

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

NORTHSTAR ENERGY CORPORATION)
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FE DOCKET NO. 93-54-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 816

JUNE 30, 1993

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On May 26, 1993, Northstar Energy Corporation (Northstar), filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),^{1/} requesting blanket authorization to import up to 7.3 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term from July 1, 1993, through and including June 30, 1995. Northstar is a Canadian corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Northstar will import the gas under short-term and spot market transactions, on its own behalf or as an agent for others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING

The application filed by Northstar 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), an 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 authorization sought by Northstar 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

1/ 15 U.S.C. Sec. 717b.

order authorizes transactions under contracts with terms of no longer than two years.

ORDER

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

A. Northstar Energy Corporation (Northstar) is authorized to import up to 7.3 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada, at any point on the United States/Canada border, over a two-year term beginning on first date of delivery after June 30, 1993.

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

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Northstar shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, 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 have occurred, Northstar must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price 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 point(s) of entry; (5) the name of the United States transporter(s); (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 October 30, 1993, and should cover the period from July 1, 1993, until the end of the third calendar quarter, September 30, 1993.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on June ____, 1993.

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