UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

COENERGY TRADING COMPANY) FE DOCKET NO. 95-78-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1113

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On September 26, 1995, CoEnergy Trading Company (CTC) 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, requesting blanket authorization to export up to 100 Bcf of natural gas to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first export after February 29, 1996.2/ CTC is a Michigan corporation with its principal place of business in Detroit, Michigan. This gas would be exported under short-term and spot market transactions. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new pipeline facilities.

II. FINDING

The application filed by CTC has been evaluated to determine if the proposed 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), an export of natural gas 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 CTC to export natural gas to Canada, a

^{1/ 15} U.S.C. 717b.

^{2/} This is the date CTC's current blanket authorization to export domestic gas to Canada expires. CTC was formerly named CoEnergy Ventures, Inc. See DOE/FE Order No. 788, issued

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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. CoEnergy Trading Company (CTC) is authorized to export up to 100 Bcf of natural gas to Canada, at any point on the United States/Canada border, over a two-year term beginning on the date of first export after February 29, 1996.
- B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, CTC shall provide written notification to the Office of Fuels Programs, Fossil Energy, Room 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0350, of the date that the first export of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.
- C. With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, CTC shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether exports of natural gas have been made. If no exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If exports have occurred, CTC 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 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
 point(s) of exit; (5) the name of the United States
 transporter(s); (6) the geographic market(s) served; and
- (7) whether the sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis.
- D. The first quarterly report required by Paragraph C of this Order is due not later than April 30, 1996, and should cover the period from March 1, 1996, until the end of the first calendar quarter, March 31, 1996.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 1, 1995.

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