

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

TENASKA MARKETING VENTURES)

FE DOCKET NO. 99-67-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1521

OCTOBER 14, 1999

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On September 21, 1999, Tenaska Marketing Ventures (Tenaska) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy 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 and export up to a combined total of 400 billion cubic feet of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first import or export delivery after November 30, 1999.^{2/} Tenaska, a marketer of natural gas, is a Nebraska corporation with its principal place of business in Omaha, Nebraska. Tenaska states that the provisions of any natural gas purchases will be voluntarily negotiated and market responsive. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING

The application filed by Tenaska 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 Tenaska to import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, nations with which free trade agreements are 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/} November 30, 1999, is the expiration date of Tenaska's import/export authorization granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1308 on October 16, 1997 (1 FE ¶ 71,462).

ORDER

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

A. Tenaska Marketing Ventures (Tenaska) is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 400 billion cubic feet of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first import or export delivery after November 30, 1999, whichever occurs first. This natural gas may be imported and exported at any United States border point.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Tenaska shall provide written notification to the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities of the date that the first import or export of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

C. With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, Tenaska shall file with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether imports or exports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports or exports of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports or exports have occurred, Tenaska 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(s); (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 exit; and (8) 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. [OMB No.: 1901-0294]

D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than January 30, 2000, and should cover the period from December 1, 1999, until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 1999.

E. The notification and quarterly reports required by Ordering Paragraphs B and C 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.

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