

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

SANTA FE GAS LLC

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FE DOCKET NOS. 16-45-NG
AND 16-63-NG

ORDER VACATING AND GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM AND TO MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3837

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3820-A

MAY 20, 2016

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On May 6, 2016, Santa Fe Gas LLC (Santa Fe) filed an application in FE Docket No. 16-63-NG 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 and export up to a combined total of 365 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Mexico. By separate letter, also filed May 6, 2016, the applicant requested that its earlier issued authorization in Docket No. 16-45-NG² be vacated so that its blanket authorization volume may be changed from a combined total of 0.50 Bcf to the newly requested volume of 365 Bcf. Santa Fe asks that the new authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on the date that the requested authorization is issued. Santa Fe is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

II. FINDINGS

Under NGA 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 import and export authority as well as requests to vacate such authority must be granted without

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

² DOE/FE granted blanket authorization to Santa Fe Gas in DOE/FE Order No. 3820 on May 2, 2016, authorizing Santa Fe to import and export natural gas to and from Mexico over a two-year term beginning on May 2, 2016, and extending through May 1, 2018. *Santa Fe Gas, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3820, FE Docket No. 16-45-NG, Order Granting Blanket Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas From and To Mexico (May 2, 2016).

modification or delay. Accordingly, we will grant the requests filed by Santa Fe in these proceedings.

This Order authorizes transactions in FE Docket No. 16-63-NG with terms of no longer than two years.

ORDER

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

A. Santa Fe is authorized in FE Docket No. 16-63-NG to import and export up to a combined total of 365 Bcf of natural gas from and to Mexico, pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on May 20, 2016, and extending through May 19, 2018.

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

C. The authorization to import and export natural gas to and from Mexico granted to Santa Fe in Order No. 3820 (FE Docket No. 16-45-NG) is hereby vacated.

D. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, Santa Fe shall file with the Office of Regulation and International Engagement, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report 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 and/or exports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If imports and/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 markets 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)

E. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than June 30, 2016, and should cover the reporting period from May 20, 2016, through May 31, 2016.

F. All monthly report filings shall be made to U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Regulation and International Engagement, 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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