

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

GAZ MÉTRO GNL, S.E.C.

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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA BY TRUCK, AND
VACATING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FECM ORDER NOS. 5051 AND 4737-A

OCTOBER 6, 2023

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On September 7, 2023, Gaz Métro GNL, S.E.C. (Gaz Métro GNL) 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 liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Canada by truck, in a total volume equivalent to 2.6 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term that began on April 30, 2023.² Gaz Métro GNL is a Canada limited partnership with its principal place of business in Montréal, Quebec, Canada.

Previously, on September 13, 2021, DOE granted Gaz Métro GNL authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 4737 to import LNG from Canada by truck, in a total volume equivalent to 2 Bcf of natural gas, for a two-year term beginning on October 18, 2021, and extending through October 17, 2023.

On September 7, 2023, Gaz Métro GNL requested that DOE/FE vacate its existing authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 4737, effective April 30, 2023.³

II. FINDING

The application 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), the import and export of natural gas, including LNG, from and to a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas and the import of LNG from other

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 Redeleation Order No. S4-DEL-FE1-2023, issued on April 10, 2023.

² See Emails from Julie Sauriol, Principal Legal Counsel, Energir, on behalf of Gaz Métro GNL, to DOE (Sept. 7, 2023 and Oct. 4, 2023).

³ See *id.*

international sources are deemed to be consistent with the public interest, and applications for such imports or exports must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Gaz Métro GNL to import LNG by truck from 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. Gaz Métro GNL is authorized to import LNG from Canada, in a total volume equivalent to 2.6 Bcf of natural gas, pursuant to transactions that have terms of not greater than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term that began on April 30, 2023, and extends through April 29, 2025.

B. This LNG may be imported by truck to any LNG receiving facility in the United States and its territories.

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the imports of LNG authorized by this Order, Gaz Métro GNL 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 of LNG have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If imports of LNG by truck 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 October 30, 2023, and should cover the reporting period from April 30, 2023, through September 30, 2023.

E. Gaz Métro GNL's blanket authorization to import LNG from Canada by truck, granted in DOE/FECM Order No. 4737 on September 13, 2021, is hereby vacated, effective April 30, 2023.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on October 6, 2023.

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