

Policy Act of 1992 (EPACT) [42 U.S.C. 13525], in the event EPACT applies to financial assistance instruments issued as a result of this solicitation. A copy of Section 2306 will be included in the DOE Application Instruction package.

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Director, Procurement Services Division.

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Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 95-41-NG]

Crestar Energy Marketing Corp.; 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 Crestar Energy Marketing Corp. authorization to import and export up to a combined total of 50 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first import or export after July 12, 1995.

This order is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Fuels Programs Docket Room, 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, June 13, 1995.

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

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[FE Docket No. 95-45-NG]

Pan-Alberta Gas (U.S.) Inc., Order Granting Blanket Authorization To Import Natural Gas From 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 Pan-Alberta Gas (U.S.) Inc. authorization to

import up to 730 Bcf of natural gas from Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first delivery after July 3, 1995.

This order is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Fuels Programs Docket Room, 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP95-565-000]

Equitrans, Inc.; Notice of Application

June 20, 1995.

Take notice that on June 15, 1995, Equitrans, Inc. (Equitrans), 3500 Park Lane, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15275, filed in Docket No. CP95-500-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Equitrans to recover the costs associated with implementing a new technology for decreasing the investment in cushioning storage reservoirs by replacing the natural gas serving as cushion gas in Equitrans' Shirley reservoir in Tyler and Doddridge Counties, West Virginia with nitrogen, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Equitrans proposes to inject up to 300 Mmcf of nitrogen into the existing Shirley storage reservoir, but states that the reservoir will not be physically enlarged. According to Equitrans, less of the natural gas will need to remain in the reservoir to maintain the working capacity and deliverability of the reservoir, and the former cushion gas replaced with nitrogen will thereby be available for withdrawal, sale and public consumption. Equitrans proposes that the cushion natural gas withdrawn will be replaced by nitrogen at a lower cost to Equitrans' ratepayers.

In order to execute this procedure Equitrans state that it will contract with a third party to install temporary facilities at the surface of the Shirley reservoir to produce the nitrogen needed for injection. The nitrogen

generation facilities will be installed and removed by the provider. It is stated that the cost of constructing these facilities will be included in the unit cost of nitrogen which will be purchased by Equitrans at the point of injection. Equitrans states that the wells that will be used in this project are owned and operated by an independent producer of natural gas. It is stated that these wells were dually completed to allow access by Equitrans to the storage formation. Under an existing operating and farmout agreement between Equitrans and the producer, Equitrans states that it will withdraw cushion natural gas from the storage reservoir for one year prior to injecting nitrogen. Equitrans proposes to commence nitrogen injection in late 1996 or early 1997.

Equitrans states that the natural gas that will be replaced as cushion gas by nitrogen under this proposal is currently reflected in Equitrans' ratebase at \$1.10 per Mcf. Upon the sale of the natural gas that no longer needs to remain in the reservoir as cushion rates, Equitrans proposes to credit its "Account 117, Gas stored underground—noncurrent" by the amount that the gas is currently reflected in the rate base. Equitrans states that it will correspondingly debit the appropriate rate base account for the lower cost of the nitrogen. Equitrans contends that this rate base reduction will be included in rate base accounts chargeable to Equitrans' jurisdictional customers. It is stated that the cost of service impact of this rate base reduction will be included in Equitrans' next general Section 4(e) rate filing to be made in August of 1997, and will provide customers with rate benefits while maintaining the same level and reliability of storage service.

Equitrans further requests that the certificate issued herein provides that in the event of project failure, Equitrans be guaranteed recovery of the current book value of its Shirley facilities, together with a return on its investment in these facilities. Equitrans states that this regulatory protection is consistent with the Commission's treatment of the coal gasification projects undertaken in the 1970s.

Equitrans states that its proposal to offer its Shirley reservoir as a demonstration site will culminate the effort begun by the Gas Research Institute (GRI) in 1985 that has involved a variety of industry participants. It is stated that the potential benefits to the public of this project are significant, given the readily transferable nature of the technology to Equitrans' other storage reservoirs and to other storage operators in the industry.