

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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STAMPEDER ENERGY (U.S.) INC. ) FE DOCKET NO. 99-14-NG  
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT  
AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA AND MEXICO  
AND TO IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FROM ANY COUNTRY

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1463

FEBRUARY 23, 1999

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On February 18, 1999, Stampeder Energy (U.S.) Inc. (Stampeder) 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, to extend its current blanket authorization to import up to 100 Bcf and to export up to 100 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, and to import up to 10 Bcf of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from any country. The term of the authorization would be for two years beginning March 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001.<sup>2/</sup> Stampeder, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, is a natural gas marketing company. Stampeder intends to import and export the gas, including the importation of LNG, under spot and short-term transactions, either on its own behalf or as the agent for others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline or LNG facilities.

## II. FINDING

The application filed by Stampeder 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, and the import of LNG, is deemed to be consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Stampeder to import and export natural gas from and to

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1 . 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

2 . February 28, 1999, is the expiration date of Stampeder's current blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, including importation of LNG (DOE/FE Order No. 1249 issued February 12, 1997, 1 FE ¶ 71,366).

Canada and Mexico, nations with which free trade agreements are in effect, and to import LNG from any country, 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. Stampeder Energy (U.S.) Inc. (Stampeder) is authorized to import up to 100 Bcf and to export up to 100 Bcf of natural gas, from and to Canada and Mexico, and to import up to 10 Bcf of LNG from any country, over a two-year term beginning March 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001. These transactions may take place at any United States border point.

B. With respect to the natural gas imports, including LNG, and the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, Stampeder 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 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, Stampeder 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 March 1, 1999, until the end of the first calendar quarter, March 31, 1999.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 23, 1999.

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