

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

SEQUENT ENERGY MANAGEMENT, L.P.)

FE DOCKET NO. 19-78-NG

FE DOCKET NO. 18-34-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NOS. 4409 AND 4169-A

JULY 25, 2019

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On June 21, 2019, Sequent Energy Management, L.P. (Sequent Energy Management) 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 and export up to a combined total of 400 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada via pipeline. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2019. Sequent Energy Management is a Georgia limited partnership with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

Previously, on March 30, 2018, Sequent Energy Management was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4169 to import and export up to a combined total of 5 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada for a two-year term beginning on May 1, 2018, and extending through April 30, 2020. On June 21, 2019, Sequent Energy Management requested that DOE/FE vacate its authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4169, effective July 1, 2019.²

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 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

¹ 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. 00-002.04G issued on June 4, 2019.

² See Application and email from Antoinette Beale, Regulatory Analyst, Sequent Energy Management (July 1, 2019).

interest, and applications for such imports and exports must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Sequent Energy Management 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. Sequent Energy Management is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 400 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada, 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 July 1, 2019, and extends through June 30, 2021.

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, Sequent Energy Management 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 or exports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If imports 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 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019.

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, or may be faxed to Natural Gas Reports (202) 586-6050.

F. Sequent Energy Management's authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4169 on March 30, 2018, is hereby vacated, effective July 1, 2019.

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