

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF
NEW YORK, INC.

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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2741

DECEMBER 28, 2009

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On November 18 2009, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (ConEdison), 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 and export up to a combined total of 125 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada. ConEdison will import and export natural gas on its own behalf, and as agent for Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (Orange and Rockland), its affiliate for which ConEdison acts as agent in administering a jointly owned natural gas supply portfolio. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a one-year term beginning on January 1, 2010.² ConEdison is a New York corporation with its principal place of business in New York, New York.

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 must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by ConEdison to import and export natural gas from and to Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest.

¹/ 15 U.S.C. § 717b. This authority is delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FE pursuant to Redefinition Order No. 00.002.04D (November 6, 2007).

²/ ConEdison was granted blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada by DOE/FE Order No. 2423 on October 22, 2007, which extends through December 31, 2009 (2 FE ¶ 71,544).

This Order authorizes the importation or exportation of natural gas for a one year term beginning on January 1, 2010, as set forth below.

ORDER

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

A. ConEdison is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 125 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada on its own behalf and as agent for Orange and Rockland. This authorization shall be effective for a one year term beginning on January 1, 2010, and extending through December 31, 2010.

B. During the term of this authorization, natural gas may be imported and exported at any point on the border between the United States and Canada.

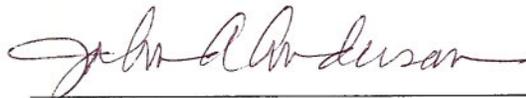
C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, ConEdison shall file with the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report indicating whether imports or exports of natural gas have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports and/or exports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If imports and/or exports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give the following details for each of ConEdison and Orange and Rockland based on the monthly estimated allocation of natural gas volumes between the companies: (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 markets(s) served (list State(s), U.S. Census Region(s), or general U.S. geographic area(s)). [OMB No.: 1901-0294]

D. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than February 28, 2010, and should cover the reporting period from January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010.

E. All monthly report filings shall be made to U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026-4375, Attention: Ms. Yvonne Caudillo. Alternatively, reports may be e-mailed to Ms. Caudillo at Yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov or ngreports@hq.doe.gov, or may be faxed to Ms. Caudillo at (202) 586-6050.

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