

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

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SEQUENT ENERGY MANAGEMENT LLC)	DOCKET NO. 22-24-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM AND TO MEXICO, AND
VACATING PRIOR BLANKET AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FECM ORDER NOS. 4823 AND 4598-A

MAY 24, 2022

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On March 14, 2022, Sequent Energy Management LLC (Sequent Energy Management) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) of the Department of Energy (DOE) under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)¹ for blanket authorization to import and export a combined total of 800 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Mexico by pipeline. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term that began on March 1, 2021.² Sequent Energy Management is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

Previously, on September 23, 2020, DOE granted Sequent Energy Management (formerly Sequent Energy Management, L.P.) authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4598 to import and export 800 Bcf of natural gas from and to Mexico for a two-year term beginning on September 26, 2020, and extending through September 25, 2022.

On March 15, 2022, Sequent Energy Management, L.P. notified DOE that it changed its corporate name to Sequent Energy Management LLC, effective March 1, 2022.³ Additionally, Sequent Energy Management requested that DOE vacate its existing authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4598, effective March 1, 2022, to be concurrent with the retroactive issuance of the new authorization it has requested.⁴

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 Sequent Energy Management's blanket authorization, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4598, extends through September 25, 2022. *See also* Letter from Mark Christensen, Regulatory Compliance Manager, Williams, on behalf of Sequent Energy Management, to DOE (Mar. 15, 2022).

³ *See* Letter from Mark Christensen, Regulatory Compliance Manager, Williams, on behalf of Sequent Energy Management, to DOE (Mar. 15, 2022).

⁴ *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 Sequent Energy Management to import and export natural gas from and to Mexico, 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. Sequent Energy Management is authorized to import and export a combined total of 800 Bcf of natural gas from and to Mexico, 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 March 1, 2022, and extends through February 29, 2024.

B. This natural gas may be imported 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, 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 on Form FE-746R 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 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/fecm/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 March 1, 2022, through April 30, 2022.

E. Sequent Energy Management’s blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Mexico, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4598 on September 23, 2020, is hereby vacated, effective March 1, 2022.

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