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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2758

MARCH 8, 2010
I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On February 4, 2010, Excelerate Energy L.P. (Excelerate) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)\(^1\) for blanket authorization to import liquefied natural gas (LNG) up to the equivalent of 400 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from various international sources. The applicant requests authorization for a two-year term beginning on the date this Order is issued. Excelerate is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in The Woodlands, Texas.

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 without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Excelerate 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.

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\(^1\) 15 U.S.C. § 717b. This authority is delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FE pursuant to Redelegation Order No. 00-002.04D (November 6, 2007).
ORDER

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

A. Excelerate is authorized to import LNG, up to the equivalent of 400 Bcf of natural gas from various international sources, pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. The authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on March 8, 2010, and extending through March 7, 2012.

B. This LNG may be imported at 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 LNG imports authorized by this Order, Excelerate 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;
E. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than April 30, 2010, and should cover the reporting period from March 8, 2010, through March 31, 2010.

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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