

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 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 Melinda Long
Attorney Paul Schexnayder

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 April 2012 meeting were adopted as transcribed and the register of attendance was signed.

The latest expenditure and revenue reports ending April 30, 2012 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending April 30, 2012 were reviewed.

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

Report of fires and accidents for April 2012 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for April 2012 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for June 20th & June 21st Baton Rouge, La.

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

- 1. Citations – Regular –**
None as of May 14, 2012
- 2. Citations – Insurance –**
None as of May 14, 2012
- 3. Citations – Permit Renewals –**
None as of May 14, 2012

Mr. Alario presented the Commission with the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance of **\$ 684,924.07** as of April 30, 2012.

Commission Legislation and/or Rule Changes: According to Mr. Alario and Attorney Long, the rules will be finalized by May 20th and will become effective June 1, 2012.

Mr. Alario updated the Commission about House Bill 1061- a legislative sponsored bill that will allow propane powered vehicles to fill at self-service gas pumps. The bill will be heard today on the Senate floor. He also informed the Commission on another bill by Rep. Ortego that is currently on the House floor that deals with converting state fleet vehicles to propane and natural gas.

Mr. Alario informed the Commission about recently approved items by the Market Development Board (MDB). First, Mr. Alario discussed the Louisiana Propane and Gas Association (LPGA) tailgating program. The Commission is the title sponsor for the High School Association. As part of the program, a representative attends some of the high school football games. Currently, a partnership is pending with the Seafood Promotion Board and Cattleman's Association. The intent is provide food to raise money for the schools to be sponsored by the propane dealers. The total amount for the tailgating program is \$35,000.00. The next item is for Louisiana Radio Network for \$8,650.00 during the Olympics. Lastly, the La. Homebuilders magazine for \$7,800.00 and the advertising production expenses for \$700.00. In total, the MDB has requested \$52,150.00. On motion by Mr. Cain, seconded by Mr. Smith, the request for \$52,150.00 was approved, all agreed.

Mr. Alario asked the Commission to extend the current rebate program to June 30th. Beginning July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 a new rebate program will be implemented. The new rebate program that will start July 1st is the same as the previous rebate program. Additionally, if a person converts from electric or natural gas to propane, an applicant can receive more money. At this time, no additional money is being added to the program. Approximately, \$185,000.00 is available that has not been used from the current rebate program. Any money that has not been used, will rollover into the new rebate program. There is approximately, \$75,000.00 that is available in the lawn mower rebate program. On motion by Major White, seconded by Mr. Cain, the current rebate program was extended for an additional 30 days, all agreed. On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Cleveland, the new rebate program will begin July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013, was approved, all agreed.

Commission/Industry Communication: On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA), Ms. Jessica Bennett was present. She informed the Commission about the selection process for new board members by July. Ms. Bennett mentioned the bylaws for LPGA will be updated. A new membership called the affiliate membership has started. According to Ms. Bennett, this membership has been offered to all other Classes beside Class 1 dealers in order to give them an opportunity to be a part of the Association.

Mr. Alario reminded the Commission, that appointments have to be made by the Commission for the MDB. Applications are being accepted at this time. According to Mr. Alario, all current board members will like to continue to serve with the exception of Bobby Templet whom has recently resigned from the Board due to a new position he has accepted within his company.

There being no other business, Mr. Cain motioned to recess until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, May 17 2012, Mrs. Cleveland seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.