

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

AVISTA CORPORATION

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FE DOCKET NO. 04-70-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2001

JUNE 28, 2004

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On June 23, 2004, Avista Corporation (Avista) 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 and export up to a combined total of 150 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on June 25, 2004. Avista is a Washington corporation with its principal place of business in Spokane, Washington.

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and 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 import and export 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 must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Avista to import and export natural gas from and to 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 Redlegation Order No. 00-002.04 (January 8, 2002).

ORDER

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

A. Avista Corporation (Avista) is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 150 billion cubic feet of natural gas from and to Canada. The term of the authority will begin on June 25, 2004, and extend through June 24, 2006.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, Avista shall file with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether imports and exports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports and exports of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports and exports 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 and exit; (8) the geographic market(s) served (for imports, by State); and, if applicable, (9) the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price.

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D. The first quarterly report required by this Order is due not later than July 30, 2004, and should cover the period from June 25, 2004, until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 2004.

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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