## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

RELIANT ENERGY SERVICES, INC. ) (Formerly NorAm Energy Services, Inc. )

FE DOCKET NO. 97-31-NG

## ORDER AMENDING AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM AND TO CANADA AND MEXICO

## DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1270-A

On April 29, 1997, the Department of Energy (DOE) granted blanket authorization to NorAm Energy Services, Inc. (NES) in DOE/FE Order No. 1270 (Order  $(1270)^{1/2}$  to import up to 292 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from both Canada and Mexico and to export up to 292 Bcf of natural gas to both Canada and Mexico. The two-year term of this authorization began on September 11, 1997, and therefore will expire on September 10, 1999. On February 12, 1999, Reliant Energy Services, Inc. filed an application to amend Order 1270 to reflect a name change from NorAm Energy Services, Inc. to Reliant Energy Services, Inc.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, Order 1270 is amended to substitute Reliant Energy Services, Inc. for NorAm Energy Services, Inc. as the importer and

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>1</u>/ 1 FE ¶ 71,399.

exporter of natural gas, effective the date of this Order. All terms and conditions in Order 1270 remain in full force and effect.

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