

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

TENASKA WASHINGTON PARTNERS, L.P.

FE DOCKET NO. 97-102-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1344

DECEMBER 18, 1997

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On November 14, 1997, Tenaska Washington Partners, L.P. (Tenaska) 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 a blanket authorization to import and export up to an aggregate volume of 400 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico. The term of the authorization would be for two years beginning on December 31, 1997 and ending on December 30, 1999. Tenaska is a partnership formed under the laws of the State of Washington, with its principal place of business in Omaha, Nebraska. The volumes will be imported and exported by Tenaska under spot and short-term sales arrangements, either on its own behalf or as the agent for others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

## II. FINDING

The application filed by Tenaska 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 Tenaska to import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, nations with which free trade agreements are 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. Tenaska Washington Partners, L.P. (Tenaska) is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 400 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico. The term of this authorization is for a period of two years beginning on December 31, 1997, and ending December 30, 1999. The natural gas may be imported and exported at any United States international border point between Canada and Mexico.

B. With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, Tenaska 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. 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 have occurred, Tenaska must report the following: (1) total monthly volumes in Mcf; (2) the average monthly purchase price of gas per MMBtu at the international border; (3) the name of the seller(s); (4) the name of the purchaser(s); (5) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s); (6) the name of the United States transporter(s); (7) the point(s) of entry and exit; and (8) 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 C of this Order is due not later than January 30, 1998, and should cover December 31, 1997.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 18, 1997.

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1. 15 U.S.C. § 717b.