

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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WILLIAMS ENERGY MARKETING & TRADING )  
COMPANY )

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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1743

NOVEMBER 30, 2001

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On November 16, 2001, Williams Energy Marketing & Trading Company(WEM&T) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) 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 up to 200 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on November 1, 2001, and extending through October 31, 2003.<sup>2/</sup> WEM&T, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will import the natural gas on a competitive basis, either on its own behalf or on the behalf of others. The applicant requests authority to import this gas under spot and short-term sales arrangements. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

## II. FINDING

The application filed by WEM&T has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import 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 of natural gas from 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 WEM&T to import natural gas from 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> WEM&T's authorization to import natural gas granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1533, on October 28, 1999 (2 FE ¶ 70,401), expired October 31, 2001.

ORDER

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

A. Williams Energy Marketing & Trading Company(WEM&T) is authorized to import up to 200 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on November 1, 2001, and extending through October 31, 2003. This natural gas may be imported at any point on the international border between the United States and Canada.

B. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, WEM&T shall file with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, WEM&T must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas per MMBtu at the international border. The reports shall also provide the details of each import transaction, including: (1) the name of the seller(s); (2) the name of the purchaser(s); (3) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s); (4) the name of the United States transporter(s); (5) the point(s) of entry; (6) the geographic markets(s) served (by state); (7) whether sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis; and, if applicable, (8) the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price.

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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 November 1, 2001, through the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 2001.

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, FE-34, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S. W., Washington, D.C., 20585.

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