

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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SPRAGUE ENERGY CORP.

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DOCKET NO. 05-02-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT NATURAL GAS  
FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2067

FEBRUARY 3, 2005

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On January 12, 2005, Sprague Energy Corp. (Sprague) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),<sup>1</sup> for blanket authorization to import up to 50 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada. Sprague requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2005. Sprague is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import 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 of natural gas from 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 Sprague to import natural gas from 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. §717b. Sprague Energy previous authorization, Order No. 1451 expired on December 31, 2004, this Order extends their authorization for two more years.

ORDER

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

A. Sprague Energy Corp. (Sprague) is authorized to import up to 50 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada. The term of the authority will begin on January 1, 2005, and extend through December 31, 2006.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Sprague shall file with the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, the report must give 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; (8) the geographic market(s) served; and, if applicable, (9) the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price. [OMB No.: 1901-0294]

D. The first quarterly report required by this Order is due not later than April 30, 2005, and should cover the period from January 1, 2005, until the end of the first quarter, March 31, 2005.

E. The quarterly reports shall be filed with the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, FE-34, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026-4375.

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