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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket Nos. 92-109-NG; 99-56-NG; 99-55-NG; 99-57-NG; 93-34-NG; 99-54-NG; 99-59-NG; 99-58-NG; 96-47-NG and 96-48-NG]

Kamine/Besicorp Beaver Falls L.P. et al.; Orders Granting, Amending and Vacating Authorizations to Import and Export Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders granting, amending and vacating natural gas import and export authorizations. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853.

They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, 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.

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Appendix

ORDERS GRANTING, AMENDING AND VACATING IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS

DOE/fe authority

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/exporter FE docket No.	Import volume	Export volume	Comments
746-A	8-11-99	Kamine/Besicorp Beaver Falls L.P. 92-109-NG.	.....	.....	Vacating long-term authority.
1504	8-13-99	Barrington Petroleum LTD. 99-56-NG	3.65 Bcf ...	.....	Import from Canada over a two-year term beginning on September 1, 1999, and extending through August 31, 2001.
1505	8-16-99	Sunoma Energy Corp. 99-55-NG	3.65 Bcf ...	.....	Import from Canada over a two-year term beginning on September 1, 1999, and extending through August 31, 2001.
1506	8-17-99	Conoco Inc. 99-57-NG	100 Bcf	.....	Import and export from and to Canada and Mexico up to a combined total beginning on August 27, 1999, and extending through August 26, 2001.
795-A	8-19-99	TransCanada PipeLines Limited 93-34-NG	.....	.....	Amending long-term authorization to increase volumes from 1,405,000 Mcf per day to 1,717,000 Mcf per day for the remaining term through November 1, 2005.
1508	8-27-99	Reliant Energy Services, Inc. 99-54-NG ...	292 Bcf 292Bcf.	292 Bcf 292 Bcf.	Import and export from and to Canada, and import and export from and to Mexico, over a two-year term beginning on the date of first import or export.
1509	8-27-99	El Paso Energy Marketing Company 99-59-NG.	200 Bcf	Import from Mexico over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after August 30, 1999..	
1510	8-27-99	El Paso Energy Marketing Company 99-58-NG.	.....	200 Bcf 200 Bcf	Export to Canada and export to Mexico over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery after September 30, 1999.
1188-A	8-31-99	Cinergy Marketing & Trading, LLC (Formerly Producers Energy Marketing, LLC) 96-47-NG.	.....	.....	Name change.
1189-A	8-31-99	Cinergy Marketing & Trading, LLC (Formerly Producers Energy Marketing, LLC) 96-48-NG.	Name change.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments on the proposal to change the data collection frequency of the Form EIA-820, Biennial Refinery Report, from biennial to annual.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by November 15, 1999. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person identified below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Stacey Ungerleider, Energy Information Administration, EI-42, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Stacey Ungerleider may be reached by phone at (202) 586-5130, by e-mail stacey.ungerleider@eia.doe.gov, or by FAX (202) 586-5846.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Stacey Ungerleider at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the Energy Information Administration (EIA) to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, the EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the collections under section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The Form EIA-820 is used to collect data on the following items: Fuels consumed for all purposes at the refinery; refinery receipts of crude oil by method of transportation; current and projected capacities for refineries, specifically operable atmospheric crude oil distillation capacity, downstream charge capacity, and production capacity; and working and shell storage capacities.

Federal, State, and local governments as well as the private sector use these data to conduct research and to provide relevant and timely analysis on the refinery industry. Data from this survey is published by the Energy Information Administration in the Petroleum Supply Annual Volume I.

II. Current Actions

The Energy Information Administration is requesting a change in the frequency of collection for the Form EIA-820, Biennial Refinery Report. EIA proposes to use the Form EIA-820 to collect data on an annual basis in order to maintain a more accurate, up-to-date database for refinery capacity activity. Annual collection of this data will provide internal and external customers with the data to perform more extensive and accurate trend and feasibility costs analysis. Also, pending new environmental standards for motor gasoline and distillate fuel oil will impact the capability of U.S. refineries to produce new quality products in sufficient volumes to meet consumer demand. EIA's ability to assess this impact requires the most timely data available on refinery capacity. Data on a biennial basis is inadequate to meet this need.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested persons are invited to comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of comments.

General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Can information be submitted by the due date?

C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 2 hours per response. The estimated burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose and provide the information.

Please comment on (1) The accuracy of the agency's estimate and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of collecting this information, including the use of information technology.

D. The agency estimates respondents will incur no additional costs for reporting other than the hours required to complete the collection. What is the estimated: (1) Total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs; and (2) recurring annual costs of operation and maintenance, and purchase of services associated with this data collection?

E. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the method(s) of collection.

As a Potential User

A. Is the information useful at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their weaknesses and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Sec. 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).