

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission (LPGC)
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
10:00 A.M.
Department of Public Safety
7919 Independence Blvd. – Conference room D Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Member Name: Present

Commissioner Jessie Len Hodges
Commissioner Dominique Monlezun, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Francis Todd Thompson
Commissioner Ricky Cleveland
Major Hiram Mason

Staff:

Don Robin, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission, Executive Director
Attorney Juliette Scionceaux
Various Industry representatives

I. Call to Order:

Dominique Monlezun, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call:

Dominique Monlezun, Vice-Chairman, called roll. Major Hiram Mason filled in for LTC Hasselbeck.

III. Public Comments (Time limit is 3 minutes per person)

No Comments

IV. Approval for the December 18, 2024 minutes – On motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner R. Cleveland, the minutes were approved. All agreed.

V. Commission Business

a. Old Business

- b.* New Business – Commissioner Jessie Len Hodges was appointed as the Chairman of the commission. On motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner R. Cleveland, the appointment was accepted. On motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner R. Cleveland, Commissioner Monlezun was reappointed as Vice Chairman, the reappointment was accepted.

Commissioner Thompson also extended his thanks and appreciation to Ira Cleveland for his time served on the commission.

Commissioner Thompson would like more information about the requirements for new applicants to attend the monthly commission meetings. Chairman Hodges agreed. According to Chairman Hodges, new applicants have been required to attend the

monthly meetings since 1980. However, it is Chairman Hodges' opinion that classes 1, 4, and 7 should still be required to attend the meetings. Commissioner Thompson does see the reason for the requirement to attend the meeting. In his opinion, companies are notified about the law via mail. He also stated, appearing for one minute does not seem feasible. Commissioner Monlezun suggested that the requirement be researched. Attorney Scionceaux will review and research the requirement. Commissioner Thompson stated he does not think in state companies should have to drive five hours since out of state companies are not required to attend. Attorney Scionceaux will include her findings for the next agenda.

Chairman Hodges informed the commission that moving forward, old business and new business has to be itemized on the agenda. Items have to be listed with a description on the agenda. In the past, there was no clear guidance on old business and new business. Commissioner Thompson asked if old business and new business had to be removed from the agenda. Chairman Hodges explained that the business has to be itemized or any business conducted has to be added to the agenda with a majority vote by the commission.

Commissioner Thompson would like for members of the Liquefied Advisory Board to receive compensation for meals and lodging. According to him, it has been difficult to keep members on the advisory board because there is no compensation. He would like compensation to be added with other items that will be addressed during legislation.

Chairman Hodges asked for an update from Director Robin or Chad Ledet because they attended a meeting about the software program. Director Robin said the meeting was mainly for the vendor to answer questions about security, banking, etc. Chad said the expected date to go live would be in November if not sooner. He has said the selected vendor has met all the state's requirements. Commissioner Monlezun asked about the enhancements for the new system. Director Robin said no checks would be collected. Chad said testing, permit renewals, etc., will be handled online and truck tags will be renewed by mail

1. LPGC reports

- a. Statistical report for February 2025
- b. Detailed appropriation report recap for February 2025
- c. Accounting total reports for February 2024 and February 2025
- d. Fire and accident report(s) for February 2025
- e. Compliance audits for February 2025

2. Possible citation for next meeting

- a. Regular citations – None
- b. Insurance citations – None
- c. Permit renewals – Expiration date extended until March 31, 2025

3. Applications to be heard:

The following applicants applied for a Class 4 permit, were administratively granted and was ratified by the Commission. Executive Director Don Robin read into the record what a Class 4 permit involves: Holders of these permits may deliver and transport liquefied petroleum gas over the highways of the state; may sell liquefied petroleum gases only to manufacturers of liquefied petroleum gases, or manufacturers of products which liquefied petroleum gases form a component part, or to dealers who hold a permit with this commission; utilize aboveground steel storage and/or approved salt domes, shale

and other underground caverns for storage of liquefied petroleum gas; do general maintenance work on their own equipment using qualified personnel; but may not sell or install systems and appliances.

- Miva Services – 110 N. College Ave. Ste. 1406 Tyler, TX 79702

The following applicants applied for a Class 7 permit were administratively granted and was ratified by the Commission. Executive Director Don Robin read into the record what a Class 7 permit involves: Holders of these permits may transport liquefied petroleum gas by motor vehicle over the highways of the state of Louisiana, but shall not deliver gas.

- Thomas & Thomas Trucking, LLC – 11007 White Caterpillar Dr. Cypress, LA 77433

The following applicants applied for a Class 6X permit were administratively granted and was ratified by the Commission. Executive Director Don Robin read into the record what a Class 6X permit involves. Holders of these permits may engage in the exchange of approved liquefied petroleum gas cylinders on their premises, but shall not fill cylinders. They shall not deliver gas.

- Ormond Birdies LLC – 6830 Lapalco Blvd. Marrero, LA 70072
- Merryville Truck Stop – 11459 Hwy. 190 West Merryville, LA 70653
- Smokers Express – 3501 Gerstner Memorial Blvd. Lake Charles, LA 70607

4. Violations to be heard:

Generated Energy Solutions 212 McClanahan Ste. 8 ATTN: Courtney Hill, Bryant, AR Docket #2024010

Did continue to engage in the L.P. Gas business without paying the required (Class 2) permit fee; thus violating R.S. 40:1849(A) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

Jean Lafitte Harbor LLC, 49352 Kenal Road ATTN: Kristen Contrenchis, Lafitte, LA Docket #2024011

Did continue to engage in the L.P. Gas business without paying the required (Class 6) permit fee; thus violating R.S. 40:1849 (A) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. On motion by Commissioner Thompson, the citation was postponed, seconded by Commissioner R. Cleveland. All agreed.

5. Market Development business

- a. Chase reconciliation as of March 17, 2025: \$655,463.02**

6. LPGC Advisory Board – President Artie Cole

7. Commission Legislation and/Rule Change – Office of Legal Affairs

8. Open discussion - Executive Director Robin

9. Next meeting date – April 23, 2025 – Baton Rouge, LA

10. Industry Communication – Randy Hayden approached the commission on behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association. Mr. Hayden invited the commission to attend the summer convention in Perdido Key at the end of June/early July.

11. Adjournment –