<u>MINUTES</u> <u>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY</u> <u>LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION</u> <u>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011</u>

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, 2011 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

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

On motion by, Major White seconded by Mr. Smith, the minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting was adopted as transcribed and the register of attendance was signed.

The latest expenditure and revenue reports ending November 30, 2011 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending November 30, 2011 were reviewed.

The accounting total reports for November 2010 and November 2011 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for November 2011 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for November 2011 were reviewed.

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

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

- 1. Citations Regular None as of December 10, 2011
- 2. Citations Insurance None as of December 10, 2011
- 3. Citations Permit Renewals None as of December 10, 2011

Mr. Alario presented the Commission with the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance of **<u>\$885,820.39</u>** as of November 30, 2011.

Commission Legislation and/or Rule Changes: Attorney Melinda Long stated that she received additional changes from Inspector Chad Ledet. Attorney Long implemented those changes into the final draft. Attorney Long has to include all the rule changes with the Fiscal Impact Statement no later than Friday. Mr. Alario requested to review the final draft prior to submission. He also stated that the meeting with the Association was productive regarding the rule changes.

Mr. Randy Hayden and Ms. Jessica Bennett were present on behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA). Ms. Bennett reiterated how productive the meeting was with LPGA and Mr. Alario. She extended her appreciation to the Commission for allowing Mr. Alario and several inspectors to attend the meeting in Natchitoches to address their concerns regarding the rule changes. Mr. Hayden presented the Commission with a proposal from the Market Development Advisory Board (MDAB) for the 2012 Trade Shows and upgrades to both booths that are used during the shows. Approximately, \$20,895.00 was allocated by the MDAB for the Trade Show expenses and booth upgrades. Mr. Alario stated that the MDAB has also requested funds (\$2,800.00 for 10,000 copies) for the production of the coloring books for the Trade Shows. After reviewing the 2012 Trade Show proposal, Chairman James Hopson suggested that additional funds be allocated for the School Board Association. Mr. Alario informed the Commission that they could amend the proposal that was submitted from the MDAB in order to add the additional funds. The amended proposal by the Commission can allot an additional \$1000.00 for the School Board Association.

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cain, the MDAB's Trade Show proposal was amended to include the additional funds for the School Board Association, they all agreed.

On motion by Major White, seconded by Mr. Cain, the Commission approved \$27, 195.00 to include the Trade Show expenses, upgrades to both booths and coloring books, they all agreed.

There being no other business, Mr. Cain motioned to recess until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, December 15, 2011, Mrs. Cleveland seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.