

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

USGEN NEW ENGLAND, INC.

(Successor to New England Power Company)

FE DOCKET NO. 97-109-NG

ORDER TRANSFERRING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1348-A

New England Power Company (NEP) was authorized by DOE/FE Order No. 1348 ⁽¹⁾ (Order 1348), to import up to 47.5 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on February 1, 1998, and extending through January 31, 2000.

On May 22, 1998, NEP and USGen New England, Inc. (USGenNE), a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of PG&E Corp., jointly filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) ⁽²⁾ and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, requesting the transfer of NEP's import authority to USGenNE, effective on the date USGenNE acquires certain NEP assets. That acquisition, expected to take place between July and August of 1998, will result from an electric industry restructuring action. Related natural gas contracts will transfer from NEP to USGenNE as part of the asset sale agreement.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, the import authorization conferred by DOE/FE Order No. 1348 is transferred from New England Power Company (NEP) to USGen New England, Inc. (USGenNE) effective as of the closing date of the asset sale between NEP and USGenNE. USGenNE shall be bound by all terms and conditions set forth in Order 1348. In addition, USGenNE shall notify the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, in writing, of the exact closing date of the asset sale between USGenNE and NEP.

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Import and Export Activities

Office of Fossil Energy

1. 1/ 1 FE ¶ 71,511.

2. 2/ 15 U.S.C. § 717b.