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ST. LAWRENCE GAS COMPANY, INC.

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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2222

MAY 26, 2006

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On May 18, 2006, St. Lawrence Gas Company, Inc. (St. Lawrence) 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 up to 25.80 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada. St. Lawrence requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on July 26, 2006. St. Lawrence is a New York corporation with its principal place of business in Massena, New York.

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 natural gas from 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 be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by St. Lawrence to import natural gas from Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion

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).

and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest. This Order authorizes transactions with terms of no longer than two years.

ORDER

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

A. St. Lawrence Gas Company, Inc. (St. Lawrence) is authorized to import up to 25.80 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term which shall begin July 26, 2006, and extend through July 25, 2008.

B. This natural gas may be imported at any entry point on the border of the United States and Canada.

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the imports of natural gas authorized by this Order, St. Lawrence shall file with the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If imports of natural gas have not been made, a report of "no activity" for that month must be filed. If imports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give the following details: (1) country of origin; (2) point(s) of entry; and (3) the total volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf) at each import point for the month. [OMB NO.: 1901-0294]

D. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than August 30, 2006, and should cover the reporting period July 1, 2006 through July 31, 2006.

E. **Quarterly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports authorized by this Order, St. Lawrence shall file with the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether imports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If imports of natural gas have not been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If imports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give details of each transaction, including: (1) the total monthly volumes in Mcf; (2) the average purchase price of gas per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the international border; (3) the name of the supplier(s); (4) the name of the purchaser(s); (5) the estimated or actual duration of the supply agreement(s); (6) the name of the United States transporter(s); (7) the point(s) of entry; and (8) the geographic market(s) served, by state. [OMB No.: 1901-0294]

F. The first quarterly report required by this Order is due not later than October 30, 2006, and should cover the period from July 26, 2006 through the end of the calendar quarter, September 30, 2006.

G. Both the monthly and quarterly reports 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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