

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY**

PITTSFIELD GENERATING COMPANY L.P.

) **FE DOCKET NO. 01-65-NG**
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**ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA**

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1727

OCTOBER 30, 2001

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On October 17, 2001, Pittsfield Generating Company, L.P. (the “Applicant”) applied to the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) 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 a two-year, blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, beginning October 30, 2001. Specifically, the Applicant seeks to import up to 25.5 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas and export up to 25.5 Bcf of natural gas between both countries through short-term and spot market arrangements. The Applicant, a Delaware limited partnership with its principal office in Boston, Massachusetts, owns and operates a cogeneration power plant in Springfield, Massachusetts.

In an order issued October 31, 1999, the Applicant received identical broad-based, authority which extended from October 30, 1999, through October 29, 2001.^{2/} Granting a new authorization will enable the Applicant to continue importing and exporting a like quantity of natural gas for two more years beginning October 30, 2001, under the same conditions. Once again, each sales and purchase transaction will be structured to provide a commodity price that is competitive in the short-term and spot market for natural gas. The proposed imports and exports involve no new construction or expansion of pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING

This application 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 importation and exportation 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 the Applicant 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

^{1/} 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

^{2/} See DOE/FE Order No. 1531 (2 FE ¶ 70,398).

and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest. This blanket order authorizes transactions under supply contracts with terms of no longer than two years.

ORDER

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

A. Pittsfield Generating Company, L.P. (the "Applicant") is authorized to import up to 25.5 Bcf of natural gas from Canada, and export up to 25.5 Bcf of natural gas to Canada. This authorization is for two years beginning on October 30, 2001, and extending through October 29, 2003. The natural gas may be imported and exported by pipeline at any international border crossing point.

B. With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, the Applicant will file with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Fossil Energy, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether imports or exports of natural gas have been made. If no imports or exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports or exports have occurred, the Applicant will report the following information: (1) the 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 reports will also include the following 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]

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

D. The quarterly reports will 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.

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