

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY**

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**BURLINGTON RESOURCES TRADING INC. ) FE DOCKET NO. 00-34-NG**  
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**ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS  
FROM AND TO CANADA**

**DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1599**

**MAY 25, 2000**

## **I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST**

On May 19, 1999, Burlington Resources Trading Inc. (Burlington) 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 and export up to a combined total of 200 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada. The term of the authorization would be for two years beginning on the date of the initial import or export delivery, whichever occurs first. Burlington, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Westheimer, Texas, is a producer, transporter, and marketer of hydrocarbon products in the United States. The natural gas will be imported and exported under spot and short-term transactions, either on Burlington's own behalf or as the agent for others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

## **II. FINDING**

The application filed by Burlington 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 Burlington to import and export natural gas from and to 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

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<sup>1/</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

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. Burlington Resources Trading Inc. (Burlington) is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 200 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada for two years beginning on the date of the first import or export delivery. This natural gas may be imported and exported at any point on the border of the United States and Canada.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Burlington shall provide written notification 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, Burlington shall file, 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, Burlington must report the following information: (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 U.S. 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 include this additional information: (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 notice and reports described in 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, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585.

E. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph B of this Order is due not later than July 30, 2000, and should cover the period from the date of this Order until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 2000.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on May 25, 2000.

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