

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

TOURMALINE OIL MARKETING CORP.

)
) DOCKET NO. 23-144-NG
) DOCKET NO. 22-56-NG
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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. 5093 AND 4846-A

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On December 22, 2023, Tourmaline Oil Marketing Corp. (Tourmaline Oil Marketing) 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 491 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada by pipeline.² The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term that began on November 1, 2023.³ Tourmaline Oil Marketing is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Previously, on June 30, 2022, DOE granted Tourmaline Oil Marketing authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 4846 to import up to 390 Bcf of natural gas from Canada for a two-year term beginning on August 1, 2022, and extending through July 31, 2024.

On December 22, 2023, Tourmaline Oil Marketing asked DOE to vacate its existing authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 4846, effective November 1, 2023, 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-FE1-2023, issued on April 10, 2023.

² DOE/FECM Order No. 4846, issued in Docket No. 22-56-NG on June 30, 2022, authorized Tourmaline Oil Marketing to import up to 390 Bcf of natural gas from Canada by pipeline, for a two-year term beginning on August 1, 2022. On December 22, 2023, Tourmaline Oil Marketing asked for the additional authority to export natural gas to Canada, in an increased combined volume amount up to 491 Bcf of natural gas. *See* Tourmaline Oil Marketing Corp., Application for Blanket Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas From and To Canada, Docket No. 23-144-NG (Dec. 22, 2023).

³ *See id.* at 2.

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 Tourmaline Oil Marketing 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. Tourmaline Oil Marketing is authorized to import and export 491 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 November 1, 2023, and extends through October 31, 2025.

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, Tourmaline Oil 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 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 February 29, 2024, and should cover the reporting period from November 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024.

E. Tourmaline Oil Marketing’s blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada, granted in DOE/FECM Order No. 4846 on June 30, 2022, is hereby vacated, effective November 1, 2023.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 1, 2024.

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