

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

XTO ENERGY INC. _____

FE DOCKET NO. 19-116-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO CANADA AND MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 4448

OCTOBER 18, 2019

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On September 17, 2019, XTO Energy Inc. (XTO Energy) 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 export natural gas to Canada and to Mexico, in a combined total of 30 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas by pipeline. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on the date this Order is issued. XTO Energy is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Spring, Texas.

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 XTO Energy to export natural gas to Canada and Mexico, nations with which free trade agreements requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas are 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:

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. 00-002.04G issued on June 4, 2019.

A. XTO Energy is authorized to export to Canada and Mexico, in a combined total of 30 Bcf of natural gas, pursuant to transactions that have terms of not greater than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on October 18, 2019, and extending through October 17, 2021.

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

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, XTO Energy 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 exports of natural gas have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no exports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If exports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give the following details: (1) the country of destination; (2) the point(s) of exit; (3) the volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (4) the average purchase price of gas per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the international border; (5) the name of the supplier(s); (6) the name of the U.S. transporter(s); and (7) the estimated or actual duration of the supply agreement(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 November 30, 2019, and should cover the reporting period from October 18, 2019 through October 31, 2019.

E. 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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