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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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NORTHEAST GAS MARKETS LLC)
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FE DOCKET NO. 01-53-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1711

OCTOBER 2, 2001

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On September 28, 2001, Northeast Gas Markets LLC (NEGM) 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 up to a combined total of 400 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada beginning on November 1, 2001.^{2/} NEGM is a limited liability company with its principal place of business in Beverly, Massachusetts. NEGM will import and export natural gas under short-term and spot purchase arrangements for its own account and as agent for others. The proposed authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING

The application filed by NEGM 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 NEGM 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

^{1/} 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

^{2/} October 31, 2001, is the expiration date of NEGM's current blanket import/export authority granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1443 on December 8, 1998 (2 FE ¶ 70,274).

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. Northeast Gas Markets LLC (NEGM) is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 400 billion cubic feet of natural gas from and to Canada, beginning on November 1, 2001, and extending through October 31, 2003.

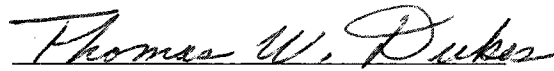
B. This natural gas may be imported and exported at any point on the border between the United States and Canada.

C. With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, NEGM shall 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 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, NEGM must report the following: (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 also include: (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]

D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than January 30, 2002, and should cover the period from the date of this Order, until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 2001.

E. The quarterly reports required by Ordering Paragraph 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, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20585.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on October 2, 2001.



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