

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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CALPINE ENERGY SERVICES, L.P.

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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS  
FROM AND TO CANADA, AND  
VACATING PRIOR BLANKET AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FE ORDER NOS. 4311 AND 4281-A

NOVEMBER 30, 2018

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On November 8, 2018, Calpine Energy Services, L.P. (Calpine Energy Services) 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)<sup>1</sup> for blanket authorization to import up to a total of 73 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada via pipeline and to export up to a total of 73 Bcf of natural gas to Canada via pipeline. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on the date this Order is issued. Calpine Energy Services is a Delaware limited partnership with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

Previously, on October 16, 2018, Calpine Energy Services was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4281 to import up to a total of 36.5 Bcf of natural gas from Canada for a two-year term beginning on October 16, 2018, and extending through October 15, 2020. On November 8, 2018, Calpine Energy Services requested that DOE/FE vacate its existing authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4281, effective the date this Order is issued.<sup>2</sup>

## 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Redefinition Order No. 00-006.02 issued on November 17, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> See Application and e-mail from Sarah Novosel, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs and Managing Counsel, Calpine Corporation, to DOE/FE (November 20, 2018).

interest, and applications for such imports and exports must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Calpine Energy Services 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. 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. Calpine Energy Services is authorized to import up to a total of 73 Bcf of natural gas from Canada and to export up to a total of 73 Bcf of natural gas to 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 November 30, 2018, and extending through November 29, 2020.

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

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, Calpine Energy Services shall file with the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and 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 January 30, 2019, and should cover the reporting period from November 30, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

E. All monthly report filings shall be made to U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Division of Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and 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](mailto:ngreports@hq.doe.gov), or may be faxed to Natural Gas Reports (202) 586-6050.

F. Calpine Energy Services' blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4281 on October 16, 2018, is hereby vacated effective November 30, 2018.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 30, 2018.

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