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CENTRAL VALLE HERMOSO, S.A. DE C.V.)
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM AND TO MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2013

AUGUST 27, 2004

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On August 27, 2004, Central Valle Hermoso, S.A. de C.V. (Central Valle) 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 30 billion cubic feet of natural gas from and to Mexico. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on September 5, 2004. Central Valle is a corporation organized under the laws of Mexico, with its principal place of business in Colonia Villa Coyoacan, Mexico D.F.

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed 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 Central Valle to import and export natural gas from and to Mexico, 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. 00-002.04 (January 8, 2002).

ORDER

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

A. Central Valle Hermoso, S.A. de C.V. (Central Valle) is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 30 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Mexico. The term of the authority will begin on September 5, 2004, and extend through September 4, 2006.


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

C. With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, Central Valle shall file with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether imports or 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; and, if applicable, (9) the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price.

D. The first quarterly report required by this Order is due not later than October 30, 2004, and should cover the period from September 5, 2004, until the end of the third calendar quarter, September 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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