

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

VITOL INC.)
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FE DOCKET NO. 12-176-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO
CANADA, TO IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)
FROM VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL SOURCES BY VESSEL, AND
TO EXPORT LNG TO CANADA BY VESSEL AND TRUCK

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3226

JANUARY 18, 2013

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On December 6, 2012, Vitol Inc. (Vitol) 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 and export natural gas from and to Canada, to import liquefied natural gas (LNG) from various international sources by vessel, and to export LNG to Canada by vessel and truck, up to a combined total of 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 January 1, 2013.² Vitol is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

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 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 Vitol to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, to import LNG from various international sources by vessel, and to export LNG to Canada by vessel and

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 / Vitol's blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada granted in DOE/FE Order No. 2870 on October 19, 2010, extends through December 31, 2012.

truck, 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. Vitol is authorized to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, to import LNG from various international sources by vessel, and to export LNG to Canada by vessel and truck, up to a combined total of 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 January 1, 2013, and extending through December 31, 2014.

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

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

D. This LNG may be exported by vessel or truck from any LNG facility in the United States and its territories. This LNG may be exported by truck at any point on the border between the United States and Canada.

E. 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.

F. Monthly Reports: With respect to the natural gas imports and exports, and the imports and exports of LNG authorized by this Order, Vitol 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)).

If exports of LNG by vessel have occurred, the report must give the following details of each LNG cargo: (1) the name of the U.S. export terminal; (2) the name of the LNG tanker; (3) the date of departure from the U.S. export terminal; (4) the country of destination; (5) the name

of the supplier/seller; (6) the volume in Mcf; (7) the price at point of export per MMBtu; (8) the duration of the supply agreement (indicate spot sales); and (9) the name(s) of the purchaser(s).

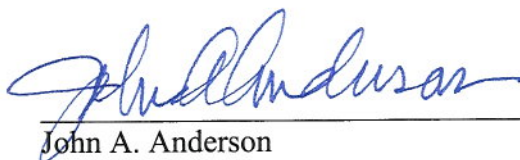
If exports of LNG by truck have occurred, the report must give the following details of each LNG cargo: (1) the name of the U.S. departure facility (2) the country of destination; (3) the point(s) of exit; (4) the names(s) of the supplier(s)/seller(s); (5) the name(s) of the LNG transporter(s); (6) the volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (7) the price per MMBtu at the point of exit; and (8) the estimated or actual duration of the supply agreement(s).

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

G. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than February 28, 2013, and should cover the reporting period from January 1, 2013, through January 31, 2013.

H. 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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