

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

GASODUCTO ROSARITO, S. DE R. L. DE C. V.)

FE DOCKET NO. 04-35-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1957

MARCH 30, 2004

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On March 17, 2004, Gasoducto Rosarito, S. de R. L. de C. V. (GR) 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/} requesting blanket authorization to export up to 155 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas to Mexico. The term of the authorization would be for a period of two years beginning on April 1, 2004, and extending through March 31, 2006. GR is a Sociedad de Responsabilidad Limitada organized under the laws of the United Mexican States with its principal place of business in San Diego, California. GR plans to export this gas under spot and short-term sales arrangements, on its own behalf as well as on behalf of others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING

The application filed by GR has been evaluated to determine if the proposed export 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 export of natural gas 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 must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by GR to export natural gas to Mexico, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion and,

^{1/} 15 U.S.C. § 717b. This authority is delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy pursuant to Redefinition Order No. 00-002.04 (January 8, 2002).

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. Gasoducto Rosarito, S. de R. L. de C. V. (GR) is authorized to export up to 155 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas to Mexico over a two-year term, beginning on April 1, 2004, and extending through March 31, 2006. This natural gas may be exported at any point on the international border between the United States and Mexico.

B. With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, GR shall file, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether exports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no exports of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If exports have occurred, GR must report the following: (1) total monthly volumes in Mcf; (2) the average monthly purchase price of gas per 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 exit.

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C. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph B of this Order is due not later than July 30, 2004, and should cover the period from April 1, 2004, until the end of the second calendar quarter June 30, 2004.

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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