

**San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
NORTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING**

Northern Region Office Magnolia Room
4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, CA 95356

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

*Meeting held via teleconferencing with the
Central Region Office (Fresno) and the
Northern Region Office (Modesto) participating via teleconferencing.*

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
The Vice Chair, Gerald Schneider, called the meeting to order at 9:57 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL
Roger Gohring - Public Present
Gerald Schneider (Vice Chair) - Public Present
Rob Hofmann – Attorney Present

Staff Present:

Northern Region (Modesto): Ron Giannone, Supervising Air Quality Inspector;

Central Region (Fresno): Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Annette Williamson, Legal Counsel; Carol Flores, Operations and Program Support Supervisor

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF November 6, 2013
The Vice Chair asked if there were comments regarding the Minutes for November 6, 2013. Hearing no comments, the Vice Chair declared the minutes approved as submitted.

4. PUBLIC HEARING
The Chair swore in all those present to testify for all matters.

A.	N-12-07X	Extension	Fiscalini Farms & Fiscalini Dairy 7130 Kiernan Avenue Modesto, CA 95358	<i>Continued</i>
B.	N-13-15S	Short	International Paper 400 West Valpico Road Tracy, CA 95376	

Petitioners: Hermilo Martinez, Jim Dacayanan, Everard Ashworth and Ken Adler

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

IP is requesting a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rule 4320. The requested variance period would be effective from January 1, 2014, until March 31, 2014. If granted, the variance would allow for the continued use of the

existing boilers with excess NO_x emissions beyond the Rule 4320 compliance date of January 1, 2014, until they are shut down.

There were no comments from the petitioner.

Mr. Hofmann asked for an approximate time period for the project. Mr. Martinez responded approximately 30 days.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, on motion of Mr. Gohring and seconded by Mr. Hofmann, unanimously passed, the petitioner was granted a short variance.

C. N-13-16S	Short	DTE Stockton LLC 2526 West Washington Street Stockton, CA 95203
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Petitioners: Mike Blakey and Cheryl Davis

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

DTE has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2010 and 2201, in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject ATC. The requested variance period would be from December 4, 2013, until December 31, 2013. If granted, the variance would allow the biomass combustor to exceed the fourth quarter total NO_x limit so that commissioning can continue.

Mr. Schneider asked if the emission mitigation fees will be assessed after the variance is concluded. Mr. Houlihan responded affirmatively.

Ms. Davis explained the facility shut down over the holiday. She added the facility elected to conserve their allowed NO_x pounds and shut down for six days and then restart again.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, on motion of Mr. Gohring and seconded by Mr. Hofmann, unanimously passed, the petitioner was granted a short variance.

5. EMERGENCY VARIANCE

The Northern Region Hearing Board has not heard or granted any emergency variances since the November 6, 2013, Hearing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Houlihan noted the next Northern Region Hearing Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2014. He explained this change was due to the holiday.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is January 2, 2014. The meeting will be held via teleconferencing in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) with the Central Region Office (Fresno) participating via teleconferencing.

10. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.