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DOCKET NO. 05-17-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2081

MARCH 17, 2005

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On March 15, 2005, Avista Energy, Inc. (Avista) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),<sup>1/</sup> for blanket authorization to export up to 219 billion cubic feet of natural gas to Canada.

Avista requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on May 1, 2004.

The applicant is a Washington corporation with its principal place of business in Spokane, Washington.

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed export 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 export of natural gas 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 Avista to export natural gas to 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 Order authorizes transactions with terms of no longer than two years.

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<sup>1/</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b. This authority is delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy pursuant to Redefinition Order No. 00-002.04 (January 8, 2002).

## ORDER

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

A. Avista Energy, Inc. (Avista) is authorized to export up to 219 billion cubic feet of natural gas to Canada. The term of the authority began on May 1, 2004, and extends through April 30, 2006.

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


C. With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, Avista shall file with the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, within 30 days following each calendar quarter, reports indicating whether exports of natural gas have been made. Quarterly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If exports of natural gas have not been made, a report of "no activity" for that calendar quarter must be filed. If exports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give details of each transactions, including: (1) the total monthly volumes in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (2) the average purchase price of gas per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the international border; (3) the name of the seller(s); (4) the name of the purchaser(s); (5) the estimated or actual duration of the agreement(s); (6) the name of the United States transporter(s); (7) the point(s) of exit; and (8) total monthly volumes in Mcf.

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D. The first quarterly report required by this Order is due not later than April 30, 2005, and should cover the period from the date of this Order, until the end of the first calendar quarter, March 31, 2005.

E. The 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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