

Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

January 23, 2001

Further Temporary Emergency Natural Gas Purchase and Sale Order

By Memorandum dated January 19, 2001, the President authorized and directed the Secretary of Energy to exercise authorities under the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. 3361 through 3364, and the Defense Production Act of 1950, 50 U.S.C. App. 2061 et seq., to assure the continued availability of natural gas for high-priority (including electric generation) uses in the central and northern regions of California. The President found and declared, pursuant to title III of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 and section 607 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. 717z, that a natural gas supply emergency exists in those regions. He further found that natural gas supplies within those regions of California are scarce, critical and essential within the meaning of the Defense Production Act of 1950, and that assuring natural gas supplies to those regions of California is necessary and appropriate to maximize domestic energy supplies and to promote the national defense. Based on the President's Memorandum and the authorities previously vested in the Secretary of Energy, a Temporary Emergency Natural Gas Purchase and Sale Order (the Order) was issued on January 19, 2001, effective through 3:00 a.m., EST, January 24, 2001.

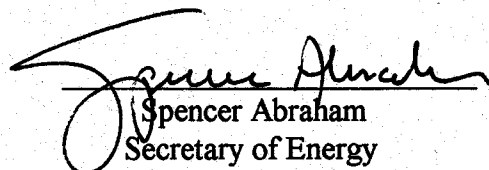
The circumstances that led to the issuance of the Order continue to exist. There remains a natural gas supply emergency that threatens the continued availability of natural gas for high-priority uses, including electric generation, in central and northern California. Therefore, I am extending the Order until February 7, 2001.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 302 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 and sections 101(a) and (c) of the Defense Production Act of 1950, it is hereby ordered that:

Ordering Paragraph 6 of the January 19, 2001, Temporary Emergency Natural Gas Purchase and Sale Order is amended by striking "January 24, 2001.", and inserting "February 7, 2001.", at the end thereof.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on January 23, 2001


Spencer Abraham
Secretary of Energy