

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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WESTERN INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LTD . )

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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1847

JANUARY 15, 2003

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On December 24, 2002, Western International Holdings Ltd. (Western) 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 up to 37 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from various international sources for a two-year period beginning on January 20, 2003, and extending through January 19, 2005. Western is an Alberta corporation with its principal place of business in Edmonton, Alberta. Western is engaged in the business of purchasing LNG from various international gas producers, and reselling that gas throughout the United States. Western will import the LNG under short-term and spot market purchase transactions, either on its own behalf or as agent for others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new facilities.

## II. FINDING

The application filed by Western 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 LNG is deemed to be consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Western to import LNG from various international sources not subject to trading sanctions 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. This authority is delegated to the Assistant Secretary of Fossil Energy pursuant to Redelegation Order No. 00-002.04 (January 8, 2002).

ORDER

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

A. Western International Holdings Ltd. (Western) is authorized to import up to 37 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of liquefied natural gas (LNG), from various international sources not subject to trade sanctions, over a two-year term beginning on January 20, 2003, and extending through January 19, 2005. This LNG may be imported at any receiving facility in the United States or its territories.

B. With respect to the LNG imports authorized by this Order, Western shall file with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether imports of LNG have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports of LNG have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, Western must report by month: (1) the total volume of imports in Mcf and MMBtu; (2) the country of origin; (3) the name of the seller(s); (4) the point(s) of entry; (5) the name(s) of the LNG tankers used; (6) the estimated or actual duration of the agreements; (7) the geographic market(s) served; (8) the average landed cost per MMBtu at the point of import; and (9) the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price, if applicable. The reports also will include the monthly volumes in Mcf taken by each customer of Western. [OMB No.: 1901-0294]

C. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph B of this Order is due not later than April 30, 2003, and should cover the period from January 20, 2003, until the end of the first calendar quarter, March 31, 2003.

D. The 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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