

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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SALMON RESOURCES LTD. )  
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FE DOCKET NO. 93-134-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 888

DECEMBER 9, 1993

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

On November 24, 1993, Salmon Resources Ltd. (Salmon) 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>1/</sup> and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, requesting blanket authorization to import up to 100 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first import after February 14, 1994, the date Salmon's existing authorization expires.<sup>2/</sup> Salmon, a Wyoming

corporation with its headquarters in Lakewood, Colorado, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shell Canada Limited, a Canadian corporation headquartered in Calgary, Alberta. The volumes will be imported by Salmon under spot and short-term sales arrangements, either 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 Salmon 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

1/ 15 U.S.C. § 717b. \_\_\_\_\_

2/ See DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 576, 1 FE § 70,530 \_\_\_\_\_

(January 24, 1992).

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 Salmon 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 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. Salmon Resources Ltd. (Salmon) is authorized to import up to 100 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada, at any point on the United States/Canada border, over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first import after February 14, 1994.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Salmon shall provide written notification to the Office of Fuels Programs, Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, 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, Salmon 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.

Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, Salmon 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 Ordering Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than April 30, 1994, and should cover the period from February 15, 1994, until the end of the first calendar quarter, March 31, 1994.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 9, 1993.

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