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ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS OPERATING L.P.) FE DOCKET NO. 05-62-LNG
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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS
FROM VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL SOURCES

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2123

SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On August 22, 2005, Enterprise Products Operating L.P. (EPO) 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 for blanket authorization to import liquefied natural gas (LNG), up to the equivalent of 150 billion cubic feet, from various international sources. The authorization would be for a two-year term beginning on September 15, 2005. EPO is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

II. FINDING

The application 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). Under section 3(c), the import of LNG is deemed to be consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by EPO to import LNG from various international sources meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest. This Order authorizes transactions with terms of no longer than two years.

^{1/} 15 U.S.C. § 717b. This authority is delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy pursuant to Redefinition Order No. 00.002.04A (April 13, 2005).

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ORDER

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

A. Enterprise Products Operating L.P. (EPO) is authorized to import up to 150 billion cubic feet of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from various international sources. The term of the authority will begin September 15, 2005, and extend through September 14, 2007.


B. This LNG may be imported at any LNG receiving facility in the United States and its territories.

C. With respect to the LNG imports authorized by this Order, EPO shall file with the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether imports of LNG have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If LNG imports have not been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports of LNG have occurred, the report must give the details of each LNG cargo: (1) the country of origin; (2) total monthly volumes in thousand cubic feet (Mcf) and million British thermal units (MMBtu); (3) the name of the seller(s); (4) the name of the purchaser(s); (5) the point(s) of entry; (6) the name(s) of the LNG tanker; (7) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s); (8) the geographic market(s) served (by State); and, (9) the average landed cost per MMBtu at the point of import. [OMB NO.: 1901-0294]

D. The first quarterly report required by this Order is due not later than October 30, 2005, and should cover the period from September 15, 2005, until the end of the third calendar quarter, September 30, 2005.

E. The reports required by this Order shall be filed with the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, FE-34, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026-4375.

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