

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 7919 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806 – rooms C & D.

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

Mrs. Carol Ann Cleveland, Commissioner
Mr. Charles Cain, Commissioner
Mr. Henry “Darty” Smith, Commissioner
Attorney Melinda Long

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

On motion by, Mrs. Cleveland seconded by Mr. Cain, the minutes of the January 2014 meeting were adopted as transcribed and the register of attendance was signed.

The latest expenditure and revenue reports ending January 31, 2014 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending January 31, 2014 were reviewed.

The accounting total reports for January 2013 and January 2014 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for January 2014 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for January 2014 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for March 19th and March 20th Baton Rouge, La.

Mr. Alario informed the Commission that he would make the following citations for appearance at the March 2014 meeting and that others may be added prior to distribution of the AD letter:

1. **Citations – Regular –**
Two (2) of February 17, 2014
2. **Citations – Insurance –**
One (1) as of February 17, 2014
3. **Citations – Permit Renewals –**
None as of February 17, 2014

Mr. Alario presented the Commission with the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance of **\$143,092.21**. Approximately, \$13,000.00 unencumbered funds.

Mr. Alario informed the Commission on the current status of the Rebate Program. As of today he issued approximately \$12,000.00 in rebates with less than \$2,000.00 remaining within the program. Rebate applications will no longer be processed after today.

On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA), Randy Hayden, Artie Cole –

Ferrell Gas, LPGA President, and Ms. Lauren Tompkins – Louisiana Clean Fuels approached the Commission. Mr. Hayden extended his appreciation and support to Mr. Alario during the shortage and price issues within the Northern states during the recent weather conditions. According to Mr. Hayden, Louisiana was not directly impacted like the Northern and Western states.

Mr. Cole informed the Commission that although Louisiana dealers were not (locally) impacted, a few bulk plants and transportation companies were impacted due to the weather conditions. Some transportation companies have experienced long waiting lines with over 100 trucks. Mr. Cole informed the Commission that another 30-day extension may be necessary for drivers with the transportation companies.

Mr. Hayden introduced Ms. Lauren Tompkins with Louisiana Clean Fuels. Louisiana Clean Fuel's mission is to improve air quality in Louisiana and advance the nation's economic, environmental, and energy security by supporting local actions to diversify transportation fuel options. She briefly discussed an upcoming luncheon that will be held on March 14th on the Louisiana State Police compound. Ms. Tompkins informed the Commission that several stakeholders are interested in conversion. During the luncheon, propane powered vehicles will be available. Mr. Hayden informed the Commission that a questionnaire will be sent to Class 1 permit holders to explain how much money is saved by taxpayers and Louisiana citizens as a result of using alternative fuel such as propane.

There being no other business, Major Ducote motioned to adjourn, Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.