

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

EL PASO MERCHANT ENERGY-GAS, L.P.) FE DOCKET NO. 99-93-LNG
Successor to Sonat Energy Services Company)
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ORDER TRANSFERRING LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1549-A

On December 8, 1999, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) granted long-term authorization to Sonat Energy Services Company (SES) in DOE/FE Order No. 1549 (Order 1549)^{1/} to import up to 82 billion cubic feet of liquefied natural gas (LNG) per year from Trinidad and Tobago over a period of 22 years beginning on the date of the first delivery, in accordance with authorizations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in Docket Nos. CP99-579-000 et al., and the final supply agreement with the MCNA Partners (SES British Gas Trinidad and Tobago Limited, AGIP Trinidad and Tobago Limited, Veba Oil & Gas Trinidad GmbH, and Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited).

^{1/} Not yet published.

On October 25, 1999, Sonat Inc., parent company of SES, merged into El Paso Energy Corporation (El Paso). As a result, SES, now named El Paso Merchant Energy Holding Company, no longer has any involvement in natural gas marketing. All gas marketing activities in the El Paso organization will now be handled by a newly created entity, El Paso Merchant Energy-Gas, L.P. As a result of the above mentioned organizational changes, SES (El Paso Merchant Energy Holding Company) requests the authority granted by Order 1549 be transferred to El Paso Merchant Energy-Gas, L.P., allowing the new entity to purchase the LNG produced by the NCMA Partners as well as contract with Southern LNG Inc. for one hundred percent of the capacity at the Elba Island LNG receiving terminal.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, Order 1549, is amended to substitute El Paso Merchant Energy-Gas, L.P. as the importer of the LNG. All other terms and conditions contained in Order 1549 shall remain in full force and effect.

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