

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7919 Independence Blvd., Conference Room B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. James Hopson, with the following members present:

Mrs. Carol Ann Cleveland, Vice-Chairwoman
Mr. Charles Cain, Commissioner
Mr. Henry "Darty" Smith, Commissioner
Major Adam White
Attorney Paul Schexnayder
Attorney Melinda Long

Present also was John W. Alario, Executive Director, and various industry representatives.

On motion by, Major White seconded by Mrs. Cleveland, the minutes of the February 2012 meeting was adopted as transcribed and the register of attendance was signed.

The latest expenditure and revenue reports ending February 29, 2012 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending February 29, 2012 were reviewed.

The accounting total reports for February 2011 and February 2012 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for February 2012 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for February 2012 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for April 25th & 26th in Baton Rouge, La.

Mr. Alario informed the Commission that he would make the following citations for appearance at the April 2012 meeting and that others may be added prior to distribution of the AD letter:

- 1. Citations – Regular –**
None as of March 16, 2012
- 2. Citations – Insurance –**
None as of March 16, 2012
- 3. Citations – Permit Renewals –**
Possible 36; Failure to pay permit renewal fees.

Mr. Alario presented the Commission with the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance of **\$672,559.10** as of February 29, 2012.

Commission Legislation and/or Rule Changes: According to Mr. Alario, everything is in order for the rule changes. Currently, waiting for the rules to be published after the waiting period is over. Attorney Long sent the changes to the Oversight Committee about 2 weeks ago. The rules become effective June 1, 2012.

Mr. Alario informed the Commission about a legislative sponsored bill that will allow a propane powered vehicle to fill at gas pumps. There is federal grant money available to provide fueling stations at different corridors throughout the state. Mr. Alario met with Representative Ortego and he is open to the suggestion. According to Mr. Alario, the Rebate Program continues to be successful.

Commission/Industry Communication: On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA), Ms. Jessica Bennett and Mr. Randy Hayden approached the Commission. Ms. Bennett updated the Commission on the training that was recently provided on tankless water heaters and propane powered lawn mowers in Alexandria, LA. Also, Continued Education training was provided to members and non-members of LPGA. According to Ms. Bennett, more training will be provided statewide. Ms. Bennett also provided a brief overview of a recent basketball game with Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA). According to her, five (5) dealers participated and she would like to see more dealer participation in the future. Ms. Bennett reminded the Commission about the annual propane convention at the end of the July with more training focused on home and business owners.

Mr. Hayden addressed the Commission with Market Development Fund (MDF) related concerns. The Industry would like to know if money is available. According to Mr. Alario, a substantial amount of money should be placed in the MDF. Mr. Alario would like to purchase propane powered vehicles for inspectors with any excess money. Mr. Alario recognizes a clear interpretation needs to be clarified to the dealers as to what they are required to report and to pay to the MDF.

There being no other business, Mr. Cain motioned to recess until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 22, 2012, Mr. Cleveland seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.