

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

POTELCO, INC. _____

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FE DOCKET NO. 19-56-LNG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FROM
CANADA BY TRUCK

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 4394

MAY 30, 2019

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On May 1, 2019, Potelco, Inc. (Potelco) 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 liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Canada by truck, up to a total volume equivalent to 149.99 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on July 31, 2019.² Potelco is a Washington corporation with its principal place of business in Sumner, Washington.

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 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 or exports must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Potelco to import LNG from Canada by truck 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.

¹ 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 FE in Redelegation Order No. 00-006.02 issued on November 17, 2014.

² Potelco's current blanket authorization to import liquefied natural gas from Canada by truck, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4071 on July 31, 2017, extends through July 30, 2019.

ORDER

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

A. Potelco is authorized to import LNG from Canada by truck, up to a total volume equivalent to 149.99 Bcf of natural gas, pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on July 31, 2019, and extending through July 30, 2021.

B. This LNG may be imported by truck to any LNG receiving facility in the United States and its territories.

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the imports of LNG authorized by this Order, Potelco 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 of LNG 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 LNG by truck have occurred, the report must give the following details of each LNG cargo: (1) the name of the U.S. receiving facility; (2) the country or origin; (3) the point(s) of entry; (4) the name(s) of the supplier(s)/seller(s); (5) the name(s) of the LNG transporter(s); (6) the volume amount in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (7) the price at point of entry per million British thermal units (MMBtu); (8) the duration of the supply agreement; and (9) 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)

E. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than September 30, 2019, and should cover the reporting period from July 31, 2019 through August 31, 2019.

F. All monthly report filings on Form FE-746R shall be made to the U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, according to the methods of submission listed on the Form FE-746R reporting instructions available at <https://www.energy.gov/fe/services/natural-gas-regulation>.

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