

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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ENBRIDGE GAS INC.)
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FE DOCKET NO. 18-192-NG
FE DOCKET NO. 18-71-NG
FE DOCKET NO. 17-130-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NOS. 4334
4220-A
4109-A

JANUARY 26, 2019

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On December 19, 2018, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) 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 216 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada via pipeline. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2019. Enbridge Gas is a Canadian corporation with its principal place of business in North York, Ontario, Canada.

Previously, on July 31, 2018, Union Gas Limited (Union Gas) was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4220 to import and export up to a combined total of 216 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada for a two-year term beginning on August 15, 2018, and extending through August 14, 2020. Also, on October 18, 2017, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge Gas Distribution) was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4109 to export up to 400 Bcf of natural gas to Canada for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2018, and extending through December 31, 2019.

On December 19, 2018, Enbridge Gas notified DOE/FE that Union Gas and Enbridge Gas Distribution amalgamated into a single entity effective January 1, 2019. The new entity is Enbridge Gas Inc. Accordingly, Enbridge Gas has requested that DOE/FE vacate both Union Gas' authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4220 and Enbridge Gas Distribution's authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4109, effective January 1, 2019.²

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 FE in Redelegation Order No. 00-006.02 issued on November 17, 2014.

² See Application and letter from Dan Jones, Senior Legal Counsel, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Dec. 19, 2018); E-mail from Mary Evers, Enbridge Gas, to DOE/FE (January 2, 2019).

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and/or 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 Enbridge Gas 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 no longer than two years.

ORDER

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

A. Enbridge Gas is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 216 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada, pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term which began on January 1, 2019, and extends through December 31, 2020.

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, Enbridge Gas shall file with the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report 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 and/or exports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If imports and/or exports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give the following details: (1) for imports, the country of origin; (2) for exports, the country of destination; (3) the point(s) of entry and exit; (4) the volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (5) the average purchase price of gas per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the international border; (6) the name of the supplier(s); (7) the name of the U.S. transporter(s); (8) the estimated or actual duration of the supply agreement(s); and (9) for imports, the geographic market(s) served (list State(s), U.S. Census Region(s), or general U.S. geographic area(s)). (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 28, 2019, and should cover the reporting period from January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019.

E. All monthly report filings shall be made to U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Division of Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026-4375, Attention: Natural Gas Reports. Alternatively, reports may be e-mailed to ngreports@hq.doe.gov, or may be faxed to Natural Gas Reports (202) 586-6050.

F. Union Gas’ blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, and Enbridge Gas Distribution’s blanket authorization to export natural gas to Canada,

previously granted in DOE/FE Order Nos. 4220 on July 31, 2018 and 4109 on October 18, 2017, respectively, are hereby vacated effective January 1, 2019.

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