

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

ENERGÍA CHIHUAHUA, S.A. DE C.V.

FE DOCKET NO. 13-120-NG

ORDER GRANTING LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION TO  
EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3348

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## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On August 5, 2013, Energía Chihuahua S.A. de C.V. (Energía Chihuahua) 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),<sup>1</sup> for long-term authorization to export up to 50,000 million British thermal units (MMBtu) of natural gas per day to Mexico. The applicant requests the authorization be granted beginning on November 1, 2013, and extending through December 31, 2018, pursuant to a long-term contract with Noble Americas Gas & Power Corp (NAGP). Energía Chihuahua is a Mexican corporation with its principal place of business in Mexico City, Mexico.

Energía Chihuahua will purchase the natural gas under a Fuel Supply Agreement (Supply Agreement) with NAGP dated June 17, 2013. Under the provisions of the agreement, Energía Chihuahua will take delivery from NAGP at El Paso Natural Gas Company's Keystone Permian Basin Pool (or at a secondary point, the Keystone Waha Permian Basin Pool) and will export the natural gas at a point at the U.S./Mexico border near Clint, Texas. Energía Chihuahua states that the supplies will be used to fuel its natural gas-fired power plant located near Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.

## 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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. 00-002.04F issued on July 11, 2013.

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 Energía Chihuahua to export natural gas to Mexico, 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.

#### ORDER

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

A. Energía Chihuahua is authorized to export up to 50,000 MMBtu of natural gas per day to Mexico, under a Supply Agreement with Noble Americas Gas & Power Corp. dated June 17, 2013. The authorization shall be effective beginning on November 1, 2013, and extending through December 31, 2018.

B. This natural gas may be exported at the point on the international border between the United States and Mexico near Clint, Texas.

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, Energía Chihuahua shall file a report 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 exports of natural gas have been made. Monthly reports shall be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no exports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If exports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give the following details: (1) the country of destination; (2) the point(s) of exit; and (3) the volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (4) the average purchase price of gas per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the international border; (5) the name of the supplier(s); (6) the name of the U.S. transporter(s); and (7) the estimated or actual duration of the supply agreement(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 December 30, 2013, and should cover the reporting period from November 1, 2013, through November 30, 2013.

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](mailto:ngreports@hq.doe.gov), or may be faxed to Natural Gas Reports at (202) 586-6050.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Anderson", written over a horizontal line.

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