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OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1918

NOVEMBER 17, 2003

## DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On October 21, 2003, Sempra Energy Solutions (SES) 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 blanket authority to import up to 100 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on the date of this Order.

SES is a California corporation which has its principal place of business in San Diego, California. It is engaged in the retail sale of natural gas and gas transportation services to commercial and industrial customers throughout the United States. The gas will be imported from a variety of Canadian suppliers on a month-to-month, spot-market basis or under longer-term arrangements of up to two years. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

## II. FINDING

The application filed by SES 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 SES 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.ORDER

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

A. Sempra Energy Solutions (SES) is authorized to import up to 100 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada. The term of the authority will be for a two-year term beginning on the date of

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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 Redelegation Order No. 00-002.04 (January 8, 2002).

this Order. 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, SES will 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, SES must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas per MMBtu at the international border. The reports will 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 U.S. transporter(s); (5) the point(s) of entry or exit; and (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 breakdown of the contract price.

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C. 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.

D. The first quarterly report required by this Order is due not later than January 30, 2004, and should cover the period from the date of this Order, until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 2003.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 17, 2003.

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