

Action Summary Minutes

CENTRAL REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING

Central Region Office Governing Board Room

1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., Fresno, CA 93726

Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The Chair, Jerry Boren, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Gerry Mulligan – public	Present
Robert Schumacher – public	Present
Jim Waterman – attorney	Present
Dr. James Glaser, M.D. – medical	Present
Jerry Boren – engineer	Present

Staff present – Central Region (Fresno): Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Michael Carrera, Supervising Air Quality Inspector; Catherine Redmond, District Counsel; Lynn Sargenti, Senior Office Assistant.

3. Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2009

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Chair asked the Clerk to verify that all items had been properly noticed. The Clerk responded that they had. All those present to testify were sworn in by the Chair. The Chair asked that the agenda packet and any addenda brought forth to be entered into the official record.

A. C-09-09S Aera Energy LLC
 29010 Shell Road
 Coalinga, CA 93210

Petitioners: Tim Parcel

Patrick Houlihan presented the District report.

Mr. Parcel agreed with the District presentation. He answered some questions from the Hearing Board members regarding size of oil field, where the water comes from and how the water is extracted, recycled and

softened for use in their steam boilers. Mr. Parcel gave a brief statement regarding the electrical pump switches and how they work and where they are located.

Public Comment: No public comments.

Moved: Glaser
Seconded: Schumacher

Ayes: Waterman, Schumacher, Mulligan, Glaser, Boren
Nos: None
Abstain: None

The Hearing Board voted unanimously to grant the variance.

B. C-09-10i Starwood Power – Midway LLC
43627 West Panoche Road
Firebaugh, CA 93622

Petitioners: J.J. Fair, Kent Miles

Patrick Houlihan presented the staff report. It was clarified to the Hearing Board members that the request is not associated with mechanical failure, replacement or repairs of pollution control equipment. Mr. Houlihan explained that the variance request is due to errors in the emission limits stated on the original ATC application. He also stated that Starwood Power will reapply to modify their ATC to get the correct start-up and shutdown emission levels. It will be determined by the Permits Division what is allowed.

Mr. Fair agreed with the staff report. He explained the startup process and how the equipment operates. He also mentioned that the facility was in error by not reviewing the limits on their permit and this should have been recognized prior to startup. It was also stated that the amount of emissions is high only at the very beginning of startup and that once the equipment heats up, the emissions are in compliance.

Mr. Houlihan informed the Hearing Board members that the facility was issued a NOV for the first month of operation for being in excess of allowable emissions.

Moved: Waterman
Seconded: Glaser

Ayes: Waterman, Schumacher, Mulligan, Glaser, Boren
Nos: None
Abstain: None

The Hearing Board voted unanimously to grant the variance.

5. On May 29, 2009, Hearing Board Chair Jerry Boren approved an emergency variance for PPG Industries from June 1, 2009 until June 5, 2009. Said variance provided relief from specific requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, and 2520 and allowed the continued operation of the glass melting furnace while in idle mode.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**: No public comments.
7. **HEARING BOARD COMMENTS**: None.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**: None
9. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**: July 15, 2009. This meeting will be held in the Central Region Office (Fresno) in the Governing Board room.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.