

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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UNIVERSAL RESOURCES CORPORATION ) FE DOCKET NO. 96-21-NG  
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1167

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MAY 20, 1996  
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I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_

On April 25, 1996, Universal Resources Corporation (Universal) 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, requesting blanket authorization to import up to 50 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on June 27, 1996.<sup>2/</sup> Universal, a Texas corporation with its principal

place of business in Salt Lake City, Utah, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Questar Corporation and an affiliate of Questar Pipeline Corporation. Universal requests authority to import this gas under spot and short-term sales arrangements. The specific terms of each import, including price and volume, would be negotiated at arms length in response to market conditions. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

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

The application filed by Universal 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

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

2. Universal's blanket import authorization granted by DOE/FE

Order No. 939, dated May 3, 1994, (1 FE 70,962) expires June 26, 1996.

consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Universal to import natural gas from Canada, 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. Universal Resources Company (Universal) is authorized to import from Canada, at any point on the international border, up to 50 Bcf of natural gas over the two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after June 26, 1996.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Universal 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. If no imports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports

occur, Universal 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 July 30, 1996, and should cover the period from the June 27, 1996, until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 1996.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on May 20, 1996.

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