

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION ) FE DOCKET NO. 95-106-NG  
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ORDER GRANTING LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1141

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JANUARY 3, 1996

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

On November 3, 1995, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) 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>1/</sup> and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, requesting long-term authorization to import from Canada up to 7,446 MMBtu<sup>2/</sup> per day of natural gas, plus gas required for compressor and company use in transportation. The gas would be purchased from IGI Resources, Inc. (IGI) pursuant to a gas purchase contract (Agreement) dated October 1, 1994, effective November 1, 1993, and expiring September 30, 2008. Cascade, a Washington corporation, is a public utility with its principal place of business in Seattle, Washington. Cascade states that the requested imports will enter the U.S. at the interconnection of Alberta Natural Gas Company, Ltd. and Pacific Gas Transmission Company (PGT) near Eastport, Idaho. Cascade has made long-term arrangements with PGT for transportation from the point of import to Cascade's facilities. The Agreement contains certain minimum take requirements which can be renegotiated annually.

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

The application filed by Cascade 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).

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

2. This volume is equivalent to 7,446 Mcf of natural gas.

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 consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Cascade 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.

ORDER

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

A. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) is authorized to import, from Canada, up to 7,446 Mcf per day of natural gas, plus gas required for compressor and company use in transportation, effective the date of this Order through September 30, 2008, under the terms and conditions of the gas purchase contract between Cascade and IGI Resources, Inc., dated October 1, 1994. This natural gas may be imported at the interconnection point of Alberta Natural Gas Company, Ltd. and Pacific Gas Transmission Company at the U.S./Canada border near Eastport, Idaho.

B. With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, Cascade shall file with the Office of Fuels Programs, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, a quarterly report indicating by month the volumes and prices of natural gas imported pursuant to this Order. If no imports have been made, a

report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports have occurred, Cascade must report total monthly volumes in Mcf and the average purchase price of gas per MMBtu delivered at the international border and paid to IGI. The monthly price information shall itemize separately the monthly demand and commodity charges, fuel charges, and, if applicable, reservation fees.

C. The first quarterly report required by Ordering Paragraph B of this Order is due not later than April 30, 1996, and should cover the period from the date of this Order through the end of the first calendar quarter, March 31, 1996.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on January 3, 1996.

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Office of Coal & Electricity  
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