

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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REPSOL ENERGY )  
NORTH AMERICA CORPORATION )

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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS  
FROM AND TO MEXICO BY PIPELINE,  
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT LIQUEFIED  
NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO MEXICO  
BY TRUCK AND VESSEL, AND  
TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO CANADA BY PIPELINE

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 4397

JUNE 11, 2019

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On April 2, 2019, Repsol Energy North America Corporation (Repsol) 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: (i) import and export natural gas from and to Mexico by pipeline, (ii) import and export liquefied natural gas (LNG) from and to Mexico by truck and vessel, and (iii) export natural gas to Canada by pipeline— together in a combined volume up to 100 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on June 18, 2019.<sup>2</sup> Repsol is a Texas corporation with its principal place of business in The Woodlands, Texas.

Previously, on July 28, 2017, Repsol was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4074 (FE Docket No. 17-95-LNG) to both import and export natural gas from and to Mexico, and import and export LNG from and to Mexico by truck and vessel, up to a combined total volume equivalent to 365 Bcf of natural gas for a two-year term beginning on July 28, 2017, and extending through July 27, 2019. On June 3, 2019, Repsol asked DOE/FE to vacate that order, effective as of the date this requested authorization is issued.<sup>3</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 LNG, from and to a nation with which there is in effect a

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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> Repsol's blanket authorization to export natural gas to Canada, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4032 on May 12, 2017, extends through June 17, 2019.

<sup>3</sup> See Email from Stephen Conneely of Repsol to DOE/FE (June 3, 2019).

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 Repsol to import and/or export natural gas and/or LNG from and to Mexico and Canada, nations with which free trade agreements are 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. Repsol is authorized to import and export in a combined volume up to 100 Bcf of natural gas as follows: (i) import and export natural gas from and to Mexico by pipeline, (ii) import and export LNG from and to Mexico by truck and vessel, and (iii) export natural gas to Canada by pipeline—all pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on June 18, 2019, and extending through June 17, 2021.

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

C. This LNG may be imported by truck from Mexico to any LNG receiving facility in the United States and its territories. This LNG may be exported to Mexico by truck from any LNG departure facility in the United States and its territories.

D. This LNG may be imported by vessel from Mexico at any LNG receiving facility in the United States and its territories and may be exported to Mexico by vessel from any LNG departure facility in the United States and its territories.

E. LNG imports that require increased security measures from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and/or other branches of the Department of Homeland Security in place now or added in the future shall comply with those measures on a shipment by shipment basis to the satisfaction of the USCG. Such measures may include periodic boarding or examination of the vessel by the USCG at the load port, while the vessel is underway, at any time during the voyage, and before and during discharge of the cargo while at the discharge port, as well as other enhanced security measures.

F. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, Repsol 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)).

If imports of LNG by truck have occurred, the report must give the following details of each LNG cargo: (1) the name of the U.S. receiving facility; (2) the country of origin; (3) the point(s) of entry; (4) the name(s) of the supplier(s)/seller(s); (5) the name(s) of the LNG transporter(s); (6) the volume in Mcf; (7) the price per MMBtu at the point of entry; (8) the duration of the supply agreement; and (9) the geographic market served (list State(s), U.S. Census Region(s), or general U.S. geographic area(s)).

If exports of LNG by truck have occurred, the report must give the following details of each LNG cargo: (1) the name of the U.S. departure facility; (2) the country of destination; (3) the point(s) of exit; (4) the name(s) of the supplier(s)/seller(s); (5) the name(s) of the LNG transporter(s); (6) the volume in Mcf; (7) the delivered price per MMBtu at the point of exit; and (8) the duration of the supply agreement.

If imports of LNG by vessel have occurred, the report must give the following details of each LNG cargo: (1) the name of the U.S. receiving terminal; (2) the name of the LNG tanker; (3) the date of arrival at the U.S. receiving terminal; (4) the country of origin; (5) the name of the supplier/seller; (6) the volume in Mcf; (7) the landed price per MMBtu at the point of import; (8) the duration of the supply agreement (indicate spot purchases); (9) the name(s) of the purchaser(s); and (10) the geographic market served (list State(s), U.S. Census Region(s), or general U.S. geographic area(s)).

If exports of LNG by vessel have occurred, the report must give the following details of each LNG cargo: (1) the name of the U.S. export terminal; (2) the country of destination; (3) the date of departure from the U.S. export terminal; (4) the name of the LNG tanker; (5) the name of the supplier/seller; (6) the volume in Mcf; (7) the price per MMBtu at the point of exit; (8) the duration of the supply agreement (indicate spot sales); and (9) the name(s) of the purchaser(s).

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control No. 1901-0294)

G. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than July 30, 2019, and should cover the reporting period from June 18, 2019, through June 30, 2019.

H. 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>.

I. Repsol's blanket authorization, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4074 (FE Docket No. 17-95-LNG), is vacated effective June 18, 2019.

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