

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** The National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education is established under Section 1001 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1980, Title X (20 U.S.C. 1131a-1). The National Board of the Fund is authorized to recommend to the Director of the Fund and the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education priorities for funding and approval or disapproval of grants of a given kind.

The meeting of the National Board is open to the public. The National Board will meet on Friday, January 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to provide an overview of the Fund's current competition progress, and to discuss the planning of several other funding initiatives.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt

to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Room 3100, Regional Office Building #3, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202 from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated: December 22, 1997.

**David A. Longanecker,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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**ACTION:** Notice of orders.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders authorizing, transferring and/or vacating various imports and/or exports of natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders are available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, 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 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 17, 1997.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Office of Fossil Energy**

[FE Docket Nos. 97-80-NG et al.]

**Sierra Pacific Power Company et al.; Orders Granting, Transferring and Vacating Blanket Authorizations To Import and/or Export Natural Gas**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

APPENDIX.—BLANKET IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/Exporter FE Docket No.	Two-year maximum		Comments
			Import volume	Export volume	
<b>Doe/FE Authority</b>					
1328 .....	11/06/97	Sierra Pacific Power Company 97-80-NG	95 Bcf .....	.....	Import from Canada.
1331 .....	11/06/97	Texas-Ohio Energy, Inc. (Formerly Texas-Ohio Gas Inc.) 97-95-NG.	100 Bcf ...	.....	Import from Canada beginning July 11, 1997, through July 10, 1999.
1333 .....	11/10/97	Southern California Edison Company 97-98-NG.	100 Bcf ...	.....	Import from Canada beginning November 1, 1997, through October 31, 1999.
1334 .....	11/14/97	Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. 97-96-NG .....	20 Bcf .....	20 Bcf .....	Import and export from and to Canada beginning December 23, 1997, through December 22, 1999.
1335 .....	11/19/97	Sumas Cogeneration Company, L.P. 97-101-NG.	17.8 Bcf ...	.....	Import from Canada.
1336 .....	11/20/97	Husky Gas Marketing Inc. 97-97-NG .....	200 Bcf ...	.....	Import from Canada.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER98-181-000]

**Howard/Avista Energy, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order**

December 22, 1997.

Howard/Avista Energy, LLC (Howard/Avista) filed an application for authorization to sell power at market-

based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, Howard/Avista requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by Howard/Avista. On December 15, 1997, the Commission issued an Order Conditionally Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's December 15, 1997 Order granted the request for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (D), (E), and (G):

(D) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by Howard/Avista should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(E) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (E) above, Howard/Avista is hereby authorized to issue securities