UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LIMITED	)	FE DOCKET NO. 17-106-NG
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ORDER GRANTING LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM AND TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 4097

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

I. BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On August 25, 2017, TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada PipeLines) filed an application (Application)[1] with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)[2] for long-term authorization to import and export up to a combined total volume amount of 256.5 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas per year, from and to Canada via pipeline, for a term of ten years beginning on November 1, 2017. TransCanada PipeLines proposes to import and export this natural gas pursuant to a Transportation Service Agreement (Contract) with Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes Transmission) dated August 4, 2017. TransCanada PipeLines is a Canadian corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Pursuant to the Contract, TransCanada PipeLines states that this natural gas will be transported via pipeline by Great Lakes Transmission on behalf of TransCanada PipeLines. TransCanada PipeLines also states that this natural gas will be exported from the United States via pipeline at the interconnection point near St. Clair, Michigan, and will be imported into the United States via pipeline at the interconnection point near Emerson, Manitoba, Canada. TransCanada PipeLines states that the requested authorization will not require the construction of new pipelines.

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

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[1] TransCanada PipeLines Limited, Application for Long-Term Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas from and to Canada, FE Docket No. 17-106-NG (August 25, 2017) [hereinafter App.].

[2] 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.

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 TransCanada PipeLines to import and export natural gas from and to 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.

ORDER

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

A. TransCanada PipeLines is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 256.5 Bcf per year of natural gas from and to Canada for a period of ten years, pursuant to its Contract with Great Lakes Transmission. The term of this authorization shall be effective beginning on November 1, 2017, and extending through October 31, 2027.

B. This natural gas will be delivered by pipeline to the U.S./Canadian border and then imported at a point near Emerson, Manitoba, Canada, and/or exported at a point on near St. Clair, Michigan.

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, TransCanada PipeLines 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 market(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 December 30, 2017, and should cover the reporting period from November 1, 2017, through November 30, 2017.

E. All monthly report filings shall be made 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.

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