

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

TPC CORPORATION

FE DOCKET NO. 97-104-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS  
FROM AND TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1337

DECEMBER 2, 1997

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On November 25, 1997, TPC Corporation (TPC) 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 from and to export to Canada up to a combined total of 73 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year period beginning January 1, 1998. TPC, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas, is a marketer of natural gas. TPC is a subsidiary of PacifiCorp. The requested authorization would allow TPC to import and to export this gas under short-term and spot market transactions, either on its own behalf or as an agent for others. The construction of new pipeline facilities would not be involved.

## II. FINDING

The application filed by TPC 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 or 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 TPC to import and export natural gas from and to 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. TPC Corporation (TPC) is authorized to import from and to export to Canada up to a combined total of 73 Bcf of natural gas over a period of two years beginning January 1, 1998, through December 31, 1999. This natural gas may be imported and exported at any point on the U.S./Canada border.
- B. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, TPC 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 of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports or exports of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports or exports occur, TPC 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 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.
- C. Quarterly reports shall be filed with 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.
- D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph B of this Order is due not later than April 30, 1998, and should cover the period from January 1, 1998, until the end of the first calendar quarter, March 31, 1998.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 2, 1997.

Manager, Natural Gas Regulation  
Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum  
Import and Export Activities  
Office of Fossil Energy

1. / 15 U.S.C. § 717b.