

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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STAMPEDER ENERGY (U.S.))	
INC.)	FE DOCKET NO. 97-12-NG
(formerly StampGas (U.S.))	FE DOCKET NO. 94-22-NG
Inc.)	
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT
AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA AND MEXICO,
INCLUDING IMPORTATION OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS,
AND AMENDING PREVIOUS AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1249

FEBRUARY 12, 1997

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On February 5, 1997, StampGas (U.S.) Inc. (StampGas) 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, to extend its current blanket authorization to import up to 100 Bcf and to export up to 100 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, and to import up to 10 Bcf of liquefied natural gas (LNG). The term of the authorization would be for two years beginning on the date of the initial import or export delivery, whichever occurs first, after February 28, 1997.^{2/} StampGas recently changed its corporate name to Stampeder Energy (U.S.) Inc. (Stampeder). Therefore, StampGas also requests that its authorization be amended to reflect its recent name change to Stampeder.

Stampeder, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, is a natural gas marketing and trading company. Stampeder intends to import and export the gas, including the importation of LNG, under spot and short-term transactions, either on its own behalf or as the agent for others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline or LNG facilities.

1. 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

2. This is the date StampGas's current blanket authorization to import and export natural gas, and to import LNG expires (DOE/FE Order No. 932, 1 FE ¶ 70,951).

II. FINDING

The application filed by StampGas/Stampeder has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import/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 import of natural gas and LNG and the export of natural gas from or 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 consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Stampeder to import and export natural gas, including the importation of LNG, from and to Canada and Mexico, nations 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

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

A. DOE/FE Order No. 932 is amended by substituting Stampeder Energy (U.S.) Inc. (Stampeder) for StampGas (U.S.) Inc. as the importer and exporter of the natural gas, and the importer of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

B. Stampeder is authorized to import up to 100 Bcf and

to export up to 100 Bcf of natural gas, from and to Canada and Mexico, and to import up to 10 Bcf of LNG, over a two-year term beginning on the date of the initial import or export, whichever occurs first, after February 28, 1997. The natural gas may be imported and exported, and the LNG may be imported, at any United States border point.

C. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Stampeder shall provide written notification to the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, 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 or export of natural gas or LNG authorized in Ordering Paragraph B above occurred.

D. With respect to the natural gas or LNG imports, and the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, Stampeder shall file with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports or exports have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports or exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports or exports occur, Stampeder must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas per MMBtu at the international border. The reports also shall provide the details of each import and export 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 and exit; and (6) the geographic market(s) served (for imports, by State). For import transactions only, the report shall also include: (1) whether sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis; and, if applicable, (2) the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price.

E. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph D of this Order is due not later than July 30, 1997, and should cover the period from March 1, 1997, until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 1997.

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