

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

RENAISSANCE ENERGY (U.S.) INC.

FE DOCKET NO. 98-85-NG

ORDER GRANTING LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1432

NOVEMBER 02, 1998

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On October 30, 1998, Renaissance Energy (U.S.) Inc. (Renaissance U.S.) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)⁽¹⁾ and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, requesting authorization to import from Canada up to 23,404 Mcf of natural gas per day from November 1, 1998, through October 31, 2008. Renaissance U.S., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of businesses in Calgary, Alberta, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Renaissance Energy Ltd. (Renaissance Ltd.), a Canadian corporation. Renaissance U.S. will purchase the gas from Renaissance Ltd. in accordance with a gas sale contract dated March 15, 1998, for resale to markets off the pipeline system of National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel). The imported natural gas will be transported through the facilities of NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. to its interconnection with the facilities of TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL) at or near Empress, Alberta. TCPL will then transport the natural gas to the international border at Niagara Falls, Ontario, (Niagara Falls, New York) from where the gas will be shipped using capacity on National Fuel.

II. FINDING

The application filed by Renaissance U.S. has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import arrangement meets the public interest requirements 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 Renaissance U.S. 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.

ORDER

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

A. Renaissance Energy (U.S.) Inc. (Renaissance U.S.) is authorized to import from Canada up to 23,404 Mcf per day of natural gas from November 1, 1998, through October 31, 2008.

B. This natural gas shall be imported at Niagara Falls, New York, pursuant to the terms of the Gas Sales Contract between Renaissance Energy Ltd. and Renaissance U.S. dated March 15, 1998, filed in this proceeding.

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Renaissance U.S. shall file with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, a quarterly report indicating by month the volumes and prices of natural gas imported pursuant to this Order. If no imports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If import have occurred, Renaissance U.S. must report the total volumes (in Mcf) and the average price of gas per MMBtu paid to Renaissance Ltd. at the international border. The monthly price information shall itemize separately the monthly demand and commodity charges, and, if applicable, reservation fees. With respect to the gas being imported, Renaissance U.S. shall indicate by month the volumes in Mcf being resold by State.

D. The first quarterly report required by Order Paragraph C of this Order is due no later than January 30, 1999, and should cover the period from November 1, 1998, until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 1998.

E. The quarterly reports required by Order Paragraph C of this Order shall be filed with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Fossil Energy, Room 3E-042, FE-034, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C., 20585.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 02, 1998.

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1. 1/ 15 U.S.C. § 717b.