UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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| ORYX GAS MARKETING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP | ) | FE DOCKET NO. 94-63-NG |

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS, INCLUDING LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS, FROM AND TO CANADA AND MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 980

SEPTEMBER 27, 1994

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On September 2, 1994, as amended on September 9, 1994, Oryx Gas Marketing Limited Partnership (Oryx) 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 a combined total of 200 Bcf of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), from Canada and Mexico. In addition, Oryx proposes to export up to a combined total of 200 Bcf of natural gas, including LNG, to Canada and Mexico. The term of the authorization would be for two years beginning on the date of the first import or export after September 30, 1994.2/ Oryx, a Delaware limited partnership, is a marketer of natural gas. It acts through its Managing General Partner, Oryx Gas Marketing Company (Oryx Gas), a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Dallas, Texas. Oryx Gas is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Oryx Energy Company. Oryx would import and export this gas under spot and short term sales arrangements, either on its own behalf or as the agent for others. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline or LNG facilities.

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

2. This is the expiration date of Oryx's existing blanket import/export authorization granted by DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 565 dated December 27, 1991 (1 FE 70,519).

## II. FINDING

The application filed by Oryx has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import/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 or export of natural gas from or to 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 Oryx to import and export natural gas and LNG from and to Canada and Mexico, nations 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. Oryx Gas Marketing Limited Partnership (Oryx) is authorized to import up to a combined total of 200 Bcf of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), from Canada and Mexico. In addition, Oryx is authorized to export up to a combined total of 200 Bcf of natural gas, including LNG, to Canada and Mexico. The term of this authorization is for a period of two years beginning on the date of the initial import or export, whichever occurs first, after September 30, 1994. The natural gas and LNG may be imported and exported at any United States border point.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Oryx shall provide written notification to the Office of Fuels Programs (OFP), Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, FE-50, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, of the date that the first import or export of natural gas or LNG authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

C. With respect to the natural gas and LNG imports and exports authorized by this Order, Oryx shall file with OFP, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports or exports have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports or exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports or exports occur, Oryx must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas and LNG per MMBtu at the international border. The reports also shall provide the details of each import and export 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 and exit; (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 January 30, 1995, and should cover the period from October 1, 1994, until the end of the fourth calendar quarter, December 31, 1994.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on September 27, 1994.

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