

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

EXCELERATE GAS MARKETING,
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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FE DOCKET NO. 11-15-LNG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FROM
VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL SOURCES BY VESSEL
AND VACATING PRIOR AUHORIZATION

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2942

APRIL 8, 2011

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On February 7, 2011, Excelerate Gas Marketing, Limited Partnership (EGM) 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)¹ for blanket authorization to import liquefied natural gas (LNG) from various international sources by vessel up to the equivalent of 400 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on the date this Order is issued. EGM is a Delaware limited partnership with its principal place of business in The Woodlands, Texas.

Additionally, on April 23, 2009, Excelerate Energy Gas Marketing, L.L.C. was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 2633 to import LNG up to the equivalent of 400 Bcf of natural gas from various international sources for a two year term beginning on July 1, 2009, and extending through June 30, 2011. On March 3, 2011, EGM notified DOE that Excelerate Energy Gas Marketing, L.L.C. had legally become EGM on April 18, 2008, prior to the effective date of DOE/FE Order No. 2633. On March 16, 2011, EGM requested that DOE/FE Order No. 2633 be vacated effective on the date this Order is issued.

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 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

^{1/} The authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, under section 3 of the NGA (15 U.S.C. §717b) has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FE in Redelegation Order No. 00-002.04D issued on November 6, 2007.

without modification or delay. The authorization sought by EGM to import LNG from various international sources 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.

ORDER

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

A. EGM is authorized to import LNG from various international sources by vessel up to the equivalent of 400 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 April 8, 2011, and extending through April 7 2013.

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

C. LNG imports that require increased security measures from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and/or other branches of the Department of Homeland Security in place now or added in the future shall comply with those measures on a shipment by shipment basis to the satisfaction of the USCG. Such measures may include periodic boarding or examination of the vessel by the USCG at the load port, while the vessel is underway, at any time during the voyage, and before and during discharge of the cargo while at the discharge port, as well as other enhanced security measures.

D. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the import of LNG authorized by this Order, EGM 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 of LNG have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. 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 thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (7) the landed price per million British thermal units (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)).

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control No. 1901-0294)

E. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than May 30, 2011, and should cover the reporting period from April 8, 2011, through April 30, 2011.

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 or ngreports@hq.doe.gov, or may be faxed to Ms. Caudillo at (202) 586-6050.

G. Excelerate Energy Gas Marketing, L.L.C.'s blanket authorization to import liquefied natural gas from various international sources granted in DOE/FE Order No. 2633, issued on April 23, 2009, is hereby vacated.

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