

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

NOBLE AMERICAS GAS & POWER CORP.)
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FE DOCKET NO. 14-26-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 BY VESSEL,
AND VACATING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3415

APRIL 10, 2014

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On February 28, 2014, Noble Americas Gas & Power Corp. (Noble) 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 and Mexico, and to import liquefied natural gas (LNG) from various international sources by vessel, up to a combined total of 400 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas. Noble requests that the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on June 1, 2013.² Noble is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Stamford, Connecticut.

Additionally, Noble requests that DOE vacate the existing authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 3098, effective June 1, 2013, because it will be superseded by the authorization requested herein.

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and/or 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

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 Redefinition Order No. 00-002.04F issued on July 11, 2013.

² Noble's blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada granted in DOE/FE Order No. 3098 on May 3, 2012, extends through May 13, 2014. However, because Noble exceeded its authorized volume in June 2013, Noble requests an effective date retroactive to June 1, 2013. Noble states that, despite its administrative oversight concerning the authorized volume, it has continued to file timely monthly reports in compliance with DOE/FE Order 3908.

interest, and applications for such imports and exports must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Noble to import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico and to import LNG from various international sources by vessel, 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. Noble is authorized to import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, and to import LNG from various international sources by vessel, 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 that began on June 1, 2013, and extends through May 31, 2015.

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

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

D. 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.

E. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports and exports, and the imports of LNG authorized by this Order, Noble shall file with the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, 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)).

(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 May 30, 2014, and should cover the reporting period from April 1, 2014, through April 30, 2014.

E. All monthly report filings shall be made to U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026-4375, Attention: Natural Gas Reports. Alternatively, reports may be e-mailed to ngreports@hq.doe.gov, or may be faxed to Natural Gas Reports at (202) 586-6050.

F. Noble's blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, and to import LNG from various international sources by vessel, which was granted in DOE/FE Order No. 3098, issued May 3, 2012, is hereby vacated effective June 1, 2013.

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