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**APPENDIX—BLANKET IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED**  
[DOE/FE Authority]

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/exporter FE Docket No.	Two-year maximum		Comments
			Import volume	Export volume	
836-B .....	02/06/97	Energy Source, Inc.; 93-82-NG .....			Administrative change.
1248 .....	02/12/97	Big Sky Gas Marketing Corporation; 97-15-NG.	44 Bcf	44 Bcf	Import and export from and to Canada.
1249 .....	02/12/97	Stamped Energy (U.S.); 97-12-NG .....	100 Bcf	100 Bcf	Import/export from and to Canada and Mexico.
1250 .....	02/12/97	Sonat Marketing Company L.P.; 97-11-NG	10 Bcf LNG		Import from Canada.
940-A .....	02/13/97	EPEM Marketing Company; 94-13-NG .....	100 Bcf		Name change.
1159-A .....	02/13/97	EPEM Marketing Company; 96-16-NG .....			Name change.
1138-A .....	02/13/97	EPEM Marketing Company; 95-122-NG .....			Name change.
1251 .....	02/13/97	Cabot Oil & Gas Marketing Corporation; 97-18-NG.	10 Bcf		Import from Canada.
1252 .....	02/13/97	Petro-Canada HydroCarbons Inc.; 97-13-NG.	300 Bcf		Import from Canada.
1255 .....	02/14/97	Eagle Gas Marketing LLC; 97-14-NG .....	25 Bcf	25 Bcf	Import and export from and to Canada.
1256 .....	02/20/97	UMC Petroleum Corporation; 97-16-NG .....	44 Bcf	44 Bcf	Import and export from and to Canada.
1257 .....	02/21/97	Boundary Gas, Inc.; 97-21-NG .....	(1) 67.5 Bcf		Import/export combined total from and to Canada.
1258 .....	02/21/97	Canwest Gas Supply U.S.A., Inc.; 97-19-NG.	(1) 400 Bcf		Import/export combined total from and to Canada.
1259 .....	02/26/97	Midland Cogeneration Venture Limited Partnership; 93-81-NG.	Vacated		Vacated.
		97-17-NG .....	200 Bcf		Import/export combined total from and to Canada.

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**[FE Docket No. 97-20-NG]**

**Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp.; Order Granting Long-Term 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 Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. (ECT) long-term authorization to import up to 15,400 MMcf of natural gas per day from Canada commencing November 1, 1997, and terminating November 1, 2007. The natural gas shall be imported under a supply arrangement with Enron Capital & Trade Resources Canada Corp. This natural gas may be imported at any point on the border of the United States and Canada.

This order is 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.

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**[FE Docket No. 97-23-NG]**

**Stone Consolidated Corporation; Order Granting Long-Term 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 Stone Consolidated Corporation (Stone

Consolidated) long-term authorization to import and export up to 1095 MMcf of natural gas annually from Canada commencing on the first day of the month after approval of the authorization and continuing through October 31, 2002. The natural gas will be imported and exported under a supply arrangement with TransCanada Gas Services Limited. This natural gas may be imported at Warroad, Minnesota/Sprague, Manitoba and exported at Baudette, Minnesota/Rainy River, Ontario, or any other points on the border of the United States and Canada.

This order is 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.

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## Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. F-088]

### Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Decision and Order Granting a Waiver From the Furnace Test Procedure to Nordyne

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Decision and Order.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given of the Decision and Order (Case No. F-088) granting a Waiver to Nordyne from the existing Department of Energy (DOE or Department) test procedure for furnaces. The Department is granting Nordyne's Petition for Waiver regarding blower time delay in calculation of Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) for its G5RD and G5RL series furnaces.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Cyrus H. Nasser, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Mail Station EE-431, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-9138 or Mr. Eugene Margolis, Esq., U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, Mail Station GC-72, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0103, (202) 586-9507.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 10 CFR 430.27(j), notice is hereby given of the issuance of the Decision and Order as set out below. In the Decision and Order, Nordyne has been granted a Waiver for its G5RD and G5RL series furnaces permitting the company to use an alternate test method in determining AFUE.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 19, 1997.

