

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

CARBONBETTER, LLC

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DOCKET NO. 24-23-NG  
DOCKET NO. 22-102-NG

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

DOE/FECM ORDER NOS. 5115 AND 4901-A

APRIL 11, 2024

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On March 11, 2024, CarbonBetter, LLC (CarbonBetter) 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)<sup>1</sup> for blanket authorization to import and export a combined total of 5 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada by pipeline.<sup>2</sup> The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term that began on March 31, 2024.<sup>3</sup> CarbonBetter is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Austin, Texas.

Previously, on October 31, 2022, DOE granted CarbonBetter authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 4901 to import and export up to a combined total volume equivalent to 3 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada for a two-year term beginning on October 5, 2022, and extending through October 4, 2024.

On March 11, 2024, CarbonBetter asked DOE to vacate its existing authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 4901, effective March 31, 2024, to be concurrent with the retroactive issuance of the new authorization it has requested.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The 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.

<sup>2</sup> CarbonBetter's initial authorization request was for 3 Bcf of natural gas, but on March 11, 2024, the company asked for an authorized volume increase to 5 Bcf of natural gas. *See* CarbonBetter LLC, Application for Blanket Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas From and To Canada, Docket No. 24-23-NG (Mar. 11, 2024) [hereinafter App.]; *see also* Email from Breona Spivey, Controller, CarbonBetter, to DOE (Mar. 11, 2024).

<sup>3</sup> App. at 1.

<sup>4</sup> *See* Email from Breona Spivey, Controller, CarbonBetter, to DOE; *see also* App. at 2.

## 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 CarbonBetter 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. CarbonBetter is authorized to import and export 5 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 March 31, 2024, and extends through March 30, 2026.

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, CarbonBetter 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, 2024, and should cover the reporting period from March 31, 2024, through April 30, 2024.

E. CarbonBetter’s blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, granted in DOE/FECM Order No. 4901 on October 31, 2022, is hereby vacated, effective March 31, 2024.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on April 11, 2024.

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