

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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WISCONSIN POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY) FE DOCKET NO. 92-135-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 730

NOVEMBER 20, 1992

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On November 2, 1992, Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authorization to import up to 73.0 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery. WPL, a Wisconsin corporation with its principal place of business in Madison, Wisconsin, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of WPL Holdings, Inc. WPL proposes to import Canadian gas on its own behalf, or as a broker or agent on behalf of others.

II. FINDING

The application filed by WPL has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import arrangement meets the public interest requirements of section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-486). Under section 3(c), the importation 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 authorization sought by WPL to import natural gas from Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion and is therefore consistent with the public interest.

ORDER

For reasons set forth above, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL) is authorized to import from Canada, at any point on the U.S./Canada border, up to 73.0 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, WPL shall file with OFP, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. If no imports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports occur, WPL 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 U.S. 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 contract pricing provisions, including 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 January 30, 1993, and should cover the period from the date of this Order until the end of the current calendar quarter, December 31, 1992.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 20, 1992.

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for Fuels Programs
Office of Fossil Energy