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AQUILA MERCHANT SERVICES, INC.)	
(Formerly Aquila, Inc.))	FE DOCKET NO. 00-61-NG
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ORDER AMENDING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1623-B

In DOE/FE Order No. 1623 (Order 1623)^{1/2}, issued in FE Docket No. 00-61-NG on September 1, 2000, as amended on November 30, 2001, in DOE/FE Order No. 1623-A (Order 1623-A)^{2/2}, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) granted blanket authorization to Aquila, Inc. to import up to 200 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on September 1, 2000, and extending through August 31, 2002.

On March 15, 2002, FE was notified that Aquila Inc.'s name had been changed to Aquila Merchant Services, Inc. effective March 1, 2002.

^{1/2} FE ¶ 70,529.

^{2/} Order 1623-A, issued on November 30, 2001 is unpublished at this time.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, the blanket authorization granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1623, as amended, is further amended to substitute Aquila Merchant Services, Inc. for Aquila Inc. as the importer of natural gas. All terms and conditions in Order 1623, as amended, remain in full force and effect.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 25, 2002.

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