

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

CARBONBETTER, LLC) DOCKET NO. 25-145-NG
) DOCKET NO. 24-23-NG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM AND TO CANADA, AND
VACATING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FECM ORDER NOS. 5378 AND 5115-A

JANUARY 12, 2026

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On November 26, 2025, CarbonBetter, LLC (CarbonBetter) filed an application (App.) 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 up to a combined total of 50 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 August 1, 2025.³ CarbonBetter is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Austin, Texas.

Previously, on April 11, 2024, DOE granted CarbonBetter authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 5115 to import and export up to a combined total of 5 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada, for a two-year term beginning on March 31, 2024, and extending through March 30, 2026.

On November 26, 2025, CarbonBetter requested that DOE vacate its existing authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 5115, effective August 1, 2025, to be concurrent with the retroactive issuance of the new authorization it has requested.⁴

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and 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 section 3(c), the import and export of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), from and to a

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 See CarbonBetter, LLC, Application for Blanket Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas From and To Canada, Docket No. 25-145-NG (Nov. 26, 2025) [hereinafter App.].

³ CarbonBetter's current blanket authorization granted in DOE/FECM Order No. 5115, extends through March 30, 2026.

⁴ See email from David Sosa to DOE (Nov. 26, 2025).

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) criteria 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 up to a combined total of 50 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada by pipeline, pursuant to transactions that have terms of not greater than two years. This authorization is effective for a two-year term that began on August 1, 2025, and extends through July 31, 2027.
- 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 imports and/or 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 and/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/guidelin>

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(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 January 30, 2025, and should cover the reporting period from August 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

E. CarbonBetter's blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, granted in DOE/FECM Order No. 5115 on April 11, 2024, is hereby vacated, effective August 1, 2025.

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