



**Action Summary Minutes**

**SOUTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING**

Southern Region Office Video Teleconference (VTC) Room  
34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308

**Wednesday, February 9, 2011, 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 10:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Kimm Wolber – Medical	Present
Nancy Dunn – Public	Arrived at 10:06 a.m.
Hollis Carlile (Chair) – Engineer	Present
Bill Bland – Public	Present
John Stovall – Attorney	Present

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

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2011

The Chair, Hollis Carlile, asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes of January 12, 2011. 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-11-02S	Short	Aera Energy LLC Lockwood Lease Midway Sunset Oil Field
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Petitioners: Robert Beebout, Scott Humphrey

Patrick Houlihan presented the report. AERA has requested a short variance from District Rules 2070.0, 2201, 2520, and 4623, in addition to conditions of the applicable Permits to Operate (PTOs). The requested short variance period would be for a consecutive 96-hour period to occur sometimes between February 21, 2011, and May 21, 2011. If granted, the variance would allow the continued storage of volatile organic compound (VOC) containing liquids within the subject petroleum storage tanks without a functional or operating TVR.

Mr. Houlihan stated after his presentation that there are changes to this variance. Condition number four on page five should read:

4. *AERA shall not restart the oil wells until the TVR is back online.*

The last sentence of Required Finding number five on page four should read:

5. *In addition, AERA will not start the oil wells until the TVR system is returned to service.*

Mr. Beebout thanked Patrick for the accurate summary of the petition. He stated that the company does not expect to use the entire 96-hour period.

Public Comments:	None
Motion:	Dunn
Second:	Wolber
AYES:	Wolber, Bland, Dunn, Carlile, Stovall
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 amended conditions.

B.	S-11-03S	Short	Sunrise Power Company 12857 Sunrise Power Road Fellows, CA 93224
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Petitioners: Ron Hiestand

Patrick Houlihan presented the report. SUNRISE has requested a short variance from District Rules 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520 and 4703, in addition to the applicable conditions of the Permits to Operate (PTOs). The requested short variance would provide relief for a non-consecutive 48-hour period to occur sometime between February 20, 2011 and May 20, 2011. If granted, the variance would allow the CTG unit's #1 and #2 to be operated with excess NOx and CO emissions while they are undergoing performance testing.

Mr. Hiestand thanked Patrick for his report. He stated that the application requested 48 non-consecutive testing hours which would then change the excess emissions listed in number five and six in the conditions on page four. He requested the following changes be made to conditions one, five and six of the staff report:

1. *The variance shall be effective for 48 non-consecutive testing hours to occur between February 20, 2011 and May 20, 2011, or until the performance tests are completed, whichever occurs first.*
5. NOx excess emissions shall not exceed 7,229.1 pounds per day over the variance period.
6. CO excess emissions shall not exceed 16, 516.6 pounds per day over the variance period.

The District approved of these changes.

Public Comments:	None
Motion:	Stovall
Second:	Wolber
AYES:	Wolber, Bland, Dunn, Carlile, Stovall
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 amended conditions.

C. S-11-04S Short Chevron USA Inc  
26C Cogeneration Plant  
Midway Sunset Oil Field

Variance application was withdrawn.

D. S-11-01S Short Chevron USA Inc  
26C Cogeneration Plant  
Midway Sunset Oil Field

Petition is continued until March 9, 2011 Hearing Board Meeting

E. S-11-05S Short Chevron USA Inc  
Cahn 3, Sec. 29 & Sec. 32 Oil Cleaning Plants  
Lost Hills Oil Field

Petitioners: Martin Lundy, Barry Silken, Joel Unruh

CUSA has requested a short variance from District Rules District Rules 2010, 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, 4409, and 4623, in addition to the applicable conditions of the Permits to Operate (PTOs) and Authorities to Construct ATCs). The requested short variance would provide relief for a consecutive 96-hour period to occur sometime between April 1, 2011 and June 15, 2011. If granted, it would allow the continued storage of VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without a functional or operating VRS until PG&E restores electrical power. In addition, it would allow visible emissions in excess of 5% opacity from the subject flare during the power outage.

Mr. Lundy thanked Patrick for his accurate report. The petitioners did not have any further comments.

Public Comments:	None
Motion:	Wolber
Second:	Stovall
AYES:	Wolber, Bland, Dunn, Carlile, Stovall
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 has not heard nor granted any emergency variances since the January 12, 2011 Hearing.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
8. NEW BUSINESS: None
9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 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 10:57 a.m.