

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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MIECO LLC )  
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FE DOCKET NOS. 20-104-NG  
19-32-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NOS. 4592  
4362-A

SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On August 20, 2020, Mioco LLC (Mioco) 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)<sup>1</sup> for blanket authorization to import and export up to a combined total of 200 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada by pipeline. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term that began on August 1, 2020.<sup>2</sup> Mioco is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Long Beach, California.

Previously, on March 27, 2019, Mioco Inc., the predecessor to Mioco LLC, was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4362 to import and export up to a combined total of 200 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada for a two-year term beginning on May 25, 2019, and extending through May 24, 2021.

On August 20, 2020, DOE/FE was notified that Mioco Inc. changed its corporate name to Mioco LLC, effective August 1, 2020. Additionally, on August 31, 2020, Mioco requested that DOE/FE vacate its existing authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4362, effective August 1, 2020.<sup>3</sup>

## II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Mioco's blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4362 on March 27, 2019, extends through May 24, 2021.

<sup>3</sup> See Application; See also e-mail from Brian B. Bell, Attorney, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, to DOE/FE (Aug. 31, 2020).

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 Mico 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 not greater than two years.

### ORDER

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

A. Mico is authorized to import and export a combined total of 200 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada, pursuant to transactions that have terms of not greater than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term that began on August 1, 2020, and extends through July 31, 2022.

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, Mico 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 or exports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If imports 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 September 30, 2020, and should cover the reporting period from August 1, 2020, through August 31, 2020.

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>.

F. Miecoco's blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4362 on March 27, 2019, is hereby vacated, effective August 1, 2020.

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