

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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IGI RESOURCES, INC. )  
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FE DOCKET NO. 96-23-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT NATURAL GAS  
FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1164

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MAY 14, 1996  
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I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_

On May 1, 1996, IGI Resources, Inc. (IGI) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),<sup>1/</sup> and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, for blanket authorization to import up to 300 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on August 1, 1996.<sup>2/</sup> IGI, an Idaho corporation with its principal place of business in Boise, Idaho, is a marketer of natural gas and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Intermountain Industries, Inc. IGI will import the natural gas under 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 IGI 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 of natural gas from a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas is deemed to be consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The

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1/ 15 U.S.C. 717b. \_\_\_\_\_

2/ IGI's current blanket authorization granted by DOE/FE Order

No. 1011, dated December 15, 1994, (1 FE 71,063) expires  
July 31, 1996.

authorization sought by IGI to import natural gas from 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

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

A. IGI Resources, Inc. (IGI) is authorized to import up to 300 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on August 1, 1996. This natural gas may be imported at any point on the border of the United States and Canada.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, IGI 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 of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, IGI shall file with OFP, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, IGI 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 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; (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 October 30, 1996, and should cover the period from August 1, 1996, until the end of the third calendar quarter, September 30, 1996.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on May 14, 1996.

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