UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

EL PASO MERCHANT ENERGY–GAS, L.P.)
Formerly El Paso Energy Marketing Company) FE DOCKET NO. 99-59-NG

ORDER AMENDING AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT NATURAL GAS FROM MEXICO

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1509-A

On August 27, 1999, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) granted blanket authorization to El Paso Energy Marketing Company in DOE/FE Order No. 1509 (Order 1509)^{1/2} to import up to 200 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Mexico. The term of the authorization is for a period of two years beginning on the date of first delivery after August 30, 1999. Deliveries under Order 1509 have not yet begun.

On December 17, 1999, as supplemented on December 29, 1999, El Paso Merchant Energy–Gas, L.P. filed an application with DOE requesting authorization to amend Order 1509 to reflect a name change from El Paso Energy Marketing Company to El Paso Merchant Energy–Gas, L.P. effective December 1, 1999.

^{1/} Not yet published.

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Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, Order 1509 is amended to substitute El Paso Merchant Energy–Gas, L.P. for El Paso Energy Marketing Company as the importer of natural gas. All terms and conditions in Order 1509 remain in full force and effect.

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