



## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On February 11, 2000, as amended on February 22, 2000, the City of Burbank, California, Public Service Department (Burbank) 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 blanket authorization to import up to 4.8 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2000, and extending through December 31, 2001. Burbank, a municipality organized under the laws of the State of California, purchases natural gas to generate electricity to meet the needs of commercial, residential and industrial customers. Burbank will import the gas under short-term and spot market arrangements. The natural gas would be imported by Burbank from the Province of Alberta at the U.S./Canadian border near Eastport, Idaho (Kingsgate, British Columbia). The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

## II. FINDING

The application filed by Burbank 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 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 Burbank to import natural gas from Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the section 3(c)

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<sup>1/</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

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. The City of Burbank, California, Public Service Department (Burbank) is authorized to import up to 4.8 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2000, and extending through December 31, 2001. This natural gas may be imported at any point on the international border between the United States and Canada.

B. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Burbank shall file with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, Burbank 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 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 United States 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.

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

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.

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