

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC. _____

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) FE DOCKET NO. 20-106-LNG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS
FROM CANADA BY TRUCK

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 4591

SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On August 25, 2020, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (Puget Sound 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 import liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Canada by truck, in a total volume equivalent to 1 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2021.² Puget Sound Energy is a Washington corporation with its principal place of business in Bellevue, Washington.

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import 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 Puget Sound Energy to import LNG by truck 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.

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.

² Puget Sound Energy's blanket authorization to import LNG from Canada by truck, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4290 on October 25, 2018, extends through December 31, 2020.

ORDER

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

A. Puget Sound Energy is authorized to import LNG from Canada by truck, in a total volume equivalent to 1 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 January 1, 2021, and extending through December 31, 2022.

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, Puget Sound 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 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 of 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 in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (7) the price per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the point of entry; (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)

D. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than February 28, 2021, and should cover the reporting period from January 1, 2021, through January 31, 2021.

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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