

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011

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

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 October 26, 2011 meeting was adopted as transcribed and the register of attendance was signed.

The latest expenditure and revenue reports ending October 31, 2011 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending October 31, 2011 were reviewed.

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

Report of fires and accidents for October 2011 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for October 2011 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for December 14th and 15th in Baton Rouge, La.

Mr. Alario informed the Commission that he would make the following citations for appearance at the December 2011 meeting and that others may be added prior to distribution of the AD letter:

- 1. Citations – Regular –**
None as of November 10, 2011
- 2. Citations – Insurance –**
None as of November 10, 2011
- 3. Citations – Permit Renewals –**
Possible six (6) – Failure to pay permit renewal as of November 10, 2011

Mr. Alario presented the Commission with the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance of **\$913,553.97** as of October 31, 2011.

Commission Legislation and/or Rule Changes: According to Mr. Alario, a very productive meeting was held prior to the Commission meeting with the Industry concerning the rule changes. Some language and verbiage changes will be completed prior to submitting the final draft to the Registry by January 10, 2012.

Open Discussion by Executive Director: The Market Development Board met recently. Mr. Alario provided two (2) proposals that the Market Development Board voted for. The first proposal is from Hometown Productions with the Miss Louisiana sponsorship pageant. Mr. Alario asked the Commission to ratify the sponsorship for the pageant. The contracted rate for the pageant is \$19,795.00 and the rate is guaranteed through Miss Louisiana 2015. On motion by, Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Cain the sponsorship was approved. The second proposal is from the Louisiana Radio Network. This particular proposal is for a six (6) week statewide radio campaign starting December 1st for \$46,680.00 with an additional \$2,500.00 for production costs. The campaign will run in both rural and city networks. In the past, the campaigns only focused on rural areas. With this campaign, the focus will include rural and city areas. The radio campaign includes 72 (30) thirty-second commercials over six (6) weeks amongst 59 radio stations. On behalf of the Louisiana Propane and Gas Association (LPGA), Mr. Randy Hayden was present. He provided a brief explanation for the statewide radio campaign that the Market Development Board agreed to buy. According to Mr. Hayden, the Industry has worked with Louisiana Network in the past. Louisiana Radio Network is the only statewide radio network. According to Mr. Hayden, buying a statewide network is a better economic deal. In addition, the network offered twenty (20) percent toward public service announcements. The tagging will also promote the rebate program. On motion by, Mrs. Cleveland seconded by Mr. Cain the radio campaign was approved. Mr. Alario informed the Commission about the status of the rebate program. Approximately, \$44,000.00 in rebates has been issued as of August. Mr. Alario also gave the Commission an estimated figure remaining the Market Development balance.

Mr. Artie Cole of Ferrellgas and Ms. Jessica Bennett of Amerigas approached the Commission regarding the rule updates. Mr. Hayden informed the Commission about a meeting on December 8th that Industry members will meet to address their concerns regarding the rule changes. Ms. Bennett informed the Commission that she met with Mr. Alario and some of the inspectors regarding the rule changes prior to the Commission meeting. She plans to share the information that was exchanged during the meeting with members of the Association during their December meeting. Mr. Cole was unable to attend the meeting that was held prior to the Commission meeting. He took the opportunity to address the concerns that Ferrellgas has with the rule changes. Mr. Hayden reminded the Commission that Industry members intend to meet to form recommendations by the Association for the rule changes.

Inspector Stephen Britton approached the Commission regarding the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes. Currently, the Commission abides by NFPA 54 and 58. Inspector Britton believes there is a need for training in these particular codes for the inspectors and the dealers. Inspector Britton contacted the NFPA to get information for training. The training will cost approximately, \$20,000.00. Mr. Hayden informed the Commission that the Association is interested in obtaining safety and training funds. However, he stressed that the Market Development funds may not be used for safety and training purposes.

There being no other business, Mr. Smith motioned to recess until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, November 17, 2011, Mr. Cain seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.