

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS OPERATING LLC

FE DOCKET NO. 09-68-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA AND MEXICO,  
AND TO IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FROM  
VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL SOURCES, AND TO  
VACATE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2672

JULY 17, 2009

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On July 8, 2009, Enterprise Products Operating LLC (EPO) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),<sup>1</sup> for blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico and to import LNG from various international sources, up to a combined total of the equivalent of 90 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on September 15, 2009.<sup>2</sup> EPO is a Texas corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

Additionally, on October 22, 2008, EPO was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 2578 to export up to a total of 20 Bcf of natural gas to Canada for a two-year term beginning October 22, 2008, and extending through October 21, 2010. On July 9, 2009, EPO notified FE that the new authorization requested herein would encompass these volumes, as well as additional volumes of imports and exports of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico and imports of LNG from various international sources. Therefore, EPO requests that DOE/FE Order No. 2578 be vacated, effective the date this Order is issued.

## II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and 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), the import and export of natural gas, including LNG, from and to a nation with which there is in effect a

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<sup>1</sup>/ 15 U.S.C. § 717b. This authority is delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FE pursuant to Redefinition Order No. 00-002.04D (November 6, 2007).

<sup>2</sup>/ EPO's blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada and Mexico, to export natural gas to Mexico and to import LNG from various international sources granted in DOE/FE Order No. 2401 on September 11, 2007, extends through September 14, 2009.

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 EPO to import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, and to import LNG from various international sources, meets the section 3(c) criteria and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest. This Order authorizes transactions with terms of no longer than two years.

#### ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the NGA, it is ordered that:

A. EPO is authorized to import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico and to import LNG from various international sources, up to a combined total of the equivalent of 90 Bcf 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 September 15, 2009, and extending through September 14, 2011.

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

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

D. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports and exports, and the imports and exports of LNG authorized by this Order, EPO 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 and/or exports of natural gas or LNG have been made. Monthly reports shall be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If imports and/or exports have not occurred, 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, the country of origin; (2) for exports, the country of destination; (3) the point(s) of entry and exit; (4) the volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (5) the average purchase price of gas per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the international border; (6) the name of the supplier(s); (7) the name of the U.S. transporter(s); (8) the estimated or actual duration of the supply agreement(s); and (9) for imports, the geographic market(s) served (list State(s), U.S. Census Region(s), or general U.S. geographic area(s)).

If imports of LNG by vessel have occurred, the report must give the following details of each LNG cargo: (1) the name of the U.S. receiving terminal; (2) the name of the LNG tanker; (3) the date of arrival at the U.S. receiving terminal; (4) the country of origin; (5) the name of the supplier/seller; (6) the volume in Mcf; (7) the landed price per MMBtu at the point of import; (8) the duration of the supply agreement (indicate spot purchases); (9) the name(s) of the purchaser(s); and (10) the geographic market served (list State(s), U.S. Census Region(s), or general U.S. geographic area(s)). [OMB No. 1901-0294]

E. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than October 30, 2009, and should cover the reporting period from September 15, 2009 through September 30, 2009.

F. All monthly report filings shall be made to U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026-4375 Attention: Ms. Yvonne Caudillo. Alternatively, reports may be e-mailed to Ms. Caudillo at [Yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov) or [ngreports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ngreports@hq.doe.gov), or may be faxed to Ms. Caudillo at (202) 586-6050.

G. EPO's blanket authorization to export natural gas in DOE/FE Order No. 2578, issued on October 22, 2008, is hereby vacated, effective upon issuance of this Order.

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