

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, L.L.C.
(Formerly The Montana Power Company)

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FE DOCKET NO. 00-94-NG

ORDER AMENDING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1659-A

In DOE/FE Order No. 1659 (Order 1659)^{1/}, issued in FE Docket No. 00-94-NG on December 18, 2000, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) granted blanket authorization to The Montana Power Company to import up to 20 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on February 7, 2001, and extending through February 6, 2003.

On August 1, 2002, FE was notified that The Montana Power Company had merged into The Montana Power, L.L.C. effective February 13, 2002, and its name had changed to The Montana Power, L.L.C. FE was also notified that The Montana Power, L.L.C. subsequently changed its name to NorthWestern Energy, L.L.C. effective March 19, 2002.



Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, the blanket authorization granted by DOE/FE Order No. 1659, is amended to substitute NorthWestern Energy, L.L.C. for The Montana Power Company as the importer of natural gas. All terms and conditions in Order 1659 remain in full force and effect.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on August 7, 2002.

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