

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
SOUTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING

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

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

*Meeting held via teleconferencing with the
Central Region Office (Fresno) and the
Southern Region Office (Bakersfield)*

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair, William Bland, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Dr. Dean Haddock – Medical	Present
William Bland (Chair) – Public	Present
Nancy Dunn – Public	Present

Staff Present:

Southern Region (Bakersfield): Dave Baldwin, Supervising Air Quality Inspector

Central Region (Fresno): Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Shannon Moore, Air Quality Specialist; Chris Kalashian, Air Quality Specialist; Crystal Bussard, Air Quality Specialist; Carol Flores, Operations and Program Support Supervisor

3. Approve Minutes of March 11, 2015

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for March 11, 2015. Having decided the Minutes were accurate, on motion of Dr. Haddock and seconded by Ms. Dunn, unanimously passed, the Minutes were approved with no changes.

4. Public Hearing

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

	<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
A.	S-15-13S	Short	Kern River Cogeneration Company Unit #2 1600 China Grade Loop Bakersfield, CA 93308

Petitioners: Cory Eagar and Matt Barnes

Mr. Kalashian presented the Staff Report.

KRCC has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4703 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be for a non-consecutive 42-hour period to occur sometime between April 8, 2015, through July 6, 2015, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow the operation of the subject turbine unit with excess NO_x and CO emissions while KRCC conducts the necessary tuning.

Mr. Eagar commented this is the last of the planned maintenance to update old and obsolete equipment.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition had met the required findings, on motion of Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Haddock, unanimously passed, the petitioner was granted a short variance.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B. S-15-14S	Short	Mid-Set Cogeneration Company 13705 Shale Road Fellows, CA 93224

Petitioners: Cory Eagar and Matt Barnes

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Mid-Set has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 1080, 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4703, in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance period would be effective for a non-consecutive 96 hour period to occur sometime between April 8, 2015, and July 6, 2015, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow continued operation of the subject turbine unit while the CEMS is offline for upgrading.

Mr. Barnes requested a change in the timeline to reflect the variance occurring sometime between June 1, 2015 and August 29, 2015. Mr. Eagar said the computer is running Windows 2000 and to avoid emergency variances the system needs to be upgraded. Mr. Houlihan said the modifications were acceptable and added the following modifications would be made to Recommendations:

1. The variance shall be effective for a non-consecutive 96 hour period to occur sometime between June 1, 2015 and August 29, 2015, inclusive, or until the CEMS upgrade is complete, whichever occurs first.
9. By September 13, 2015, or no later than 15 calendar days after completing the upgrades, whichever occurs first, Mid-Set shall submit to the District a summary report.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition had met the required findings, on motion of Dr. Haddock and seconded by Ms. Dunn, unanimously passed, the petitioner was granted a short variance.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
C. S-15-16S	Short	Aera Energy LLC Gas Plant 32 Belridge Oil Field

Petitioners: Brent Winn and Matt Funkhouser

Mr. Moore presented the Staff Report.

Aera has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4409 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance period would be for a consecutive five-day period to occur sometime between April 8, 2015 and July 6, 2015, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow Aera to perform the scheduled maintenance without following all the provisions of District Rule 4409.

Mr. Winn requested the following modification be made to Recommendation:

1. The variance shall be effective for a consecutive five-day period to occur sometime between April 8, 2015 and July 6, 2015, inclusive, or until the maintenance is completed and the Propane Process returned to operation, whichever occurs first.

Mr. Bland requested the following modification be made to Recommendation:

7. Aera shall employ a portable combustion analyzer to test two steam generators while firing off of high VOC gas.

Mr. Moore said the modifications were acceptable.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition had met the required findings, on motion of Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Haddock, unanimously passed, the petitioner was granted a short variance.

5. Emergency Variance
The Southern Region Hearing Board heard and granted one emergency variance since the March 11, 2015, Hearing Board meeting.
6. Public Comments
No public comment.
7. Hearing Board Member Comments
None.
8. New Business
Mr. Houlihan reported Fresno staff will be in Bakersfield for the June 10, 2015, Southern Region Hearing Board because of scheduling conflicts with conference rooms.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting
The next scheduled meeting is May 13, 2015. The meeting will be held via video teleconferencing in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) with the Central Region Office (Fresno) participating via video teleconferencing.

10. Adjourn
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.