

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

GAS NATURAL PUERTO RICO INC.)
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FE DOCKET NO. 12-170-LNG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS
FROM VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL SOURCES BY VESSEL

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3215

JANUARY 2, 2013

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On November 26, 2012, Gas Natural Puerto Rico Inc. (Gas Natural) 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 8 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on February 1, 2013.² Gas Natural is a Puerto Rican corporation with its principal place of business in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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 applications for such imports or exports must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Gas Natural 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.

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 Redelelegation Order No. 00-002.04E issued on April 29, 2011.

²/ Gas Natural's blanket authorization to import LNG from various international sources granted in DOE/FE Order No. 2907 on February 1, 2011, extends through January 31, 2013.

ORDER

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

A. Gas Natural is authorized to import LNG from various international sources by vessel up to the equivalent of 8 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 February 1, 2013, and extending through January 31, 2015.

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 imports of LNG authorized by this Order, Gas Natural 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 shall be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If imports have not occurred, 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 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)).

(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 March 30, 2013, and should cover the reporting period from February 1, 2013, through February 28, 2013.

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.

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