

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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ALLIANCE CANADA MARKETING L.P. )  
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FE DOCKET NO. 02-71-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1819

OCTOBER 24, 2002

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On October 9, 2002, as supplemented on October 10, 2002, Alliance Canada Marketing L.P. (ACM) 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> for authorization to import from Canada, up to 69.535 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term, beginning on November 13, 2002.<sup>2/</sup> ACM is an Alberta limited partnership with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. ACM's partners include Fort Chicago Marketing Canadian Limited Partnership, Westcoast Energy Inc., Enbridge AP Holdings Inc., Williams Alliance Canada Marketing Inc. and Coastal Canada Petroleum, Inc. The General Partner of ACM is Alliance Canada Marketing Ltd. ACM will import the gas under spot and short-term purchase arrangements on its own behalf as well as on the behalf of others. The proposed authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

## II. FINDING

The application filed by ACM 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 ACM to import natural gas from Canada, a nation with which a

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<sup>1/</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b. This authority is delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy pursuant to Redefinition Order No. 00-002.4 (January 8, 2002).

<sup>2/</sup> ACM's current blanket import authority granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1645 (2 FE ¶ 70, 563) issued on November 9, 2000, expires November 12, 2002.

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.

### ORDER

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

A. Alliance Canada Marketing L.P. (ACM) is authorized to import from Canada, up to 69.535 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term, beginning on November 13, 2002, and extending through November 12, 2004.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, ACM 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. 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, ACM 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 transaction, including: (1) the name of the sellers(s); (2) the name of the purchaser(s); (3) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s); (4) the name of the U.S. transporter(s); (5) the point(s) of entry; (6) the geographic market(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 breakdowns of the contract price. [OMB

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D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than January 30, 2003, and should cover the period from November 13, 2002, until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 2002.

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 24, 2002.

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