On August 29, 2001, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) granted blanket authorization to ITOCHU International Inc. (ITOCHU) in DOE/FE Order No. 1705 \(^1\) (Order 1705) to import up to 2.4 Tcf of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from various sources over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery. Deliveries of LNG have not begun.

On August 13, 2002, FE was informed that the energy operations of ITOCHU had been transferred to its affiliate, ITOCHU Petroleum Japan Ltd., San Francisco Branch (IPC-SF) effective August 1, 2002. IPC-SF is a Japanese corporation owned 100 percent by ITOCHU Corporation.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, the blanket LNG import

\(^1\) 2 FE \(\S\) 70, 654.
authorization granted by Order 1705 is hereby amended to substitute ITOCHU Petroleum Japan Ltd. as the importer of LNG. All terms and conditions of Order 1705 shall remain in full force and effect.


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