

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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POCO PETROLEUM, INC.) FE DOCKET NO. 93-139-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 893

DECEMBER 16, 1993

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I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On December 7, 1993, POCO Petroleum, Inc. (POCO) 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/} and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, requesting blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada. POCO would import up to 200 Bcf of gas over a two-year period beginning on the date of the first delivery after January 20, 1994.^{2/} POCO, a Delaware corporation, is primarily a marketer of natural gas in the United States. The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of POCO Petroleum Ltd., a leading independent Canadian producer and marketer of oil and natural gas with its headquarters in Calgary, Alberta. POCO will import the gas under short-term and spot market transactions, either on its own behalf or as the agent for others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by POCO 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/ This is the expiration date of POCO's existing two-year blanket import authorization granted by DOE/FE Opinion and Order _____

No. 574 on January 17, 1992 (1 FE □ 70,528).

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 POCO 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

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

A. POCO Petroleum, Inc. (POCO) is authorized to import, at any point on the international border, up to 200 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a period of two years beginning on the date of the first delivery after January 20, 1994.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, POCO shall provide written notification to the Office of Fuels Programs, Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, FE-50, 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, POCO 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, POCO 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 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 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 January 21, 1994, until the end of the first calendar quarter, March 31, 1994.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 16, 1993.

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