

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

AEC MARKETING (USA) INC. )  
(Formerly )  
Alenco Gas Services Inc.) )  
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1287

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JUNE 27, 1997

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

On June 20, 1997, AEC Marketing (USA) Inc. (AEC Marketing), formerly Alenco Gas Services Inc., 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 66 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first delivery after June 30, 1997.<sup>2/</sup> AEC Marketing, a Delaware corporation

with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, is an indirect subsidiary of Alberta Energy Company Limited. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

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

The application filed by AEC Marketing 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 granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by AEC Marketing to import natural gas from Canada, a nation with which a free

1/ 15 U.S.C. § 717b. \_\_\_\_\_

2/ This is the expiration date of AEC Marketing's predecessor's

existing blanket import authorization granted by DOE/FE Order No. 571 on December 31, 1991, (1 FE □ 70,525).

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. AEC Marketing (USA) Inc. (AEC Marketing) is authorized to import from Canada, at any point on the U.S./Canada border, up to 66 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after June 30, 1997.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, AEC Marketing shall provide written notification to the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, FE-34, 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, AEC Marketing 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, AEC Marketing 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 October 30, 1997, and should cover the period from July 1, 1997 until the end of the third calendar quarter September 30, 1997.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on June 27, 1997.

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