



**Action Summary Minutes**

**SOUTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING**

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

**Wednesday, July 13 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 10:04 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Kimm Wolber – Medical             | Present |
| Hollis Carlile (Chair) – Engineer | Present |
| Bill Bland – Public               | Present |
| John Stovall – Attorney           | Present |
| Donna Carpenter – Public          | Present |

Staff present - Southern Region (Bakersfield): Mike Oldershaw, Compliance Manager, Bradley Dawson, Catherine Williams

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2011  
The Chair, Hollis Carlile, asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes of June 8, 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-11-32S      Short      Chevron USA  
2F & 31 E Oil Cleaning Plants  
Midway Sunset Oil Field  
Taft, CA

Petitioners: Martin Lundy, David Moore

CUSA has requested a short variance from District Rules 2010, 2201, 2070.70, 2520, 4401 and 4623, in addition to conditions of the applicable Authorities to Construct (ATCs) and Permits to Operate (PTOs). The requested short variance period would be effective for a consecutive six-day period to occur sometime between July 13, 2011 and October 10, 2011. If granted, the variance would allow CUSA to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without a functional or operating VRS while CUSA conducts the proposed maintenance. In addition, it will allow wells with closed casing vents to produce into tanks that do not have a functional or operating VRS.

Martin Lundy thanked Mr. Houlihan for his accurate report. The petitioners had nothing further to add.

Public Comments:               None

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

|    |          |       |   |
|----|----------|-------|---|
| B. | S-11-33S | Short | Aera Energy, LLC<br>North Midway Sunset Oil Field |
|----|----------|-------|---|

Petitioners: Robert Beebout, Robert Sterling

AERA has requested a short variance from the requirements of District Rules 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520 and 4401 in addition to conditions of the applicable Permits to Operate (PTOs). The requested short variance period would be effective for a consecutive 96-hour period to occur sometime between July 14, 2011 and October 11, 2011. If granted, the variance would allow AERA to release well vent casing gas into the atmosphere to conduct vapor plume Risk Assessment monitoring.

The petitioners had nothing further to add to the report.

Public Comments:               None

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

C. S-11-34S Short Chevron USA Inc.  
6C, 13D & 25D Oil Cleaning Plant  
Coalinga Oil Field  
Coalinga, CA

Petitioners: Larry Landis, Justin McDonald

CUSA has requested a short variance from District Rules 2010, 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, and 4623, in addition to conditions of the applicable Authorities to Construct (ATCs) and Permits to Operate (PTOs). The requested short variance period would be effective for a consecutive eight-day period to occur sometime between July 13, 2011 and October 10, 2011. If granted, the variance would provide relief to CUSA from having to incinerate the tank VRS vapors in the steam generators as is required by the conditions of the permits.

The petitioners had nothing further to add to the report.

Public Comments: None

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

D. S-11-35S Short Chevron USA Inc.  
25D Cogeneration Plant  
Coalinga Oil Field  
Coalinga, CA

Petitioners: Larry Landis, Allison Johnson

CUSA has requested a short variance from District Rules 1081, 2010, 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, and 4703, in addition to conditions of the subject Authorities to Construct (ATCs) and Permit to Operate (PTOs). The requested short variance period would be for a period to occur sometime between July 14, 2011 and October 11, 2011. If granted, the variance would allow the subject turbines to postpone the shakedown period until the PG&E inspection can be completed. The requested variance also asks for NOx and CO daily and annual emission limits to not apply until compliance has been demonstrated.

The petitioners had nothing further to add to the report.

Public Comments: None

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

5. The Southern Region Hearing Board granted three emergency variances since the June 8, 2011 Hearing Board meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
8. NEW BUSINESS: None
9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, August 10, 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 11:05 a.m.