



Action Summary Minutes

SOUTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING

Southern Region Office Video Teleconference (VTC) Room

34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

**Meeting held via teleconferencing (VTC) with the
Central Region Office (Fresno) participating via VTC.**

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Chair, Hollis Carlile, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Kimm Carpenter – Medical	Present
Nancy Dunn – Public	Present
Hollis Carlile (Chair) – Engineer	Present
Bill Bland – Public	Present
John Stovall – Attorney	Absent

Staff present - Southern Region (Bakersfield): Ellyce Baldwin, Supervising Air Quality Inspector

Central Region (Fresno): Patrick Houlihan, Sr. Air Quality Specialist; Ryan Hayashi, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Catherine Redmond, Assistant District Counsel; and Vicki Christie, acting as Deputy Clerk to the Board

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

The Chair, Hollis Carlile, asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes of September 8, 2010. Hearing none, the Minutes were approved as submitted.

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

All those present to testify were sworn in by the Chair, and he requested they sign in.

A. S-10-52S Short Aera Energy, LLC
Lost Hills Dehydration 1
Lost Hills Oil Field

Petitioners: John Haley and John Furman

Patrick Houlihan presented the report. Aera Energy has requested a short variance for a consecutive 4-hour period to occur between October 14, 2010 and December 31, 2010, to allow Aera to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without a functional or operating VRS while the electrical power to the VRS is shut off to facilitate the installation of a new UPS.

Petitioner, John Haley, thanked Patrick Houlihan and stated the District's staff report was accurate.

Public Comments:	None
Motion:	Dunn
Second:	Wolber
AYES:	Wolber, Bland, Dunn, Carlile
NAYS:	None
RECUSED:	None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, the Hearing Board voted to pass the Motion to grant the variance subject to the conditions of the staff report.

B. S-10-54R Regular Chevron USA Inc.
31X and 6Z Cogeneration Plants
Cymric Oil Field

Petitioners: John Gruber and Carrie O'Rourke

Patrick Houlihan presented the report. Chevron USA, Inc. (CUSA) has requested a regular variance period to occur between October 13, 2010 and May 1, 2011. If granted, the variance would allow the subject turbines a 90-day shakedown period, whereby emissions would be allowed to be higher than Rule 4703 limits. During this time, CUSA will also attempt to work out any problems that might occur and will accommodate a curing period. In addition, the variance would allow the postponing of compliance demonstration source testing and CEMS certification beyond the rule compliance date of January 1, 2011. The requested variance also asks for NOx and CO daily and annual emission limits to not apply until after the compliance source tests have been completed.

Petitioner, John Gruber stated the District's staff report was accurate and captures the important details of the petition. He would like to reiterate that these retrofits are being performed to comply with the District Rule and because they involve older co-gen units there is a lot of costly and complex redesign work required. The retrofits are taking approximately one year per co-gen plant to complete. Because the schedule in the rule is so tight, the 90-day conditioning period is needed to be sure that everything is in compliance with District Rule.

Public Comments:	None
Motion:	Wolber
Second:	Dunn
AYES:	Wolber, Bland, Dunn, Carlile
NAYS:	None
RECUSED:	None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, the Hearing Board voted to pass the Motion to grant the variance subject to the conditions of the staff report.

C.	S-10-57S	Short	Chevron USA Inc. 2F Oil Cleaning Plant Midway Sunset Oil Field
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Petitioners: Martin Lundy and David Moore

Patrick Houlihan presented the report. Chevron USA, Inc. (CUSA) has requested a short variance period for four non-consecutive days to occur between October 13, 2010 and January 10, 2011. If granted, the variance would allow CUSA to continue to store VOC containing liquids in tanks without a functional or operating VRS while the subject power circuit is relocated to within the 2F OCP.

There was a change to condition number four of the staff report. Because of the District's flex schedule, being closed every other Friday and on occasion when a holiday falls on a Monday, the condition should read:

CUSA shall notify the District at least 24 hours, but no more than 96 hours each time before the VRS is scheduled to be shut down.

The petitioner, Martin Lundy stated the District's staff report was accurate and thanked Patrick Houlihan for his assistance. He stated that the reason this variance is being requested is if the control system went down, the plant would continue to operate, but without controls to prevent oil spills.

Public Comments:	None
Motion:	Bland
Second:	Wolber
AYES:	Wolber, Bland, Dunn, Carlile
NAYS:	None
RECUSED:	None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, the Hearing Board voted to pass the Motion to grant the variance subject to the conditions of the staff report .

D.	S-10-58S	Short	Sycamore Cogeneration Company 1600 China Grade Loop Bakersfield, CA 93308
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Petitioners: Cory Eagar and Kyle Todt

Patrick Houlihan presented the report. Sycamore Cogeneration Company (SYCAMORE) has requested a short variance for a cumulative 40-hour period to occur between October 13, 2010 and January 10, 2011. If granted, the variance would allow the operation of the subject turbine unit with excess NOx and CO emissions while SYCAMORE conducts the necessary performance tests.

Petitioner, Cory Eagar thanked Patrick Houlihan for his accurate report. Petitioner Kyle Todt narrated a picture presentation of the components involved with this equipment.

Public Comments:	None
Motion:	Dunn
Second:	Wolber
AYES:	Wolber, Bland, Dunn, Carlile
NAYS:	None
RECUSED:	None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, the Hearing Board voted to pass the Motion to grant the variance subject to the conditions of the staff report.

E.	S-10-59S	Short	Sycamore Cogeneration Company 1600 China Grade Loop Bakersfield, CA 93308
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Petitioners: Cory Eagar and Kyle Todt

Patrick Houlihan presented the report. Sycamore Cogeneration Company (SYCAMORE) has requested a short variance for a cumulative 40-hour period to occur between October 13, 2010 and January 10, 2011. If granted, the variance would allow the operation of the subject turbine unit with excess NOx and CO emissions while SYCAMORE conducts the necessary performance tests.

Petitioner, Cory Eagar thanked Patrick Houlihan for his accurate report. Petitioner Kyle Todt narrated a picture presentation of the components involved with this equipment.

Public Comments:	None
Motion:	Wolber
Second:	Dunn
AYES:	Wolber, Bland, Dunn, Carlile
NAYS:	None
RECUSED:	None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, the Hearing Board voted to pass the Motion to grant the variance subject to the conditions of the staff report.

5. The Southern Region Hearing Board heard no emergency variances since the last Hearing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
8. NEW BUSINESS: None
9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.
The meeting will be held via video conferencing (VTC) in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) with the Central Region Office (Fresno) participating via VTC
10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.