

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

ENGIE ENERGY MARKETING NA, INC.)

(formerly GDF SUEZ ENERGY MARKETING NA, INC.)))

DOCKET NO. 17-38-NG

DOCKET NO. 16-161-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO MEXICO,
VACATING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION,
AND GRANTING NAME CHANGE

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 4026

APRIL 20, 2017

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On March 29, 2017, ENGIE Energy Marketing NA, Inc. (ENGIE) 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 export up to 36.5 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas to Mexico via pipeline. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on March 1, 2017. ENGIE is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

Previously, on November 4, 2016, GDF SUEZ Energy Marketing NA, Inc. (GDF Suez) was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 3920 to export natural gas to Mexico for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2017, and extending through December 31, 2018. On March 29, 2017, GDF Suez notified DOE/FE it had changed its name to ENGIE Energy Marketing NA, Inc., effective March 1, 2017. In light of the name change, ENGIE requests that DOE/FE Order No. 3920 be vacated effective March 1, 2017 and superseded by the authorization in this Order.

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

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.

delay. The authorization sought by ENGIE to export natural gas to Mexico, 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.

ORDER

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

A. ENGIE is authorized to export up to 36.5 Bcf of natural gas to Mexico, pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term which began on March 1, 2017, and extends through February 28, 2019.

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

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, ENGIE 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 exports of natural gas have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no exports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If exports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give the following details: (1) the country of destination; (2) the point(s) of exit; (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); and (7) the estimated or actual duration of the supply agreement(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, 2017, and should cover the reporting period from March 1, 2017, through March 31, 2017.

E. All monthly report filings shall be made to U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Division of Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, 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 (202) 586-6050.

F. GDF Suez's blanket authorization to export natural gas to Mexico, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 3920 on November 4, 2016, is vacated effective March 1, 2017.

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