



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

Sprague Energy Corp.

FE Docket No. *05-02-NG*

**APPLICATION OF SPRAGUE ENERGY CORP.  
FOR BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA**

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Sprague Energy Corp. (Sprague Energy), pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act ("NGA") and the regulations of the Department of Energy ("DOE") at 10 CFR Part 590, hereby requests blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada, all as more fully described below.

1. The exact legal name of the applicant is Sprague Energy Corp ("Sprague Energy"). Sprague Energy is a Delaware corporation having its principle place of business at Two International Drive, Suite 200, Portsmouth, NH 03801.
  
2. All correspondence concerning this application should be addresses to:
 

Thomas F. Flaherty  
Vice President Industrial Marketing  
Sprague Energy  
Two International Drive, Suite 200  
Portsmouth, NH 03801
  
3. Sprague Energy currently holds a blanket authorization to import from Canada up to 50 Bcf of natural gas, at any point on the U.S./Canada border, over a two-year term commencing January 1, 2003, and expiring on December 31, 2004 ("Order No. 1451").<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> " Order Granting Blanket Authorization to Import Natural Gas from Canada, Order No. 1451 issued December 31, 1998.




4. Given its current and projected business conditions, and the anticipated market for its imports, Sprague desires to renew its import authorization for an additional two years beginning on January 1, 2005 and extending through December 31, 2006.
5. The public interest requirement of Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act continues to be met by the fact that the gas is to be imported from Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect.
6. No new facilities will be required by Sprague Energy to continue to import gas from Canada under this requested authorization, and Sprague Energy asks that no daily limit be imposed on the imports.
7. Neither this matter, nor any related matter, is being considered by any other part of the DOE, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or any other federal agency or department.
8. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is an opinion of counsel pursuant to 10 CFR Section 590.202 (c).

WHEREFORE, Sprague Energy requests that the Office of Fossil Energy issue Blanket Import Authorization authorizing Sprague Energy to import up to 50 Bcf of natural gas from Canada, at any point along the U.S./Canada border, for a period of two years from the beginning date on January 1, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

SPRAGUE ENERGY CORP.


By:   
Thomas F. Flaherty  
Vice President Industrial Marketing

Dated: Jan 04, 2005

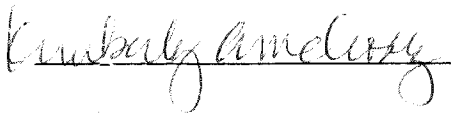


STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE           )  
   ) SS.  
 COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM           )

Thomas F. Flaherty, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Vice President Industrial Marketing of Sprague Energy Corp, and that as such he has signed the foregoing “ Application of sprague Energy Crop. For Blanket Authorization to Import Natural Gas from Canada” for and on behalf of said company, that his is authorized to do so, that he has read said document and is familiar with the contents thereof, and that the matters and things therein set forth are true and correct to the best of his knowldege, information and belief.

  
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 Thomas F. Flaherty

Sworn and subscribed to before me this  
4<sup>th</sup> Day of JANUARY, 2005

  
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Kimberly A. McCloskey  
 Notary Public, New Hampshire  
 My commission expires November 13,2007



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Attn: Alison Riley  
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Forrestal Building, FE-34, Room 3E-34  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

**Re: Application of Sprague Energy Corp. for  
Blanket Authorization to Import Natural Gas from Canada**

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Section 590.202 (c) of the Regulations of the Department of Energy (10 CFR Sec. 590.202 (c)), I hereby advise you that in my opinion the proposed importation of natural gas that is subject of the referenced application is within the corporate powers of Sprague Energy Corp.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Flaherty  
Vice President Industrial Marketing