

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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 PAWTUCKET POWER ASSOCIATES) FE DOCKET NO. 99-31-NG
 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP)
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1481

MAY 19, 1999

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On May 18, 1999, as amended by fax letter dated May 19, 1999, Pawtucket Power Associates Limited Partnership (Pawtucket) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act^{1/} (NGA) and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, for blanket authorization to import up to 10.584 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada over a two- year term beginning on May 31, 1999, and ending May 30, 2001.^{2/} Pawtucket, a Massachusetts limited partnership with its principal place of business in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, owns and operates a cogeneration unit located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING

The application filed by Pawtucket has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import 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 Pawtucket 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. This blanket order authorizes transactions under contracts with terms of no longer than two years.

^{1/} 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

^{2/} May 30, 1999, is the expiration date of Pawtucket's import authorization granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1271 on April 29, 1997 (1 FE ¶ 71,400).

ORDER

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

A. Pawtucket Power Associates Limited Partnership (Pawtucket) is authorized to import up to 10.584 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on May 31, 1999, and ending on May 30, 2001. This natural gas may be imported at any United States/Canada border point.

B. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Pawtucket shall file with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Fossil Energy, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. If no imports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, Pawtucket must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price per MMBtu at the international border. The reports shall also provide the details of each import 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; (6) the geographic market(s) served (by State); (7) whether sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis; and, if applicable, (8) the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price.

C. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph B of this Order is due not later than July 30, 1999, and should cover the period from May 31, 1999, until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 1999.

D. The quarterly reports required by Ordering Paragraph B of this Order shall be filed with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Fossil Energy, Room

3E-042, FE-34, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20585.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on May 19, 1999.

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