

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

FUEL MARKET LP

FE DOCKET NO. 20-53-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 4543

JUNE 5, 2020

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On May 13, 2020, Fuel Market LP (Fuel Market) 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 Mexico by pipeline, and to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Mexico by truck, in a combined total volume equivalent to 12.25 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2020. Fuel Market is a Texas limited partnership with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed 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 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 Fuel Market to export natural gas to Mexico, a nation with which a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas is in effect, and to export LNG by truck to Mexico, 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.

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

ORDER

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

A. Fuel Market is authorized to export natural gas to Mexico by pipeline, and to export LNG to Mexico by truck, in a combined total volume equivalent to 12.25 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 July 1, 2020, and extending through June 30, 2022.

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

C. This LNG may be exported by truck from any LNG departure facility in the United States and its territories.

D. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, Fuel Market 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).

If exports of LNG by truck have occurred, the report must give the following details of each LNG cargo: (1) the name of the U.S. departure facility; (2) the country of destination; (3) the point(s) of exit; (4) the name(s) of the supplier(s)/seller(s); (5) the name(s) of the LNG

transporter(s); (6) the volume in Mcf; (7) the price per MMBtu at the point(s) of exit; and (8) the duration of the supply agreement.

(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 August 30, 2020, and should cover the reporting period from July 1, 2020, through July 31, 2020.

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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