

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

IDACORP ENERGY SOLUTIONS L.P.)

FE DOCKET NO. 00-100-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1663

DECEMBER 27, 2000

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On December 20, 2000, IDACORP Energy Solutions L.P. (IES) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),^{1/} and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, for blanket authorization to import and export from and to Canada up to a combined total of 730 billion cubic feet of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on December 20, 2000, and extending through December 19, 2002.^{2/} IES is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Idaho with its principal place of business in Boise, Idaho. IES is owned by IDACORP, Inc., the parent holding company of Idaho Power Company, an electric utility company that serves retail customers in Idaho and provides wholesale electric power and transmission services. IES will engage in the marketing of natural gas, including the import and export of natural gas under spot and short-term purchase arrangements on its own behalf and on the behalf of others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING

The application filed by IES has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and 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 IES to

^{1/} 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

^{2/} December 20, 2000, is the expiration date of IES's current import/export authorization granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1438 on November 19, 1998, and amended by DOE/FE Order No. 1438-B on July 12, 1999 (2 FE ¶ 70,265 and 2 FE ¶ 70,359 respectively).

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 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. IDACORP Energy Solutions L.P. (IES) is authorized to import and export from and to Canada up to a combined total of 730 billion cubic feet of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on December 20, 2000, and extending through December 19, 2002. This natural gas may be imported or exported at any point on the international border between the United States and Canada.

B. With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, IES shall file with 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, IES must report the following: (1) total monthly volumes in Mcf; (2) the average 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 or exit; (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] C. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph B of this Order is due not later than January 30, 2001, and should cover the period from December 20, 2000, until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 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, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

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