

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

PROGAS U.S.A., INC.)
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FE DOCKET NO. 01-09-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1671

MARCH 9, 2001

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On March 7, 2001, ProGas U.S.A., Inc. (ProGas U.S.A.) 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 authorization to import up to 800 Bcf and to export up to 200 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term beginning April 1, 2001, and extending through March 31, 2003.^{2/} ProGas U.S.A., a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, is owned by ProGas Limited, a private Canadian corporation. ProGas U.S.A. will import and export the natural gas under short-term and spot market transactions on its own behalf and as an agent for others. The proposed authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING

The application filed by ProGas U.S.A. 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 ProGas U.S.A. 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

^{1/} 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

^{2/} ProGas U.S.A.'s current blanket authorization to import and export natural gas was granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1468 on March 1, 1999 (1 FE ¶ 70,306). Initial deliveries began April 1, 1999, and the authority is approved through March 31, 2001.

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. ProGas U.S.A., Inc. (ProGas U.S.A.) is authorized to import up to 800 Bcf of natural gas and to export up to 200 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term beginning on April 1, 2001, and extending through March 31, 2003. This natural gas may be imported and exported at any point on the border of the United States and Canada.

B. With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, ProGas U.S.A. must 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 will 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, ProGas U.S.A. 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 will also include this additional information: (1) whether sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis; and (2) the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price. [OMB No.: 1901-0294]

C. The reports required by Ordering Paragraph B of this Order will 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.

D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph B of this Order is due not later than July 30, 2001, and should cover the period from April 1, 2001, until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 2000.

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