

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT

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SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY)	DOCKET NO. 21-76-NG
d/b/a NV ENERGY)	DOCKET NO. 19-144-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA, AND
VACATING PRIOR BLANKET AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FECM ORDER NOS. 4726 AND 4475-A

AUGUST 29, 2021

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On July 22, 2021, Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy (NV Energy) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) of the Department of Energy (DOE) under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)¹ for blanket authorization to import and export a combined total 102.2 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada by pipeline. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term that began on April 1, 2021.² NV Energy is a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Previously, on December 19, 2019, DOE granted NV Energy authorization in DOE/FE Order Nos. 4475 to import and export a combined total of 50 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2020, and extending through December 31, 2021.

On July 22, 2021, NV Energy requested that DOE vacate its existing authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4475, effective on April 1, 2021.³

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and export arrangements meet 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), the import and export of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), from and to a nation with which

¹ Authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, under section 3 of the NGA (15 U.S.C. § 717b) has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FECM in Redelegation Order No. S4-DEL-FE1-2021 issued on March 25, 2021. On July 4, 2021, the Office of Fossil Energy changed its name to the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management.

² NV Energy's blanket authorization granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4475, extends through December 31, 2021. *See also* E-mail from Michael Holland, Manager, Power and Gas Trading, NV Energy, to DOE (Aug. 10, 2021) (requesting April 1, 2021 as the effective date).

³ *See* E-mails from Michael Holland, Manager Power and Gas Trading, NV Energy, to DOE (Jul. 22, 2021, and Aug. 10, 2021).

there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas and the import of LNG from other international sources are deemed to be consistent with the public interest, and applications for such imports and exports must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by NV Energy to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest. This Order authorizes transactions with terms of not greater than two years.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the NGA, it is ordered that:

A. NV Energy is authorized to import and export a combined total of 102.2 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada, pursuant to transactions that have terms of not greater than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year which began on April 1, 2021, and extends through March 31, 2023.

B. This natural gas may be imported and exported by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Canada.

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, NV Energy shall file with the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports or exports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If imports or exports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give the following details: (1) for imports, the country of origin; (2) for exports, the country of destination; (3) the point(s) of entry and exit; (4) the volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (5) the

average purchase price of gas per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the international border; (6) the name of the supplier(s); (7) the name of the U.S. transporter(s); (8) the estimated or actual duration of the supply agreement(s); and (9) for imports, the geographic market(s) served (list State(s), U.S. Census Region(s), or general U.S. geographic area(s)).

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control No. 1901-0294)

D. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than September 30, 2021, and should cover the reporting period from April 1, 2021, through August 31, 2021.

E. All monthly report filings on Form FE-746R shall be made to the U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, according to the methods of submission listed on the Form FE-746R reporting instructions available at <https://www.energy.gov/fe/services/natural-gas-regulation>.

F. NV Energy's blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4475 on December 19, 2019, is hereby vacated, effective April 1, 2021.

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