

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

WESTECH ENVIRONMENTAL LLC

DOCKET NO. 22-87-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA AND MEXICO,  
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA AND MEXICO BY  
TRUCK,  
TO EXPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS TO CANADA AND MEXICO BY VESSEL, AND  
TO IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FROM VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL SOURCES BY VESSEL

DOE/FECM ORDER NO. 4962

MARCH 2, 2023

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On August 7, 2022, Westech Environmental LLC (Westech Environmental) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) of the Department of Energy (DOE) requesting blanket authorization under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)<sup>1</sup> for the authority summarized in the list below. The applicant requests the authorization for a two-year term beginning on May 1, 2023. Westech Environmental is a California limited liability company with its principal place of business in Sacramento, California.

1. Import natural gas from Canada by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Canada
2. Import natural gas from Mexico by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Mexico
3. Export natural gas to Canada by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Canada
4. Export natural gas to Mexico by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Mexico
5. Import liquefied natural gas (LNG) from various international sources by vessel at any LNG import terminal in the United States and its territories
6. Import LNG from Canada by truck at any LNG receiving facility in the United States and its territories
7. Import LNG from Mexico by truck at any LNG receiving facility in the United States and its territories
8. Export LNG to Canada by vessel from any LNG export terminal in the United States and its territories
9. Export LNG to Mexico by vessel from any LNG export terminal in the United States and its territories
10. Export LNG to Canada by truck from any LNG departure facility in the United States and its territories
11. Export LNG to Mexico by truck from any LNG departure facility in the United States and its territories

Import and export authority was requested for up to a combined total volume equivalent to 10 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas.

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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-FE1-2022, issued on June 13, 2022.

## II. **FINDING**

DOE has evaluated the application to determine if the proposed import and/or 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 NGA section 3(c), imports and exports of natural gas, including LNG, from or to any country with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) 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.<sup>2</sup> DOE must grant such applications without modification or delay.<sup>3</sup> The authorization sought by Westech Environmental meets the NGA section 3(c) criteria and, therefore, is deemed to be consistent with the public interest.

### **ORDER**

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

A. Westech Environmental is authorized for the activity described in the list below. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on May 1, 2023, and extending through April 30, 2025.

1. Import natural gas from Canada by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Canada
2. Import natural gas from Mexico by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Mexico
3. Export natural gas to Canada by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Canada
4. Export natural gas to Mexico by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Mexico
5. Import LNG from various international sources by vessel at any LNG import terminal in the United States and its territories
6. Import LNG from Canada by truck at any LNG receiving facility in the United States and its territories
7. Import LNG from Mexico by truck at any LNG receiving facility in the United States and its territories
8. Export LNG to Canada by vessel from any LNG export terminal in the United States and its territories
9. Export LNG to Mexico by vessel from any LNG export terminal in the United States and its territories
10. Export LNG to Canada by truck from any LNG departure facility in the United States and its territories
11. Export LNG to Mexico by truck from any LNG departure facility in the United States and its territories

The applicant is authorized to import and export up to a combined total volume equivalent to 10 Bcf of natural gas.

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2. 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c).

3. *Id.*

B. LNG imports that require increased security measures from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and/or other branches of the Department of Homeland Security in place now or added in the future shall comply with those measures on a shipment by shipment basis to the satisfaction of the USCG. Such measures may include periodic boarding or examination of the vessel by the USCG at the load port, while the vessel is underway, at any time during the voyage, and before and during discharge of the cargo while at the discharge port, as well as other enhanced security measures.

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the imports and/or exports authorized by this Order, Westech Environmental shall file with the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report on Form FE-746R indicating whether imports and/or exports have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports and/or exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that month must be filed. If imports and/or exports have occurred, the report must provide the information specified for each applicable activity and mode of transportation, as set forth in the Guidelines for Filing Monthly Reports. These Guidelines are available at: <https://www.energy.gov/fecm/guidelines-filing-monthly-reports>.

(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 June 30, 2023, and should cover the reporting period from May 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023.

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