UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT



VISTA ENERGY MARKETING, L.P.                    DOCKET NO. 22-70-NG




ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA



DOE/FECM ORDER NO. 4858



AUGUST 4, 2022

I.  **DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST**

On July 7, 2022, Vista Energy Marketing, L.P. (Vista Energy Marketing) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) of the Department of Energy (DOE) requesting blanket authorization under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)[1] for the authority summarized in the list below.  The applicant requests the authorization for a two-year term beginning on September 20, 2022.[2]  Vista Energy Marketing is a Texas limited partnership with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

1.  Import up to 5.5 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Canada

II.  **FINDING**

DOE has evaluated the application 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 NGA section 3(c), imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), from or to any country with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) 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.[3]  DOE must grant such applications without modification or delay.[4]  The authorization sought by Vista Energy Marketing meets the NGA section 3(c) criteria, and, therefore, is deemed to be consistent with the public interest.

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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-FE1-2022, issued on June 13, 2022.  On July 4, 2021, the Office of Fossil Energy changed its name to the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management.

2. Vista Energy Marketing's blanket authorization, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4575, extends through September 19, 2022.

3. 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c).

4. *Id.*

## <u>ORDER</u>

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

A.  Vista Energy Marketing is authorized for the activity described below.  This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on September 20, 2022, and extending through September 19, 2024.

1.  Import up to 5.5 Bcf of natural gas from Canada by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Canada

B.  **Monthly Reports:**  With respect to the imports and/or exports authorized by this Order, Vista Energy Marketing 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)

C.  The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than October 30, 2022, and should cover the reporting period from September 20, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on August 4, 2022.

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