwealth Gas Company, Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc., Essex County Gas Company, Long Island Lighting Company, National Fuel Gas Distribution Company, New Jersey Natural Gas Company, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Public Service Electric & Gas Company, Southern Connecticut Gas

Company, Valley Gas Company, and Yankee Gas Company.

and (2) at the point of interconnection between the pipeline systems of TransCanada and Iroquois near Waddington, New York.

To better serve their customers, on March 14, 1995, the Repurchasers filed an application requesting that DOE amend their import authorization to permit each repurchaser to receive its ANE volumes at any point on the international border between the United States and Canada. With the exception of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (National Fuel), the Repurchasers do not at this time have the contractual authority to import gas at alternate points of importation.<sup>3/</sup> Therefore, they would only use such alternate points if they were to reach agreement with ANE, and ANE were to reach agreement with one of the ANE gas suppliers, permitting the use of alternate points of importation.

## II. FINDING

Under section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486), 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. Therefore, approving additional import points for gas imported from Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, is consistent with the public interest.

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<sup>3/</sup> Previously, National Fuel entered into a letter agreement with TransCanada to receive all or part of its ANE volumes at an

alternate delivery point, the point of interconnection between TransCanada and Empire State Pipeline near Grand Island, New York, as well as Niagara Falls, New York.

## ORDER

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For the reasons set forth above, under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 368, issued January 11, 1990, as amended, is further amended to authorize Boston Gas Company, The Brooklyn Union Gas Company, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Colonial Gas Company, Commonwealth Gas Company, Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc., Essex County Gas Company, Long Island Lighting Company, National Fuel Gas Distribution Company, New Jersey Natural Gas Company, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Public Service Electric & Gas Company, Southern Connecticut Gas Company, Valley Gas Company, and Yankee Gas Company to import their supply of natural gas from Alberta Northeast Gas Limited at any point on the border of the United States and Canada. In all other respects, Order 368, et seq., shall remain in full force and effect.

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