

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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BARRINGTON PETROLEUM LTD. ) FE DOCKET NO. 99-56-NG  
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1504

AUGUST 13, 1999

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On August 9, 1999, Barrington Petroleum Ltd. (Barrington) 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, for authorization to import up to 3.65 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2001. Barrington, a Canadian corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, is a natural gas producer and marketer. Barrington will import the natural gas under short-term and spot market transactions that will reflect current market conditions. The proposed authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

## II. FINDING

The application filed by Barrington 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 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 Barrington 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.

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<sup>1/</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

ORDER

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

A. Barrington Petroleum Ltd. (Barrington) is authorized to import up to 3.65 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on September 1, 1999, and extending through August 31, 2001. This natural gas may be imported at any point on the border of the United States and Canada.

B. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Barrington will file, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. If imports of natural gas have not been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, Barrington must report the following: (1) total monthly volumes in Mcf; (2) the average monthly purchase price of gas per MMBtu at the international border; (3) the name of the seller; (4) the name of the purchaser(s); (5) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s); (6) the name of the United States transporter(s); (7) the point(s) of entry; and (8) the geographic market(s) served (by State). The report will also include this: (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. [OMB No.: 1901-0294]

C. The reports required in Ordering Paragraphs B of this Order will be filed with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Fossil Energy, Room 3E-042, FE-34, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585.

D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph B of this Order is due not later than October 30, 1999, and should cover the period from September 1, 1999, until the end of the third calendar quarter, September 30, 1999.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on August 13, 1999.

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