UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

HYDROCARBONS AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY OFFICE

WHITECAP U.S. CORP.	)	DOCKET NO. 26-141-NG DOCKET NO. 25-2-NG

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

DOE/HGEO ORDER NOS. 5514 AND 5247-B

OCTOBER 30, 2026

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On September 30, 2026, Whitecap U.S. Corp. filed an application (App.) with the Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office (HGEO)[1] of the Department of Energy (DOE) under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)[2] for blanket authorization to import up to 115 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada by pipeline.[3] The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on December 1, 2026.[4] Whitecap U.S. Corp. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Previously, on February 18, 2025, DOE granted Veren U.S. Corp. authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 5247 to import up to 80 Bcf of natural gas from Canada, for a two-year term beginning on March 2, 2025, and extending through March 1, 2027.[5] On August 21, 2025, following a corporate name change, DOE amended the name of the authorization holder to Whitecap U.S. Corp.[6]

On September 30, 2026, Whitecap U.S. Corp. requested that DOE vacate its existing authorization in DOE/FECM Order No. 5247, as amended, effective November 30, 2026, to be concurrent with the issuance of the new authorization it has requested.[7]

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import arrangement

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[1] On November 20, 2025, the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) changed its name to the Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office (HGEO). DOE uses the acronym in effect at the time of each order or action discussed herein.

[2] Authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, under section 3 of the NGA has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FECM (now the Assistant Secretary for HGEO) in Redelegation Order No. S4-DEL-FE1-2023, issued on April 10, 2023.

[3] *See* Whitecap U.S. Corp., Application for Blanket Authorization to Import Natural Gas From Canada, Docket No. 26-141-NG, at 1 (Sep. 30, 2026) [hereinafter App.].

[4] *See id.*

[5] *Veren U.S. Corp.*, DOE/FECM Order No. 5247, Docket No. 25-2-NG, Order Granting Blanket Authorization to Import Natural Gas from Canada, at 3 (Ordering Para. A) (Feb. 18, 2025).

[6] *See Whitecap U.S. Corp. (formerly Veren U.S. Corp.)*, DOE/FECM Order No. 5247-A, Docket No. 25-2-NG, Order Granting Request to Amend Authorization to Import Natural Gas from Canada to Reflect Corporate Name Change (Aug. 21, 2025).

[7] *See* App. at 2 (noting vacatur request); *see also* Email from Nancy Sarsons, Whitecap U.S. Corp., to DOE, Docket No. 25-2-NG (Sep. 30, 2026).

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 Whitecap U.S. Corp. to import natural gas from 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. Whitecap U.S. Corp. is authorized to import up to 115 Bcf of natural gas from 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 begins on December 1, 2026, and extends through November 30, 2028.

B. This natural gas may be imported by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Canada.

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the imports authorized by this Order, Whitecap U.S. Corp. shall file with the Office of Global Energy Security, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report on Form FE-746R indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that month must be filed. If imports 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/hgeo/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 January 30, 2027, and should cover the reporting period from December 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

E. Whitecap U.S. Corp.'s blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada, granted in DOE/FECM Order No. 5247 on February 18, 2025 and amended by DOE/FECM Order No. 5247-A on August 21, 2025, is hereby vacated, effective December 1, 2026.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on October 30, 2026.

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