**Christine A. Ervin,**

*Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

### Decision and Order—Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

*In the Matter of:* Nordyne (Case No. F-088).

## Background

The Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products (other than automobiles) was established pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, Public Law 94-163, 89 Stat. 917, as amended (EPCA), which requires DOE to prescribe standardized test procedures to measure the energy consumption of certain consumer products, including furnaces. The intent of the test procedures is to provide a comparable measure of energy consumption that will assist consumers in making purchasing decisions. These test procedures appear at 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B.

The Department amended the prescribed test procedures by adding 10 CFR 430.27 to create a waiver process. 45 FR 64108, September 26, 1980. Thereafter, DOE further amended its appliance test procedure waiver process to allow the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (Assistant Secretary) to grant an Interim Waiver from test procedure requirements to manufacturers that have petitioned DOE for a waiver of such prescribed test procedures. 51 FR 42823, November 26, 1986.

The waiver process allows the Assistant Secretary to waive temporarily test procedures for a particular basic model when a petitioner shows that the basic model contains one or more design characteristics which prevent testing according to the prescribed test procedures or when the prescribed test procedures may evaluate the basic model in a manner so unrepresentative of its true energy consumption as to provide materially inaccurate comparative data. Waivers generally remain in effect until final test procedure amendments become effective, resolving the problem that is the subject of the waiver.

Nordyne filed a "Petition for Waiver," dated September 6, 1996, in accordance with section 430.27 of 10 CFR Part 430. The Department published in the **Federal Register** on October 22, 1996, Nordyne's Petition and solicited comments, data and information respecting the Petition. 61 FR 54783, October 22, 1996. Nordyne also filed an "Application for Interim Waiver" under section 430.27(b)(2), which DOE granted on October 15, 1996. 61 FR 54783, October 22, 1996.

No comments were received concerning either the "Petition for Waiver" or the "Application for Interim Waiver." The Department consulted with The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) concerning the Nordyne Petition.

The FTC did not have any objections to the issuance of the waiver to Nordyne.

## Assertions and Determinations

Nordyne's Petition seeks a waiver from the DOE test provisions that require a 1.5-minute time delay between the ignition of the burner and the starting of the circulating air blower. Nordyne requests the allowance to test using a 30-second blower time delay when testing its G5RD and G5RL series furnaces. Nordyne states that since the 30-second delay is indicative of how these models actually operate, and since such a delay results in an improvement in AFUE of approximately 2.0 percent, the Petition should be granted.

Under specific circumstances, the DOE test procedure contains exceptions which allow testing with blower delay times of less than the prescribed 1.5-minute delay. Nordyne indicates that it is unable to take advantage of any of these exceptions for its G5RD and G5RL series furnaces.

Since the blower controls incorporated on the Nordyne furnaces are designed to impose a 30-second blower delay in every instance of start up, and since the current test procedure provisions do not specifically address this type of control, DOE agrees that a waiver should be granted to allow the 30-second blower time delay when testing the Nordyne G5RD and G5RL series furnaces. Accordingly, with regard to testing the G5RD and G5RL series furnaces, today's Decision and Order exempts Nordyne from the existing test procedure provisions regarding blower controls and allows testing with the 30-second delay.

*It is, therefore, ordered That:*

(1) The "Petition for Waiver" filed by Nordyne (Case No. F-088) is hereby granted as set forth in paragraph (2) below, subject to the provisions of paragraphs (3), (4), and (5).

(2) Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of Appendix N of 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B, Nordyne shall be permitted to test its G5RD and G5RL series furnaces on the basis of the test procedure specified in 10 CFR Part 430, with modifications set forth below:

(i) Section 3.0 of Appendix N is deleted and replaced with the following paragraph:

3.0 Test Procedure. Testing and measurements shall be as specified in section 9 in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 103-82 with the exception of sections 9.2.2, 9.3.1, and 9.3.2, and the inclusion of the following additional procedures:

(ii) Add a new paragraph 3.10 to Appendix N as follows:

3.10 Gas-and Oil-Fueled Central Furnaces. The following paragraph is in