

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

Thursday, January 15, 2015

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Vice Chair, John Stovall, reconvened the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

2. Roll Call

John Stovall – Attorney	Present
Daniel Padilla – Engineer	Present
Donna Carpenter – Public	Present

Staff Present:

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

Central Region (Fresno): Clay Bishop, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Shannon Moore, Air Quality Specialist; Crystal Bussard, Air Quality Specialist; Jessi Fierro, Assistant Legal Counsel; Michael Carrera, Air Quality Compliance Program Manager; Carol Flores, Operations and Program Support Supervisor

3. Approve Minutes of December 10, 2014

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for December 10, 2014. Having decided the Minutes were accurate, on motion of Ms. Carpenter and seconded by Mr. Padilla 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-14-69R	Regular	Tricor Refining LLC 1134 Manor Street Bakersfield, CA 93308

Petitioners: Jeff Beecher and Merle Menghini

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Tricor has requested a regular variance from applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, 4305, 4306, and 4320, in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested regular variance would be effective for a non-consecutive 42 day period to occur sometime between January 14, 2015, and June 15, 2015. If granted, the variance would allow process heater #21 to emit excess NO_x, CO, VOC, SO_x and PM₁₀ emissions while it undergoes testing as part of an experimental research exemption operation.

Mr. Padilla asked what the plan is for the next 12 months. Mr. Beecher explained the project should last no longer than 6 months. Mr. Padilla asked if there will be a system in place to measure emissions. Mr. Beecher explained there will be portable emission analyzers available.

Mr. Houlihan noted the petition is for six months.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition had met the required findings, on motion of Mr. Padilla and seconded by Ms. Carpenter unanimously passed, the petitioner was granted a regular variance.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B. S-14-76S	Short	Midway Sunset Cogeneration Company Aera Energy LLC 3466 West Crocker Springs Road Fellows, CA 93224

Petitioners: Ray Smith and Dave Faiella

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Midway has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2010, 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4703, in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance period would be for a non-consecutive six-day period to occur sometime between February 15, 2015, and April 30, 2015, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow Midway to emit excess NO_x emissions while they commission the new combustion hardware.

The petitioners had no further comments.

Public Comments: None

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

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
C. S-14-77S	Short	Chevron USA Inc Station 2-22 Midway Sunset Oil Field

Petitioners: Ashley Dahlstrom and Steve Enns

Mr. Moore presented the Staff Report.

Chevron has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, 4401, and 4623, in addition to applicable conditions on the subject permits. The requested short variance period would be for a non-consecutive 120 hour (5 day) period to occur sometime between January 15, 2015, and April 14, 2015, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow the shutdown of the VRS while the work described above is performed.

Ms. Carpenter requested clarification on upgrades and maintenance activities. Mr. Enns explained isolation valves are normally installed in each of the tanks and any minor maintenance activity that will not disrupt production. Ms. Dahlstrom added the time is used as effectively as possible to reduce future variance requests.

Mr. Padilla asked if any maintenance activity will produce more emissions than stated. Ms. Dahlstrom responded there will not be more emissions produced due to any maintenance activity performed during the variance period.

Public Comments: None

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

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>	
D. S-14-78S	Short	Alon Bakersfield Refining 6451 Rosedale Highway Bakersfield, CA 93308	<i>continued</i>

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
E. S-14-80S	Short	Eastridge Cogeneration Plant Kern River Oil Field

Petitioners: Julie Heck, Yuhong Liu, Tim Nishikubo and John Roach

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Chevron has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, 4001, and 4703, in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance period would be for a non-consecutive

48-hour period, to occur sometime between January 15, 2015, and April 14, 2015, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow for load testing with excess NO_x emissions.

Mr. Houlihan noted the following modifications to the Recommendations:

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3. In addition it will allow the two subject turbines to operate without the SCR ammonia injection or water injection systems
6. Excess VOC emissions shall not exceed 1433 pounds during the variance period.

Mr. Padilla requested clarification on the purpose for the backup power system. Ms. Heck explained it is expected the facility generators to switch from power factor control mode to ISOCH mode should power from PG&E be shut off. She added these tests will test the system and ensure this switch will work.

Public Comments: None

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

5. Emergency Variance

The Southern Region Hearing Board heard and granted two emergency variances since the December 10, 2014, Hearing Board meeting.

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Hearing Board Member Comments

Mr. Padilla requested the Hearing Board packet be sent electronically. Mr. Houlihan thanked Mr. Padilla for his suggestion and will forward the information to the Clerk of the Boards.

8. New Business

The Vice Chair continued the item to the next meeting.

The Vice Chair called a recess at 10:40 a.m.