

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

DTE GAS COMPANY

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FE DOCKET NO. 12-175-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3228

FEBRUARY 12, 2013

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On December 3, 2012, DTE Gas Company (DTE) 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 up to 30 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada, and to export up to 30 Bcf of natural gas to Canada. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2013. DTE is a Michigan corporation with its principal place of business in Detroit, Michigan.

Additionally, on February 22, 2011, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (MCGC) was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order 2920 to import natural gas from Canada, for a two-year term beginning November 1, 2011, and extending through October 31, 2013. On January 25, 2012, MCGC was also granted authorization in DOE/FE Order 3062 to export natural gas to Canada, for a two-year term beginning May 1, 2012, and extending through April 30, 2014. On December 3, 2012, MCGC notified DOE that it had changed its name to DTE Gas Company effective January 1, 2013. As a result, DTE requests that DOE/FE Order No. 2920 and DOE/FE Order No. 3062 be vacated, effective January 1, 2013.

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 applications for such imports and exports must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by DTE 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. DTE is authorized to import up to 30 Bcf of natural gas from Canada and to export up to 30 Bcf of natural gas to Canada, pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term which began on January 1, 2013, and extends 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. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, DTE 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 markets(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 February 28, 2013, and should cover the reporting period from January 1, 2013, through January 31, 2013.

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: 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. MCGC's blanket authorizations to import natural gas from Canada and to export natural gas to Canada granted in DOE/FE Order Nos. 2920 and 3062, issued on February 22, 2011, and January 25, 2012, respectively, are vacated as of January 1, 2013.

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