

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 11, 2018

*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 10:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

William Bland – Public	Present
John Stovall – Attorney	Present
Daniel Padilla – Engineer	Present
Nancy Dunn– Public	Present (arrived @ 10:05)

Staff Present:

Southern Region (Bakersfield): Renee Chavez, Supervising Air Quality Inspector

Central Region (Fresno): Jessi Fierro, Assistant Counsel; Shannon Moore, Air Quality Specialist II; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Clay Bishop, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; and See Thao, Operations Program Support Supervisor.

3. Approval of Consent Calendar (Items 9-11)

These items are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Hearing Board, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on any consent item.

9. Approve Minutes of March 14, 2018

10. Emergency Variance

11. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on May 9, 2018. The meeting will be held in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) with the Central Region Office (Fresno) included via VTC.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Stovall
Seconded: Padilla
Ayes: Stovall, Padilla, Bland
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 9-11

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-18-16S	Short	Aera Energy LLC Lost Hills 1 Dehydration Facility Lost Hills Oil Field

Petitioners: Kenneth Sadler and John Ludwick

Mr. Moore presented the Staff Report.

Aera has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rule 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4623, in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance period would be effective for a consecutive 12-hour period to occur sometime between April 11, 2018, and July 10, 2018, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow Aera to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the subject tank without a functional or operating VRS while an electrical system component is replaced.

Petitioner Comments:

Mr. Ludwick made a correction to the staff report, stating that it is a pump motor that they will be replacing not a compressor motor.

Mr. Bland responded that the changes would be from compressor motor to a pump motor.

Mr. Padilla questioned if the correction needs to be mentioned when making the motion.

Ms. Fierro responded that she does not see the motor being mentioned in the recommendation and correction does not need to be made in the motion.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Padilla
Seconded: Stovall
Ayes: Stovall, Padilla, Bland, Dunn
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-18-16S

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B. S-18-19i	Interim	Aera Energy LLC Belridge Section 32 COGEN, Generator Setting:2862, 3363, 2972, 1-1, 11-1, 12-2 South Belridge Oil Field

Petitioners: John Haley, Cari Long, and Rafael Rodarte

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Aera has requested an interim variance, to be followed by a regular variance, from applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, 4305, 4306, 4320, and 4703 in addition to applicable condition of the subject permits. The requested variance would be effective from April 11, 2018 through June 13, 2018, or until the petition on the regular variance can be heard, whichever occurs first. If granted, the variance would allow the subject cogeneration units and steam generators to exceed their permitted limit for NOx emissions while they undergo NOx characterization testing in preparation for the Belridge Solar Project.

Mr. Stovall questioned if the excess emissions will ultimately decrease once the project is in place.

Mr. Houlihan responded that this is the reason for this variance even though this project is not taking place until 2019. If Aera is not able to keep their emissions under the permit's limit during the low fire periods, then Aera will work with the District to possibly update Rule 4320. It may be possible to amend Rule 4320 to allow a mass emission rate to be put on per year rather than a ppm limit that Aera would have to meet on a continuous basis.

Mr. Padilla clarified that the purpose of this variance is to test for any excess emissions and prepare Aera when the project is in place.

Mr. Houlihan responded that Mr. Padilla is correct.

Petitioner Comments:

Mr. Haley stated that Aera's goal is to be at the emission rate. The highest emission rate may be when they start the tuning and evaluation. However, emissions should decrease as they become more familiar with the ranges of firing rate.

Mr. Rodarte corroborated the importance for the variance.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Stovall
Seconded: Padilla
Ayes: Dunn, Stovall, Padilla, Bland
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-18-19i

5. Public Comments: None
6. Hearing Board Member Comments: None
7. New Business:
Mr. Bland reminded the Hearing Board to complete and submit their Ethics Training certification.
8. Closed Session: – Jessi Fierro, Assistant Counsel, announced the Board would adjourn to Closed Session to discuss the following, followed by adjournment:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) in Kern County Citizens for Responsible Development, et. al. v. Hearing Board of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, et. al., Kern Co. Sup. Ct. Case No. BCV-17-102923

Public Comment: None

The Chair adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 10:20am.

At the end of the Closed Session, Jessi Fierro announced that regarding the Closed Session item above, the Board authorized Counsel to take all steps necessary to defend against the lawsuit, followed by adjournment.

9. Adjournment
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.