

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

SUNCOR ENERGY INC. AND SUNCOR)
ENERGY MARKETING INC.)

DOCKET NO. 03-86-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1931

DECEMBER 23, 2003

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On December 10, 2003, Suncor Energy Inc. and Suncor Energy Marketing Inc. (together Suncor) 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 for blanket authorization to import up to 128 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada. Suncor requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2004. Suncor is a Canadian corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta Canada.

II. FINDING

The application 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 Suncor 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 Order authorizes transactions under contracts with terms of no longer than two years.

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

ORDER

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

A. Suncor Energy Inc. and Suncor Energy Marketing, Inc. (Suncor) is authorized to import up to a 128 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada. The two-year term of authority beginning on January 1, 2004, and extending through December 31, 2005.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Suncor 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, the report must give the details of each transaction, including: (1) the total monthly volumes in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (2) the average purchase price of gas per million British thermal units (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 United States transporter(s); (7) the point(s) of entry; (8) the geographic market(s) served by States; and, if applicable, (9) the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price. [OMB No.: 1901-0294]

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

E. The quarterly reports shall be filed with the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, FE-34, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026-4375.

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