

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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ALLIANCE PIPELINE L. P.)
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FE DOCKET NO. 00-08-NG

ORDER AMENDING AUTHORIZATION
TO INCREASE VOLUME OF NATURAL GAS IMPORTS

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1569-A

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On June 15, 2000, Alliance Pipeline L. P. (Alliance) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act^{1/} (NGA) and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127, for an amendment to its existing import authorization issued on February 17, 2000, in DOE/FE Order No.1569 (Order 1569).^{2/} Order 1569 authorized Alliance to import from Canada up to 8.8 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas over a two year term that will expire May 26, 2002. Alliance requests that Order 1569 be amended to allow the importation of up to an additional 41.2 Bcf of natural gas under its authorization. Alliance is a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

^{1/} 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

^{2/} 2 FE ¶ 70,459.

II. FINDING

The application filed by Alliance 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 or export of natural gas from or to 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 Alliance to import natural gas from Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest. This blanket order authorizes transactions under contracts with terms of no longer than two years.

ORDER

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

A. DOE/FE Order No. 1569 (Order 1569) is amended to authorize Alliance Pipeline L. P. (Alliance) to import up to 50 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Canada beginning on May 27, 2000, and extending through May 26, 2002.

B. All other terms and conditions of Order 1569 shall remain in full force and effect.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on June 16, 2000.

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