

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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WESTERN GAS RESOURCES, INC.) FE DOCKET NO. 95-28-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM AND TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1050

MAY 17, 1995

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On April 27, 1995, as supplemented May 8, 1995, Western Gas Resources, Inc. (Western) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),^{1/} and DOE Delegation Order Nos.

0204-111 and 0204-127, for blanket authorization to import up to 73 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada and export up to 73 Bcf of natural gas to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first import or export after June 16, 1995.^{2/} Western is a natural gas marketer with its

principal place of business in Denver, Colorado. Western will import and export the natural gas under spot and short-term purchase arrangements, either on its own behalf or as the agent for others. The proposed authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by Western 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 or export of natural gas from and to a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural

1/ 15 U.S.C. 717b. _____

2/ This is the date Western's blanket authorization to import

natural gas from and export natural gas to Canada expires. See

DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 791 issued April 29, 1993 (1 FE
70,782).

gas is deemed to be consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Western 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 blanket order authorizes transactions under contracts with terms of no longer than two years.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. Western Gas Resources, Inc. (Western) is authorized to import up to 73 Bcf of natural gas from Canada and export up to 73 Bcf to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first import or export after June 16, 1995. This natural gas may be imported or exported at any point on the border of the United States and Canada.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Western shall provide written notification to the Office of Fuels Programs (OFP), Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, FE-50, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, of the date that the first import or export of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

C. With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, Western shall file with OFP, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports

indicating whether imports or exports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports or exports of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports or exports have occurred, Western must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas per MMBtu at the international border. The reports shall also provide the details of each import or export transaction, including: (1) the name of the seller(s); (2) the name of the purchaser(s); (3) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s); (4) the name of the United States transporter(s); (5) the point(s) of entry or exit; (6) the geographic market(s) served; (7) whether sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis; and, if applicable, (8) the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price.

D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than July 30, 1995, and should cover the period from June 17, 1995, until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 1995.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on May 17, 1995.

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