

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, 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 December 2013 meeting were adopted as transcribed and the register of attendance was signed.

The latest expenditure and revenue reports ending December 31, 2013 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending December 31, 2013 were reviewed.

The accounting total reports for December 2012 and December 2013 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for December 2013 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for December 2013 were reviewed.

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

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

1. **Citations – Regular –**
Six (6) as of January 21, 2014
2. **Citations – Insurance –**
None as of January 21, 2014
3. **Citations – Permit Renewals –**
Possible 28; failure to pay permit renewals.

Mr. Alario presented the Commission with the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance of **\$179,132.92.**

Mr. Alario informed the Commission on the current status of the Rebate Program. According to him, most of the funds are exhausted. And the Rebate Program will likely end by the middle of March. The Rebate Program has been a success with approximately 1800 – 2000 rebates issued since the program originated.

On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA), Randy Hayden approached the Commission to inform the board about trade shows and the interest in propane powered school buses. According to Mr. Hayden, CNG is not ready for school buses. But several school board parishes are interested in propane powered school buses. He has asked the Commission to refer any interested parties to the LPGA.

Artie Cole also approached the Commission regarding the state of emergency declaration that was issued by Governor Jindal. According to Mr. Cole, Louisiana is not having the same problems as other states but recommended Governor Jindal's assistance in keeping the supply in Louisiana. The declaration includes temporarily suspending certain rules and regulations, such as those on truck operators that keep them from driving more than a certain number of hours. By easing these restrictions, operators can make their shipments of key needed heating fuels without breaking the rule on hourly limits. Mr. Alario stated he has requested a 30-day state of emergency for all transport drivers. On behalf of LPGA, Mr. Hayden extended an appreciation to the Commission for all assistance.

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