UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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RENAISSANCE ENERGY (U.S.) INC.	)	FE DOCKET NO. 96-98-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1239

JANUARY 28, 1997

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On December 30, 1996, Renaissance Energy (U.S.) Inc. (Renaissance) 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 and export up to a combined total of 250 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada. The term of the authorization would be for a period of two years beginning on the date of first delivery after January 31, 1997.2/ Renaissance, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, is owned by Renaissance Energy Ltd., a private Canadian corporation. Renaissance will import and export the gas under short-term and spot market conditions on its own behalf and as agents for others. The construction of new pipeline facilities would not be involved.

II. FINDING

The application filed by Renaissance 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

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

2. This is the expiration date of Renaissance's existing blanket

import/export authorization granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1020 dated January 18, 1995 (1 FE   71,074).

be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Renaissance to import and export natural gas from and to 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

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

A. Renaissance Energy (U.S.) Inc. (Renaissance) is authorized to import and export up to a combined total of 250 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term, beginning on the date of first import or export delivery after January 31, 1997. This natural gas may be imported and exported at any point on the U.S./Canada border.

B. Within two weeks after deliveries begin, Renaissance shall provide written notification to the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, 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 delivery of natural gas authorized in Ordering Paragraph A above occurred.

C. With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, Renaissance shall file with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and export Activities, within

30 days following each calendar quarter, quarterly reports indicating whether imports or exports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports or exports of natural gas have been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports or exports have occurred, Renaissance must report the following: (1) total monthly volumes in Mcf; (2) the average monthly purchase price of gas per MMBtu at the international border; (3) the name of the seller(s); (4) the name of the purchaser(s); (5) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s); (6) the name of the United States transporter(s); (7) the point(s) of entry and exit; and (8) the geographic market(s) served (for imports, by State). For import transactions only, the report shall also include: (1) whether sales are being made on an interruptible or firm basis; and, if applicable, (2) 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 April 30, 1997, and should cover the period from February 1, 1997, until the end of the first calendar quarter, March 31, 1997.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on January 28, 1997.

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