

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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PEOPLES NATURAL GAS COMPANY, )  
DIVISION OF UTILICORP UNITED INC. ) FE DOCKET NO. 92-132-NG  
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE OPINION AND ORDER NO. 710

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NOVEMBER 13, 1992

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I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_

On October 29, 1992, Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division of UtiliCorp United Inc. (Peoples) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), requesting blanket authorization to import up to 200 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after December 31, 1992, the date that Peoples' current import authorization expires.

Peoples, a Delaware corporation with its headquarters in Council Bluffs, Iowa, is a local distribution company serving retail customers in the States of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Michigan and South Dakota. UtiliCorp United Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri.

II. FINDING \_\_\_\_\_

The application filed by Peoples has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import arrangement meets the public interest requirements 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), an 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 consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Peoples to import natural gas from Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion and is

therefore consistent with the public interest.

## ORDER

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For reasons set forth above, under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division of UtiliCorp United Inc. (Peoples) is authorized to import from Canada up to 200 Bcf of natural gas over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after December 31, 1992.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Peoples shall notify the Office of Fuels Programs, Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, in writing 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, Peoples shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. If no imports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, Peoples must report monthly total volumes of the imports in Mcf and the average purchase price 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 U.S. transporter(s); (5) the point(s) of entry; (6) the geographic market(s) served; (7) whether the sales are being made on an

interruptible or firm basis; and if applicable, (8) the contract pricing provisions, including the per unit (MMBtu) demand/commodity/reservation charge breakdown of the contract price.

D. The first quarterly report required by Paragraph D of this Order is due not later than April 30, 1993, and should cover the period from January 1, 1993, until the end of the calendar quarter, March 31, 1993.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 13, 1992.

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