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November 23, 2004

Ms. Larine Moore
Office of Fossil Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Docket Room 3E-042, FE-34
Washington, D.C. 20585

04-122-NG

Vacate
Order 1831
(02-85-NG)

Re: Application of KeySpan Gas East Corporation for Blanket Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas from and to Canada and to Vacate Existing Blanket Authorization, FE Docket No. 04-122-NG

Dear Ms. Moore:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and one copy of the Application of KeySpan Gas East Corporation for Blanket Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas from and to Canada and to Vacate Existing Blanket Authorization. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$50.00, made payable to the Treasurer of the United States, for the filing fee.

A copy of this application is also being transmitted to you as of the date of this letter by facsimile. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Janet M. Robins

Enclosures

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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IN THE MATTER OF)
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KEYSPAN GAS EAST CORPORATION)
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FE Docket No. 04 122 NG

APPLICATION OF KEYSpan GAS EAST CORPORATION
FOR BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT AND EXPORT
NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA AND
TO VACATE EXISTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act ("NGA"), 15 U.S.C. § 717b, the regulations of the Department of Energy ("DOE"), 10 C.F.R. § 590.201, et seq., and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, KeySpan Gas East Corporation ("KeySpan Gas East") hereby applies to DOE's Office of Fossil Energy ("OFE") for blanket authority to import and export up to a total of 25 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada for a two-year period beginning on December 10, 2004. KeySpan Gas East also requests OFE to vacate its existing blanket authorization as of the date that it grants the new blanket authority requested here. In support of its application, KeySpan Gas East states the following:

I.

The exact legal name of KeySpan Gas East is KeySpan Gas East Corporation, d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery Long Island. KeySpan Gas East, a local natural gas

distribution company, is a New York corporation with its principal place of business in Hicksville, New York. Its parent company is KeySpan Corporation ("KeySpan"), a New York State Corporation, which has its principal place of business in Brooklyn, New York. As stated in the opinion of counsel that KeySpan Gas East submitted to OFE on November 21, 2002 in FE Docket No. 02-85-NG, in connection with its previous application for blanket authorization to import and export natural gas, the proposed natural gas importation and exportation is within the corporate powers of KeySpan Gas East.

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II.

KeySpan Gas East requests blanket import and export authorization to import and export up to a total of 25 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year period commencing December 10, 2004, and also requests OFE to vacate its existing blanket authorization as of the date that the new blanket authorization requested here is granted. KeySpan Gas East's existing blanket authorization was

granted in DOE/FE Order No. 1831 ("Order 1831") in FE Docket No. 02-85-NG. Order 1831 authorizes KeySpan Gas East to import up to 2 Bcf of gas over a two year term extending until January 15, 2005. KeySpan Gas East now anticipates that it will need to import more than 2 Bcf of gas by January 15, 2005. It accordingly requests OFE to vacate the blanket authorization granted in Order 1831 and issue a new blanket authorization, effective as of December 10, 2004, that will permit KeySpan Gas East to import and export up to 25 Bcf of gas over a two year period beginning December 10, 2004.

KeySpan Gas East requests authority to import and export the gas at any point on the international border at which existing United States transportation facilities accessible to KeySpan Gas East are located. KeySpan Gas East will make all U.S. transportation arrangements for the gas imported under the requested blanket authority. No new pipeline facilities subject to federal regulation will be required for the importation or exportation, and no potential environmental impact is anticipated.

KeySpan Gas East will comply with all reporting requirements deemed necessary by the Department of Energy, including filing quarterly reports.

III.

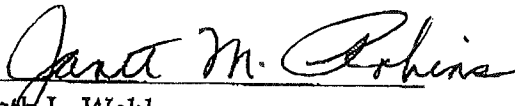
Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act provides that an import or export of natural gas must be authorized unless there is a finding that it "will not be consistent with the public interest." 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a) (1993). As amended by Section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, P.L. 102-486, 106 Stat. 2866 (1992), 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c) (1993), the importation and exportation of natural gas from and 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 authorization for such must be

granted without modification or delay. 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c). This authorization, sought by KeySpan Gas East, is to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect. It therefore meets the Section 3(c) criterion, and should be approved as consistent with the public interest.

WHEREFORE, KeySpan Gas East respectfully requests blanket authorization effective December 10, 2004 to import and export up to 25 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada for a two-year period beginning on December 10, 2004. It also request OFE to vacate the blanket authorization OFE granted to KeySpan Gas East in Order 1831 as of the date that it grants the new blanket authority requested here.

Dated: November 23, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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KEYSPAN GAS EAST CORPORATION)
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FE DOCKET NO. 02-85-NG

ORDER VACATING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM AND TO CANADA


DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1831-A

On November 29, 2002, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) granted blanket authorization to KeySpan Gas East Corporation (KGEC) in DOE/FE Order No. 1831 (Order 1831) (2 FE ¶ 70,806) to import and export up to a total of 2 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term beginning on January 15, 2003, and extending through January 14, 2005.

On November 23, 2004, KGEC filed a request with FE to vacate Order 1831 effective December 10, 2004 and, additionally, a request for a two-year blanket authorization to import and export up to a total of 25 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada which will supersede the current authorization.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, Order No. 1831, authorizing the import and export of natural gas from and to Canada, is hereby vacated.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 9, 2004.



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