

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

IDAHO POWER CO.

FE DOCKET NO. 98-91-NG

ORDER AMENDING BLANKET AUTHORITY TO  
IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1438-A

On December 10, 1998, Idaho Power Co. (Idaho Power) 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), 15 U.S.C. § 717b, and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, requesting an amendment to its import/export authorization. Idaho Power is currently authorized to import and export up to a combined total of one billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first import or export delivery. Idaho Power requests an increase in the authorized import and export volume to a combined total of 730 Bcf over the two-year term.

The application for amendment filed by Idaho Power 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 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 Idaho Power to amend its current authority 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.

### ORDER

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

A. DOE/FE Order No. 1438 (Order 1438) issued on November 19, 1998, is amended to authorize Idaho Power Co. to import and export up to a combined total of 730 billion cubic feet of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year beginning on the date of first import or export delivery, whichever occurs first.

B. All other terms and conditions contained in Order 1438 shall remain in full force and effect.

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