ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA AND VACATING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3075

MARCH 6, 2012
I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On February 9, 2012, Atlantic Power Energy Services (US) LLC (Atlantic Power) 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 up to a combined total of 132 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on the date this Order is issued. Atlantic Power is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Boston, Massachusetts.

Additionally, on March 8, 2010, CPI Energy Services (US) LLC (CPI Energy) was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order 2762 to import and export natural gas from and to Canada for a two-year term beginning March 8, 2010, and extending through March 7, 2012. On February 10, 2012, DOE was notified that CPI Energy had changed its name to Atlantic Power on January 17, 2012. It is requested that DOE/FE Order No. 2762 be vacated, effective the date this Order is issued, since the requested authorization in this docket will supersede the authorization issued to CPI Energy in DOE/FE Order No. 2762.

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

\(^1\) 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 Redelegation Order No. 00-002.04E issued on April 29, 2011.
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 must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Atlantic Power to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, 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. Atlantic Power is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 132 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada, pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on March 6, 2012, and extending through March 5, 2014.

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

C. Monthly Reports: With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, Atlantic Power 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 or exports of natural gas have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports and/or exports have been made, 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)).

(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 April 30, 2012, and should cover the reporting period from March 6, 2012, through March 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 or ngreports@hq.doe.gov, or may be faxed to Ms. Caudillo at (202) 586-6050.

F. CPI Energy’s blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada granted in DOE/FE Order No. 2762, issued on March 8, 2010, is hereby vacated upon issuance of this order.

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