

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

RENAISSANCE ENERGY (U.S.) INC.)
_____) FE DOCKET NO. 99-02-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1454

JANUARY 22, 1999

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On January 11, 1999, Renaissance Energy (U.S.) Inc. (Renaissance), 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, for blanket authorization to import from and to export to Canada up to a combined total of 250 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year period, beginning on February 1, 1999.^{2/} Renaissance, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, is owned by Renaissance Energy Ltd., a private corporation. Renaissance purchases natural gas from Renaissance Energy Ltd., and resells that gas throughout the United States. The requested authorization will allow Renaissance to import and export the gas under short-term and spot market transactions either on its own behalf or as the agent for others. No new pipeline construction would be involved.

II. FINDING

The application filed by Renaissance 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 Renaissance 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

1/ 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

2/ January 31, 1999, is the expiration date of Renaissance's existing blanket import/export authorization granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1239 dated January 28, 1997 (1 FE ¶ 71,353).

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. Renaissance Energy (U.S.) Inc. (Renaissance) is authorized to import from and to export to Canada up to a combined total of 250 Bcf of natural gas over a period of two years beginning on February 1, 1999, through January 31, 2001. 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 and exports authorized by this Order, Renaissance 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 have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports or exports occur, Renaissance 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. The reports described in Ordering Paragraph B of this Order shall be filed with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Fossil Energy, Room 3E-042, 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, 1999, and should cover the period from February 1, 1999, until the end of the first calendar quarter, March 31, 1999.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on January 22, 1999.

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