

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

GASODUCTO ROSARITO, S. DE R.L. DE C. V.)
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FE DOCKET NO. 02-05-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS
TO MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1757

FEBRUARY 26, 2002

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On February 23, 2002, Gasoducto Rosarito, S. de R.L. de C. V. (GR) 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 export up to 155 Bcf of natural gas to Mexico, over a two-year term beginning on March April 1, 2002.^{2/} GR is a Sociedad de Responsabilidad Limitada organized under the laws of the United Mexican States with its principal place of business in San Diego, California. GR is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Semptra Energy. GR plans to export the natural gas under short-term and spot market arrangements on its own behalf or on behalf of others.

II. FINDING

The application filed by GR has been evaluated to determine if the proposed 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 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 GR to export natural gas to Mexico, 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.

^{1/} 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

^{2/} GR's current blanket export authority granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1577 issued on March 22, 2000, (2 FE ¶ 70,469) will expire on March 31, 2002.

ORDER

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

A. Gasoducto Rosarito, S. de R.L. de C. V. (GR) is authorized to export up to 155 Bcf of natural gas to Mexico over a two-year term beginning on April 1, 2002, and extending through March 31, 2004.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, GR shall file with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether 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 exports have occurred, GR 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); and (7) the point(s) of exit.

D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than July 30, 2002, and should cover the period from April 1, 2002, until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 2002.

E. The quarterly reports required by Ordering Paragraphs 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.

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