

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY



AVISTA CORPORATION)
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FE DOCKET NO. 07-119-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2443

NOVEMBER 6, 2007

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On October 18, 2007, Avista Corporation (Avista) 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 natural gas from and to Canada, up to a combined total of 150 billion cubic feet of natural gas. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on October 3, 2007.² Avista is a Washington corporation with its principal place of business in Spokane, Washington.

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 and export of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), 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 from other international sources are deemed to be consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Avista to import and export natural gas from and to 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 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/ At the specific request of Avista Energy, Inc., the blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada granted to Avista Corporation on July 25, 2006 in DOE/FE Order No. 2232 (2FE ¶71,269) was vacated on October 2, 2007 in DOE/FE Order No. 2232-A. DOE has been advised by Avista Corporation that this request was made in error. Avista Corporation has re-applied in this docket for a new authorization, to begin with the vacation of its previous authority.

ORDER

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

A. Avista Corporation (Avista) is authorized to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, up to a combined total of 150 billion cubic feet of natural gas pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on October 3, 2007, and extending through October 2, 2009.

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

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, Avista 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 imports or exports of natural gas have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports and/or exports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If imports and/or exports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give the following details: (1) for imports, country of origin; (2) for exports, the country of destination; (3) the point(s) of entry and exit; and (4) the total volume at each import or export point in thousand cubic feet (Mcf) for the month. [OMB No.: 1901-0294]

D. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than November 30, 2007, and should cover the reporting period from October 3, 2007 through October 31, 2007.

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

have been made, a report of “no activity” for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports or 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 entry or exit; and (8) for imports, the geographic market(s) served, by State.

[OMB No. 1901-0294]

F. The first quarterly report required by this Order is due not later than January 30, 2008, and should cover the reporting period from October 3, 2007 through December 31, 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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