## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

SEMPRA ENERGY TRADING CORP.

(formerly AIG Trading Corporation)

FE DOCKET NO. 97-42-NG

## ORDER AMENDING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1276-A

On June 10, 1997, the Department of Energy (DOE) granted blanket authorization to AIG Trading Corporation (AIGTC)in DOE/FE Order No. 1276 (Order 1276)<sup>(1)</sup> to import up to 300 Bcf and to export up to 300 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada and to import up to 300 Bcf of natural gas and to export up to 300 Bcf of natural gas from and to Mexico, over a two-year term beginning on the date of first import or export delivery after June 15, 1997. Deliveries of natural gas began on June 16, 1997.

On January 7, 1998, AIGTC notified the Office of Fossil Energy of DOE of an imminent change in its ownership and requested DOE to amend Order 1276 effective the close of business on December 31, 1997, to reflect the change in AIGTC's name to Sempra Energy Trading Corp. Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, Order No. 1276 is amended to substitute Sempra Energy Trading Corp. for AIG Trading Corporation as the importer and exporter of natural gas, effective December 31, 1997. All terms and conditions in Order 1276 remain in full force and effect.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on January 22, 1998.

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