

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

ECOGAS MEXICO, S. DE R.L. DE C.V.)
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FE DOCKET NO. 19-45-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 4385

MAY 14, 2019

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On April 2, 2019, Ecogas Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V. (Ecogas Mexico) 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 35 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada via pipeline, and to export up to 35 Bcf of natural gas to Mexico via pipeline.² The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on July 20, 2019.³ Ecogas Mexico is a Mexico limited liability company with its principal place of business in Mexicali, Baja California Norte, Mexico.

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 Ecogas Mexico to import natural gas from Canada and to export natural gas to Mexico, nations with which free trade agreements are in effect, meets the

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 Redelelegation Order No. 00-006.02 issued on November 17, 2014.

² E-mail from Beverly Howard, Natural Gas Analyst, U.S. Dep't of Energy, to Jerrod Harrison, Regulatory & Compliance Manager, Sempra North American Infrastructure (April 18, 2019).

³ Ecogas Mexico's blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada and to export natural gas to Mexico, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4029 on May 12, 2017, extends through July 19, 2019.

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. Ecogas Mexico is authorized to import up to 35 Bcf of natural gas from Canada and to export up to 35 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 beginning on July 20, 2019, and extending through July 19, 2021.

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

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, Ecogas Mexico 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 August 30, 2019, and should cover the reporting period from July 20, 2019, through July 31, 2019.

E. All monthly report filings on Form FE-746R shall be made to the U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, according to the methods of submission listed on the Form FE-746R reporting instructions available at <https://www.energy.gov/fe/services/natural-gas-regulation>.

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