On December 23, 1996, the Department of Energy (DOE) granted blanket authorization to Newco US, L.P. (Newco L.P.) in DOE/FE Order No. 1230 (Order 1230) to import up to 1000 Bcf and export up to 1000 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico. The term of the authorization would be for two years beginning on the date of the first import or export after December 31, 1996 (see 1 FE ¶ 71,344). Neither imports nor exports have commenced under this order.

On March 20, 1997, the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities was notified that on February 28, 1997, the Newco US, L.P. joint venture between Westcoast Power Marketing, Inc. and Coastal Gas Services Company was finalized and the name of the company has been changed from Newco US, L.P. to Engage Energy US, L.P. Therefore Newco L.P. requests that the authorization granted in Order 1230 be amended to reflect this change.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas
Act, the import/export authorization granted in Order 1230 is amended to substitute Engage Energy US, L.P. for Newco US, L.P. as the importer and exporter of natural gas. All terms and conditions in Order 1230 remain in full force and effect.

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