

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT

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

DOE/FECM ORDER NOS. 4813 AND 4764-A

MAY 2, 2022

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On April 4, 2022, ConocoPhillips Canada Resources Corp. (ConocoPhillips Canada Resources) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) of the Department of Energy (DOE) under section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)¹ for blanket authorization to import and export a combined total of 100 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada by pipeline. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term that began on April 1, 2022.² ConocoPhillips Canada Resources is a Canada corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Previously, on November 23, 2021, DOE granted ConocoPhillips Canada Resources (formerly ConocoPhillips Canada Marketing & Trading ULC) authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 4764 to import and export 100 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada for a two-year term beginning on December 12, 2021, and extending through December 11, 2023.

On April 1, 2022, DOE was notified that ConocoPhillips Canada Marketing & Trading ULC went through an amalgamation and the entity name changed to ConocoPhillips Canada Resources Corp., effective April 1, 2022. Additionally, ConocoPhillips Canada Resources requested that DOE vacate its existing authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 4764, effective April 1, 2022, to be concurrent with the retroactive issuance of the new authorization it has requested.³

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 FECM in Redelegation Order No. S4-DEL-FE1-2021, issued on March 25, 2021. On July 4, 2021, the Office of Fossil Energy changed its name to the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management.

² ConocoPhillips Canada Resources' blanket authorization, granted in DOE/FECM Order No. 4764, extends through December 11, 2023. *See also* Email from Robyn Aiello, Regulatory Commercial Finance & Credit Analyst, ConocoPhillips Canada Resources, to DOE (Apr. 18, 2022).

³ *See id.*

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 interest, and applications for such imports and exports must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by ConocoPhillips Canada Resources 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 not greater than two years.

ORDER

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

A. ConocoPhillips Canada Resources is authorized to import and export a combined total of 100 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada, pursuant to transactions that have terms of not greater than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term that began on April 1, 2022, and extends through March 31, 2024.

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, ConocoPhillips Canada Resources shall file with the Office of Regulation, Analysis,

and Engagement, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report on Form FE-746R indicating whether imports and/or exports 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 have occurred, the report must provide the information specified for each applicable activity and mode of transportation, as set forth in the Guidelines for Filing Monthly Reports. These Guidelines are available at: <https://www.energy.gov/fe/services/natural-gas-regulation/guidelines-filing-monthly-reports>.

(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 May 30, 2022, and should cover the reporting period from April 1, 2022, through April 30, 2022.

E. ConocoPhillips Canada Resources’ blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, granted in DOE/FECM Order No. 4764 on November 23, 2021, is hereby vacated, effective April 1, 2022.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on May 2, 2022.

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