

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

CITADEL ENERGY MARKETING LLC)	DOCKET NO. 23-105-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM AND TO CANADA AND MEXICO, AND
VACATING PRIOR BLANKET AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FECM ORDER NOS. 5052 AND 4790-A

OCTOBER 17, 2023

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On September 18, 2023, Citadel Energy Marketing LLC (Citadel Energy Marketing) 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 of 500 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico by pipeline.² The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term that began on April 1, 2023.³ Citadel Energy Marketing is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Miami, Florida.

Previously, on January 28, 2022, DOE granted Citadel Energy Marketing authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 4790 to import and export up to a combined total volume equivalent to 150 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico for a two-year term beginning on February 1, 2022, and extending through January 31, 2024.

On September 18, 2023, Citadel Energy Marketing asked DOE to vacate its existing authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 4790, effective April 1, 2023, to be concurrent with the retroactive issuance of the new authorization it has requested.⁴

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-FE1-2023, issued on April 10, 2023.

² Citadel Energy Marketing's initial authorization request was for 150 Bcf of natural gas, but on September 18, 2023, the company asked for an authorized volume increase to 500 Bcf of natural gas. *See* Citadel Energy Marketing LLC, Application for Blanket Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas From and To Canada and Mexico, Docket No. 23-105-NG (Sept. 18, 2023) [hereinafter App.]; *see also* Emails from Ike Gibbs, Chief Compliance Officer, Citadel Energy Marketing, to DOE (Sept. 18, 2023 and Oct. 10, 2023).

³ *See id.*

⁴ *See id.*

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and export 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 liquefied natural gas (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 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 Citadel Energy Marketing to import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, nations 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. Citadel Energy Marketing is authorized to import and export 500 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, 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 1, 2023, and extends through March 30, 2025.

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

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, Citadel Energy Marketing 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 or exports 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 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 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023.

E. Citadel Energy Marketing’s blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, granted in DOE/FECM Order No. 4790 on January 28, 2022, is hereby vacated, effective April 1, 2023.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on October 17, 2023.

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