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Clifford P. Tomaszewski,

Director, Office of Natural Gas, Office of Fuels Programs, Office of Fossil Energy.

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Western Gas Resources, Inc.; Order Granting Blanket Authorization To Import and Export Natural Gas From and to Canada

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting Western Gas Resources, Inc. authorization to import up to 73 Bcf of natural gas from Canada and export up to 73 Bcf of natural gas to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first import or export after June 16, 1995.

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Clifford P. Tomaszewski,

Director, Office of Natural Gas, Office of Fuels Programs, Office of Fossil Energy,

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Office of Hearings and Appeals

Implementation of Special Refund Procedures

AGENCY: Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Implementation of Special Refund Procedures.

SUMMARY: The Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) of the Department of Energy (DOE) announces the procedures for disbursement of \$866,352.24, plus accrued interest, in refined petroleum

product violation amounts obtained by the DOE pursuant to Consent Orders issued to Bell Fuels, Inc., et al., Case Nos. LEF-0061, et al. In the absence of sufficient information to implement direct restitution to injured customers of the consenting firms, the OHA has determined that if no such customers come forward, the funds obtained from these firms, plus accrued interest, will be made available to state governments for use in four energy conservation programs.

DATE AND ADDRESS: Applications for Refund from customers of the consenting firms must be filed in duplicate and sent to:

Office of Hearings and Appeals,
Department of Energy, 1000
Independence Ave., SW., Washington,
DC 20585.

Applications should display a prominent reference to the name of the consenting firm in question and the appropriate case number. Applications should be postmarked by September 29, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Roger Klurfeld, Assistant Director,
Office of Hearings and Appeals, 1000
Independence Avenue, SW.,
Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-2094
(Mann); 586-2383 (Klurfeld).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with 10 CFR 205.282(b), notice is hereby given of the issuance of the Decision and Order set out below. This Decision and Order sets forth the procedures that the DOE has formulated to distribute \$866,352.24, plus accrued interest, obtained by the DOE pursuant to Consent Orders issued to eighteen resellers and retailers of refined petroleum products. The Consent Orders settled DOE allegations that, during periods between 1973 and 1981, the firms had sold certain refined petroleum products at prices in excess of the maximum lawful selling price, in violation of Federal petroleum price regulations. The names of the firms, their case numbers, the dates of the settlement periods, the products covered by each Consent Order, and the amounts received from each firm are set forth in the Appendix to the Decision.

Since it lacks sufficient information to implement a standard first-stage refund process, the OHA has determined that it will accept refund claims from any injured customers of the consenting firms who come forward and will devise refund procedures based on the information these applicants provide. If no applicants come forward, all of the funds obtained from the firms will be made available for indirect restitution in

accordance with the provisions of the Petroleum Overcharge Distribution and Restitution Act of 1986 (PODRA), 15 U.S.C. 4501-07. The funds will be distributed to state governments for use in four energy conservation programs.

Applications for Refund must be postmarked by September 29, 1995. Instructions for the completion of refund applications are set forth in the Decision that immediately follows this notice. Applications should be sent to the address listed at the beginning of this notice.

Unless labeled as "confidential," all submissions must be made available for public inspection between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays, in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, located in Room 1E-234, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Dated: May 19, 1995.

George B. Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Decision and Order of the Department of Energy; Implementation of Special Refund Procedures

May 19, 1995.

Names of Firms: Bell Fuels, Inc., et al.
Dates of Filing: July 20, 1993, November 16, 1993.

Case Numbers: LEF-0061, et al.

On July 20 and November 16, 1993, the Economic Regulatory Administration (ERA) of the Department of Energy (DOE) filed Petitions for the Implementation of Special Refund Procedures with the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), to distribute the funds received pursuant to Consent Orders entered into by the DOE and the eighteen petroleum resellers and retailers listed in the Appendix to this Decision and Order (hereinafter collectively referred to as the consenting firms). In accordance with the provisions of the procedural regulations at 10 C.F.R. Part 205, Subpart V (Subpart V), the ERA requests in its Petitions that the OHA establish special procedures to make refunds in order to remedy the effects of regulatory violations set forth in the Consent Orders.

I. Background

Each of the consenting firms was a reseller or retailer of refined petroleum products during the periods relevant to this proceeding. ERA audits of the consenting firms revealed possible violations of the Mandatory Petroleum Price Regulations. Subsequently, each of these firms entered into a separate Consent Order with the DOE in order to settle its disputes with the DOE concerning certain sales of refined petroleum products. Pursuant to these Consent Orders, the firms agreed to pay to the DOE specified amounts in settlement of their potential liability with respect to sales to their customers during the settlement periods. The firms' payments are currently being held in separate interest-bearing accounts pending