

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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MIDCON GAS SERVICES CORPORATION ) FE DOCKET NO. 93-41-NG  
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 806

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MAY 17, 1993  
  
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I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_

On April 23, 1993, Midcon Gas Services Corporation (MIDCON), formerly Midcon Marketing Corporation,<sup>1/</sup> filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),<sup>2/</sup> requesting blanket authorization to import up to 800 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first import. MIDCON is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Lombard, Illinois. MIDCON will import the gas under short-term and spot market transactions, either on its own behalf or as the agent for others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

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

The application filed by MIDCON 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), 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 MIDCON to

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<sup>1/</sup> On January 21, 1993, Midcon Marketing Corporation's name was changed to Midcon Gas Services Corporation to facilitate a corporate reorganization.

2/ 15 U.S.C. 717b.

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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

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

A. Midcon Gas Services Corporation (MIDCON) is authorized to import up to 800 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada, at any point on the United States/Canada border, over a two-year term beginning on the date of first import.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, MIDCON 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, MIDCON 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, MIDCON must report total monthly volumes 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  
point(s) of entry; (5) the name of the United States  
transporter(s); (6) the geographic market(s) served; (7) whether  
the 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 Paragraph C of  
this Order is due not later than July 30, 1993, and should cover  
the period from the date of this order until the end of the  
second calendar quarter, June 30, 1993.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on May 17, 1993.

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for Fuels Programs  
Office of Fossil Energy