

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

AVISTA CORPORATION

FE DOCKET NO. 13-96-NG

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

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3334

SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On August 6, 2013, Avista Corporation (Avista) 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 150 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Canada. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on October 1, 2013.<sup>2</sup> Avista is a Washington corporation with its principal place of business in Spokane, Washington.

Additionally, on May 31, 2011, Avista was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 2970 (Order 2970) to import and export natural gas from and to Canada for a two-year term beginning on October 3, 2011, and extending through October 2, 2013. On August 19, 2013, Avista requested that DOE vacate the existing authorization since it will be superseded by the currently proposed authorization.<sup>3</sup> As a result, Avista requests that Order 2970 be vacated, effective October 1, 2013.

## II. FINDING

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

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<sup>1</sup>/ 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. 00-002.04E issued on April 29, 2011.

<sup>2</sup>/ Avista's blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada granted in DOE/FE Order No. 2970 on May 31, 2011, extends through October 2, 2013.

<sup>3</sup>/ Avista seeks to realign its administrative and financial record-keeping in their various authorizations in the U.S. and Canada to coincide with their month-end dates and filing compliance.

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 Avista 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. This Order authorizes transactions with terms of no longer than two years.

### ORDER

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

A. Avista is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 150 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada, pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on October 1, 2013, and extending through September 30, 2015.

B. This 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, Avista shall file with the Division of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, Office of Fossil Energy, 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: (1) for imports, the country of origin; (2) for exports, the country of destination; (3) the point(s)