

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

INLAND PACIFIC ENERGY)
SERVICES CORP.)
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FE DOCKET NO. 97-47-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1284

JUNE 27, 1997

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I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST _____

On June 23, 1997, Inland Pacific Energy Services Corp. (IPES) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),^{1/} and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, for blanket authorization to import up to 48 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first delivery after August 2, 1997.^{2/} IPES is a corporation under the laws of the State of Washington and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Inland Pacific Resources, Inc., which, in turn, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BC Gas, Inc. IPES will import the natural gas under spot and short-term purchase arrangements, either on its own behalf or as the agent for others. The proposed authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING _____

The application filed by IPES 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 of natural gas from a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas is deemed to be

1/ 15 U.S.C. 717b. _____

2/ This is the expiration date of IPES s existing blanket authorization granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1072 dated July 12, _____

1995 (1 FE 71,143).

consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by IPES to import natural gas from 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 blanket order authorizes transactions under contracts with terms of no longer than two years.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. Inland Pacific Energy Services Corp. (IPES) is authorized to import up to 48 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first delivery after August 2, 1997. This natural gas may be imported at any point on the border of the United States and Canada.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, IPES shall provide written notification to the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, FE-34, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, of the date that the first import of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

C. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, IPES shall file with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be

filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, IPES must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas per MMBtu at the international border. The reports shall also provide the details of each import transaction, including: (1) the name of the seller(s); (2) the name of the purchaser(s); (3) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s); (4) the name of the United States transporter(s); (5) the point(s) of entry; (6) the geographic market(s) served; (7) whether sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis; and, if applicable, (8) the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price.

D. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than October 30, 1997, and should cover the period from August 3, 1997, until the end of the third calendar quarter, September 30, 1997.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on June 27, 1997.

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