

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

UNITED STATES GYPSUM COMPANY

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FE DOCKET NO. 15-29-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3612

MARCH 19, 2015

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On February 20, 2015, United States Gypsum Company (USGC) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)¹ for blanket authorization to import up to 27 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on October 7, 2014.² USGC is an Illinois corporation with its principal place of business in Chicago, Illinois.

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and/or 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 USGC to import natural gas from Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest. This Order authorizes transactions with terms of no longer than two years.

¹ The 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 FE in Redelegation Order No. 00-006.02 issued on November 17, 2014.

² USGC's blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 3157 on October 5, 2012, extends through October 6, 2014. In a February 20, 2015, e-mail, USGC explained that due to a change in personnel, it overlooked the authorization's expiration date. Therefore, USGC is requesting a retroactive effective date of October 7, 2014. Because USGC continued to file the required monthly reports even though the authorization had expired, USGC is current in its reporting requirements.

ORDER

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

A. USGC is authorized to import up to 27 Bcf of natural gas from Canada, pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on October 7, 2014, and extending through October 6, 2016.

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

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, USGC shall file with the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, 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 have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If imports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give the following details: (1) the country of origin; (2) the point(s) of entry; (3) the volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (4) the average purchase price of gas per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the international border; (5) the name of the supplier(s); (6) the name of the U.S. transporter(s); (7) the estimated or actual duration of the supply agreement(s); and (8) the geographic markets(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 April 30, 2015, and should cover the reporting period from February 1, 2015, through March 31, 2015.³

³ As noted above, USGC has timely filed its monthly reports from the retroactive effective date of October 7, 2014, such that its reporting period under this Order begins on February 1, 2015.

E. All monthly report filings shall be made to U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026-4375, Attention: Natural Gas Reports. Alternatively, reports may be e-mailed to ngreports@hq.doe.gov, or may be faxed to Natural Gas Reports at (202) 586-6050.

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