

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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AMOCO ENERGY TRADING CORPORATION ) FE DOCKET NO. 96-09-NG  
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT NATURAL GAS  
FROM MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1147

MARCH 11, 1996

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_

On March 7, 1996, 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),<sup>1/</sup> and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and

0204-127, for blanket authorization to import up to 300 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Mexico over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first delivery.<sup>2/</sup> Amoco, a

Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Amoco Production Company, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Amoco Company, which, in turn, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Amoco Corporation. Amoco will import the natural gas at the international boundary between the United States and Mexico under short-term and spot market transactions. The proposed authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING \_\_\_\_\_

The application filed by Amoco 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 import of natural gas from a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring

1/ 15 U.S.C. 717b. \_\_\_\_\_

2/ Amoco's blanket authorization granted by DOE/FE Opinion and  
Order No. 911, dated January 13, 1994, (1 FE 70,924) expired on  
February 29, 1996.

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 Amoco to import natural gas from 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

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Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. Amoco Energy Trading Corporation (Amoco) is authorized to import up to 300 Bcf of natural gas from Mexico over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first delivery. This natural gas may be imported at any point on the border of the United States and Mexico.

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 import of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Amoco shall file with OFP, 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 of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, Amoco must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas 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 United States 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 April 30, 1996, and should cover the period from the date of this Order, until the end of the first calendar quarter, March 31, 1996.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 11, 1996.

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