On October 27, 1994, Westcoast Gas Services Inc. (WGSI) received authority from the Department of Energy (DOE) in DOE/FE Order No. 993 (Order 993) to import up to 6,536 Mcf per day of natural gas from Canada, at Monchy, Saskatchewan. The gas is delivered from the international border through the transmission facilities of Northern Border Pipeline Company. The imports were approved for nine years from November 1, 1994, through September 19, 2003. WGSI, as agent for Midwest Gas Company, A Division of Midwest Power Systems (Midwest), purchased the imported gas from several Canadian producers to serve customers in Iowa.

On November 9, 2000, Engage Energy Canada, L.P. (Engage Canada) notified DOE that it had succeeded WGSI and requested the transfer of WGSI’s import authority so it might continue the activities authorized under Order 993. Originally, Engage Canada was a subsidiary of Engage

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1/ See 1 FE ¶ 71,036. At that time, WGSI was a Canadian marketing company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast)

2/ Midwest is an Iowa local distribution company.
In 1997, Westcoast and Coastal formed Engage Energy (Engage) as a joint venture to offer a full spectrum of energy services, including, among other things, natural gas marketing and trading, electricity trading and sales, and energy management services. Westcoast, headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia, is a leading North American energy company and Coastal is a Houston, Texas, based energy holding company. On October 2, 2000, Westcoast and Coastal terminated their Engage Energy partnership and divided the operations into separate entities to be owned and operated independently by each company. Under the restructuring, Westcoast acquired 100% ownership and control of Engage’s Canadian business entity, Engage Canada, of Calgary, Alberta, and Coastal retained Engage’s U.S. business entity, Engage Energy US, L.P. (now called “Coastal Merchant Energy, L.P.”), with headquarters in Houston. In the United States, Westcoast established Engage Energy America Corp., a 100% owned affiliate headquartered in Southfield, Michigan, to manage its U.S. gas and power contracts.

Engage Canada (now solely owned by Westcoast) has operated under Order 993 since 1997, although it did not ask DOE until this filing to transfer WGSI’s import authority to reflect the dissolution of WGSI.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, the authorization to import natural gas from Canada conferred by Order 993 is transferred from WGSI to Engage Canada effective on the date of this order. Engage Canada is bound by all terms and conditions set forth in Order 993, including the filing of quarterly data.

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