

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1721

OCTOBER 19, 2001

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On October 17, 2001, MASSPOWER (MASSPOWER) 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 20 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term beginning on October 22, 2001, and extending through October 21, 2003.<sup>2/</sup> MASSPOWER is a Massachusetts general partnership with its principal place of business in Boston, Massachusetts. MASSPOWER owns and operates a 239 megawatt cogeneration unit located in Springfield, Massachusetts. The proposed natural gas import and export are within the partnership powers of MASSPOWER. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

## II. FINDING

The application filed by MASSPOWER 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 MASSPOWER 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 interest. This blanket order authorizes transactions under contracts with terms of no longer than two years.

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<sup>1/</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

<sup>2/</sup> October 21, 2001, is the expiration date of MASSPOWER's import/export authorization granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1529 on October 21, 1999 (2 FE ¶ 70,396).

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. MASSPOWER (MASSPOWER) is authorized to import up to a combined total of 20 billion cubic feet of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term beginning on October 22, 2001, and extending through October 21, 2003. This natural gas may be imported or exported at any point on the international border of the United States and Canada.

B. With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, MASSPOWER 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, MASSPOWER 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, 2002, and should cover the period from October 22, 2001, until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 2001.

D. Quarterly reports 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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