

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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ROYAL BANK OF CANADA  
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FE DOCKET NO. 18-182-NG

ORDER VACATING DOE/FE ORDER NO. 4349-A  
AND RESTORING AUTHORITY TO IMPORT  
AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS  
FROM AND TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 4349-B

DECEMBER 22, 2020

On March 11, 2019, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. 4349 to Royal Bank of Canada. Under that order, Royal Bank of Canada is authorized to import and export natural gas from and to Canada via pipeline in a combined total volume of 5 billion cubic feet (Bcf) for a two-year period that began on March 1, 2019, and that extends through February 28, 2021.<sup>1</sup>

On December 3, 2020, DOE/FE inadvertently vacated Order No. 4349 in a new order, DOE/FE Order No. 4349-A. In emails on December 15 and 16, 2020, Royal Bank of Canada informed DOE/FE that it intended to continue utilizing the authority granted in Order No. 4349 and asked DOE/FE to reinstate this authority.<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c), DOE/FE hereby orders that:

- A. DOE/FE Order No. 4349-A is vacated.
- B. The import and export authority originally granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4349 is reinstated in this Order without interruption. All Findings and Ordering Paragraphs set forth in DOE/FE Order No. 4349 remain in effect, as reinstated by this Order. Future references to Royal Bank of Canada's authority should be to "DOE/FE Order No. 4349, as reinstated by DOE/FE Order No. 4349-B."

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 22, 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> *Royal Bank of Canada*, DOE/FE Order No. 4349, FE Docket No. 18-182-NG, Order Granting Blanket Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas from and to Canada, at 3 (Mar. 11, 2019).

<sup>2</sup> See Emails from Royal Bank of Canada to DOE/FE, FE Docket No. 18-182-NG (Dec. 15 and Dec. 16, 2020).