UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

EL PASO ENERGY MARKETING COMPANY

(Formerly EPEM Marketing Company)

FE DOCKET NO. 96-16-NG

ORDER AMENDING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1159-B

EPEM Marketing Company is authorized in DOE/FE Order No. 1159 (Order 1159)1/ to export up to 200 Bcf of natural gas to Canada and to export up to 200 Bcf of natural gas to Mexico. The term is for a period of two years beginning on the date of first export after May 10, 1996. Deliveries of natural gas have not yet begun. On June 12, 1997, El Paso Energy Marketing Company filed an application to amend Order No. 1159 to reflect the name change from EPEM Marketing Company to El Paso Energy Marketing Company that became effective April 1, 1997.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, Order No. 1159 is further amended to substitute El Paso Energy Marketing Company for EPEM Marketing Company as the exporter of natural gas. All terms and conditions in Order 1159 remain in full force and effect.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on July 25, 1997.

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1/ Order 1159 was originally issued to Tenneco Gas Marketing Company (1 FE Para. 71,250, April 19, 1996). In DOE/FE Order No. 1203, Order 1159 was amended to substitute Tenneco Energy Marketing Company for Tenneco Gas Marketing Company (1 FE Para. 71,306, October 4, 1996). Later, DOE/FE Order No. 1159-A further amended Order 1159 to substitute EPEM Marketing Company for Tenneco Energy Marketing Company (1 FE Para. 71,371, February 13, 1997).