

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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

DOCKET NO. 12-163-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO MEXICO  
AND VACATING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3206

DECEMBER 3, 2012

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On November 9, 2012, Mexicana de Cobre, S.A. de C.V. (Mexicana) 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 export up to 70 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas to Mexico. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on the date the Order is signed. Mexicana is a Mexican corporation with its principal place of business in Distrito Federal, Mexico.

Additionally, on March 15, 2011, Mexicana was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 2929 to export natural gas to Mexico for a two-year term beginning on April 27, 2011 and extending through April 26, 2013. On November 9, 2012, Mexicana notified DOE that it would apply for a new authorization in order to increase the combined volume of natural gas that it is authorized to export, from 17.5 Bcf to 70 Bcf. As a result, Mexicana requests that DOE/FE Order No. 2929 be vacated, effective the date this Order is issued.

## 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), 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 applications for such imports or exports must be granted without modification or delay. The

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<sup>1</sup>/ 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. 00-002.04E issued on April 29, 2011.

authorization sought by Mexicana 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.

### ORDER

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

A. Mexicana is authorized to export up to 70 Bcf 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 beginning on December 3, 2012, and extending through December 2, 2014.

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 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) the country of destination (2) the point(s) of exit; (3) the volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (4) the average purchase price of gas per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the international border; (5) the name of the supplier(s); (6) the name of the U.S. transporter(s); and (7) the estimated or actual duration of the supply agreement(s).

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

D. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than January 30, 2013, and should cover the reporting period from December 3, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

E. 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.

F. Mexicana's blanket authorization to export natural gas to Mexico, which was granted in DOE/FE Order No. 2929, issued on March 15, 2011, is hereby vacated upon issuance of this Order.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 3, 2012.



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