

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

ESENTIA GAS, LLC

DOCKET NO. 24-16-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS  
FROM AND TO MEXICO

DOE/FECM ORDER NO. 5104

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On February 20, 2024, Esentia Gas, LLC (Esentia Gas) 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)<sup>1</sup> for the authority summarized in the list below. The applicant requests the authorization for a two-year term beginning on May 20, 2024.<sup>2</sup> Esentia Gas is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

1. Import natural gas from Mexico by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Mexico
2. Export natural gas to Mexico by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Mexico

Import and export authority was requested for up to a combined total volume equivalent to 365 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas.

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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-FE1-2023, issued on April 10, 2023.

2. Esentia Gas' blanket authorization, granted in DOE/FECM Order Nos. 4802 and 4802-A, extended through May 19, 2024.

## II. **FINDING**

DOE has evaluated the application to determine if the proposed import and/or export arrangements meet 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.<sup>3</sup> DOE must grant such applications without modification or delay.<sup>4</sup> The authorization sought by Esentia Gas meets the NGA section 3(c) criteria and, therefore, is deemed to be consistent with the public interest.

## **ORDER**

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

A. Esentia Gas is authorized for the activity described in the list below. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on May 20, 2024, and extending through May 19, 2026.

1. Import natural gas from Mexico by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Mexico
2. Export natural gas to Mexico by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Mexico

The applicant is authorized to import and export up to a combined total volume equivalent to 365 Bcf of natural gas.

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3. 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c).

4. *Id.*

B. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the imports and/or exports authorized by this Order, Esentia Gas 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/fecm/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 June 30, 2024, and should cover the reporting period from May 20, 2024 through May 31, 2024.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 29, 2024.

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