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MEXICANA DE COBRE, S.A. DE C.V.

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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2349

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I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On April 20, 2007, Mexicana de Cobre, S.A. de C.V. (Mexicana de Cobre), 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 export up to 17.52 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas to Mexico. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on April 27, 2007.² Mexicana de Cobre is a Mexican corporation with its principal place of business in Colonia Roma Sur, Distrito Federal, Mexico.

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed 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), of the NGA, 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 and the import of LNG are deemed to be consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Mexicana de Cobre to export natural gas 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 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 Redelelegation Order No. 00.002.04C (January 30, 2007).

²/ Mexicana de Cobre's blanket authorization granted in DOE/FE Order No. 2086 on April 27, 2005, extends through April 26, 2007 (2 FE ¶ 71,106).

ORDER

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

A. Mexicana de Cobre, S.A. de C.V.(Mexicana de Cobre) is authorized to export up to 17.52 billion cubic feet of natural gas to Mexico pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term which began on April 27, 2007, and extends through April 26, 2009.

B. This natural gas may be exported at any point on the border between the United States and Mexico.

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, Mexicana de Cobre shall file with the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report indicating whether exports of natural gas have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no exports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If exports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give the following details: (1) country of origin; (2) the point(s) of exit; and (3) the total volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf) at each export point for the month. [OMB No.: 1901-0294]

D. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than May 30, 2007, and should cover the reporting period from April 27, 2007 through April 30, 2007.

E. **Quarterly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, Mexicana de Cobre shall file with the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether exports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no exports of natural gas have been made, a report of “no activity”

for that calendar quarter must be filed. If exports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give the details of each transaction, including: (1) the total monthly volumes in Mcf; (2) the average purchase price of gas per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the international border; (3) the name of the supplier(s); (4) the name of the purchaser(s); (5) the estimated or actual duration of the supply agreement(s); (6) the name of the United States transporter(s); (7) the point(s) of exit; and (8) the geographic market(s) served.

[OMB No.: 1901-0294]

F. The first quarterly report required by this Order is due not later than July 30, 2007, and should cover the reporting period for the second calendar quarter, April 27, 2007, through June 30, 2007.

G. Both the monthly and 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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