

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

RECEIVED  
FE DOCKET ROOM

2005 MAR 15 P 2:55

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

\_\_\_\_\_  
)  
STATOIL NATURAL GAS LLC )  
\_\_\_\_\_  
)

FE DOCKET NO. 05-12-LNG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS  
FROM VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL SOURCES

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2077

MARCH 15, 2005

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On March 1, 2005, Statoil Natural Gas LLC (Statoil) 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 the equivalent of 200 billion cubic feet of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from various international sources. The authorization would be for a two-year term beginning on June 1, 2005. Statoil is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Stamford, Connecticut.

## 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 LNG is deemed to be consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Statoil to import LNG meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest so long as the LNG sources are not subject to trading sanctions. This Order authorizes transactions with terms of no longer than two years.

---

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

ORDER

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

A. Statoil Natural Gas LLC (Statoil) is authorized to import up to the equivalent of 200 billion cubic feet of liquefied natural gas (LNG). The term of the authority will be for a two-year term beginning on June 1, 2005, and extending through March 31, 2007.

B. This LNG may be imported at any LNG receiving facility in the United States and its territories.

C. With respect to the LNG imports authorized by this Order, Statoil shall file with the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether imports of LNG have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If LNG imports have not been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports of LNG have occurred, the report must give the details of each LNG cargo: (1) the country of origin; (2) total monthly volumes in thousand cubic feet (Mcf) and million British thermal units (MMBtu); (3) the name of the seller(s); (4) the name of the purchaser(s); (5) the point(s) of entry; (6) the name(s) of the LNG tanker; (7) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s); (8) the geographic market(s) served (by State); and, (9) the average landed cost per MMBtu at the point of import. [OMB NO.: 1901-0294]

D. The first quarterly report required by this Order is due not later than July 30, 2005, and should cover the period from the date of this Order until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 2005.

E. The reports required by this Order 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.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 15, 2005.



---

R. F. Corbin  
Manager, Natural Gas Regulatory Activities  
Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply  
Office of Fossil Energy