

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

PAWTUCKET POWER ASSOCIATES )  
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP )  
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1271

APRIL 29, 1997

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On April 21, 1997, Pawtucket Power Associates Limited Partnership (Pawtucket) 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 10.584 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first delivery after May 30, 1997.<sup>2/</sup> Pawtucket, a Massachusetts limited partnership with its principal place of business in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, owns and operates a cogeneration unit located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

## II. FINDING

The application filed by Pawtucket 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

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<sup>1/</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

<sup>2/</sup> This is the expiration date of Pawtucket's existing blanket import authorization granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1049 on May 16, 1995, (1 FE ¶ 71,116).

granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Pawtucket 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

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

A. Pawtucket Power Associates Limited Partnership (Pawtucket) is authorized to import from Canada, at any point on the U.S./Canada border, up to 10.584 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after May 30, 1997.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Pawtucket 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 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, Pawtucket 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 (by state); (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, 1997, and should cover the period from May 31, 1997 until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 1997.

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