



I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_

On February 22, 1993, Western Gas Resources, Inc. (Western)<sup>1/</sup> 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>2/</sup> requesting blanket authorization to import up to 73 Bcf of natural gas from Canada and to export up to 73 Bcf of natural gas to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first import or export after April 30, 1993.<sup>3/</sup>

Western is a natural gas marketer with its principal place of business in Denver, Colorado. Western will import/export the gas under spot and short-term purchase arrangements, either on its own behalf or as the agent for others. DOE action on Western's request for authority to import and export natural gas from and to Mexico, included in Western's application, is being taken separately in FE Docket No. 93-26-NG.

II. FINDING \_\_\_\_\_

The application filed by Western has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import/export 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), an import or export of natural gas from or to a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas is deemed to be

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1/ Formerly Western Gas Processors, Ltd. \_\_\_\_\_

2/ 15 U.S.C. 717b. \_\_\_\_\_

3/ This is the expiration date of Western's current blanket

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authorization to import natural gas from and export natural gas to Canada, granted by DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 373 on January 23, 1990 (1 FE 70,291).

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

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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 to export up to 73 Bcf of natural gas to Canada over a two-year period beginning on the date of the first import or export delivery after April 30, 1993. This gas may be imported and exported at any point on the United States/Canada border.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Western shall notify the Office of Fuels Programs, Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, in writing 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 the Office of Fuels Programs, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports or exports of

natural gas have been made. If no imports or exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports or exports have occurred, Western must report monthly total volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price 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 U.S. transporter(s); (5) the point(s) of entry or exit; (6) the geographic market(s) served; (7) whether the 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 Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than July 30, 1993, and should cover the period from May 1, 1993, until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 1993.

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