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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

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TO ALL DEALERS:

WARNING!!!! WARNING!!!! WARNING!!!!

<u>COMPLIANCE AUDITS ARE ONGOING STATEWIDE IN REFERENCE TO FILLING OUT-OF-DATE CYLINDERS, NOT USING SCALES WHEN FILLING CYLINDERS AND OTHER COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS.</u>

STATE POLICE – Transportation and Environmental Safety Section - SPECIAL NOTICE!!! Please notify T.E.S.S., as a courtesy, prior to flaring any L. P. Gas tanks. Toll free number is 1-877-925-6595.

TO ALL DEALERS "CONDEMNED INSTALLATIONS" - IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

Any L. P. Gas or Anhydrous Ammonia installation or system found "NOT" in compliance with the Revised Statutes or the Commission's Rules and Regulations will be "CONDEMNED" for further use until compliance is achieved. This will be accomplished by posting a "CONDEMNED INSTALLATION" decal on the installation or system or by publishing it in the monthly AD letter.

SPECIAL NOTICE!!! SPECIAL NOTICE!!!

The L. P. Gas Commission requires proof of insurance <u>on a Commission proprietary certificate of insurance form as of November 1, 2005</u>. This proprietary certificate of insurance will be provided via facsimile or via mail upon request or can be downloaded from our website at <u>www.dps.state.la.us/lpg/home.html</u>. Insurance requirements are \$1,000,000 in each class of insurance required by Commission rules.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

SEVERAL NEW RULES AND SOME AMENDED RULES ARE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007. Please refer to our web site for these new rules and amended rules.

AS A REMINDER TO ALL NEW APPLICANTS AND SUPPLIERS, Application requests shall be ADMINSTRATIVELY GRANTED by the office of the Director upon completion of ALL Commission requirements as set forth in the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 55, and the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. Requirements vary by permit class but include submission of a formal application, permit fee, filing fee, certificate of insurance on

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approved proprietary form, and may include employee certification, sketch of installations, and/or inspections of transport vehicles. Under the authority of the Director, the applicant may engage in the specified L.P. Gas business immediately as a licensed permit holder with the Commission. The application process is finalized by the Commission ratifying the permit at their first subsequent meeting after the applicant has completed all necessary requirements.

TRAINING AVAILABLE

TRAINING ON HOW TO PROPERLY CONDUCT LEAK CHECKS AS WELL AS ANY OTHER SAFETY TRAINING THAT MAY BE NEEDED CAN BE DONE BY ANY INSPECTOR. CONTACT THE INSPECTOR FOR YOUR AREA TO HELP WITH ANY TRAINING.

****<u>REMINDER</u>****<u>REMINDER</u>****

The L. P. Gas Commission Web Home Page Internet address is www.dps.state.la.us/lpg/home.html .

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission continued its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 27 2008, at 7919 Independence Blvd., Conference Room B, Baton Rouge, LA. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. James Hopson, with the following members present:

Mr. Greg Morrison, Commissioner Mrs. Carol Ann Cleveland, Commissioner

VIOLATIONS

Metro Lift Propane, PO Box 2737 -ATTN: Dale Burgess, Reserve, LA 70084 Docket # 80024

- 1. Did allow Otis Nelson, Jr to transport a filled DOT forklift cylinder (11-94, Serial # 01239049G; 9-90, Serial # 867334G; 1-03 E, Serial # 867490G; Serial # 02446219G) without being requalified; thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E)(10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$300.00.
- **2.** Did refill and offer for sale three (3) Ferrellgas forklift cylinders without Ferrellgas's written authorization; thus violating LAC 55:IX.139 (E). <u>Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$250.00</u>.
- **3.** Did refill and offer for sale one (1) Amerigas forklift cylinder without Amerigas's written authorization; thus violating LAC 55:IX.139 (E). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$250.00.

Ferrellgas LP, 4000 Benton Rd Attn: J McConathy, Bossier City, LA 71111 Docket # 80025

- 1. Did fill an out-of-date DOT cylinder (Recert 4-03E, Serial # 881026G); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E) (10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- **2.** Did overfill DOT cylinder (Serial #881026G); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 58-1995 4-4.2.1. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$350.00.
- **3.** Did fill an out-of-date DOT cylinder (4-90, Serial # 836596G); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E)(10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- **4.** Did allow a DOT cylinder (Serial # 836596G) with an out-of-date relief valve to be filled; thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 58-1995 8-3.7. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$300.00.
- **5.** Did fill an out-of-date DOT cylinder (Recert 4-03E, Serial # 786575G); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E) (10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- **6.** Did fill an out-of-date DOT cylinder (Recert 5-03E, Serial # 955788G); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E) (10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- 7. Did fill an out-of-date DOT cylinder (2-95, Serial # 01268127G); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E)(10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.

- 8. Did allow a DOT cylinder (Serial # 01268127G) with an out-of-date relief valve to be filled; thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 58-1995 8-3.7. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$300.00.
- **9.** Did fill an out-of-date DOT cylinder (1-96, Serial # 01381342G); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E)(10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- **10.** Did allow a DOT cylinder (Serial # 01381342G) with an out-of-date relief valve to be filled; thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 58-1995 8-3.7. <u>Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$300.00.</u>
- **11.** Did fill an out-of-date DOT cylinder (Recert 2-03E, Serial # K099396); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E)(10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- 12. Did overfill DOT cylinder (Serial #195620G); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 58-1995 4-
- 4.2.1. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$350.00.

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- **13.** Did fill an out-of-date DOT cylinder (Recert 5-03E, Serial # 195620G); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E)(10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- 14. Did overfill DOT cylinder (Serial # 1754225G); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 58-1995 4-
- 4.2.1. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$350.00.
- 15. Did overfill DOT cylinder (Serial # 02411368G); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 58-1995 4-
- 4.2.1 Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$350.00.
- 16. Did overfill DOT cylinder (Serial # K089286); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 58-1995 4-
- 4.2.1. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$350.00.
- 17. Did fill an out-of-date DOT cylinder (Recert 5-03E, Serial # K089286); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E)(10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- 18. Did overfill DOT cylinder (Serial #839269G); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 58-1995 4-
- 4.2.1. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$350.00.
- **19.** Did fill an out-of-date DOT cylinder (Recert 3-03E, Serial # 839269G); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E)(10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.

Ferrellgas LP, 4000 Benton Rd Attn: J McConathy, Bossier City, LA 71111 Docket # 80026

- 1. Did service a system (Martin's Grocery) that was improperly installed and was in a dangerous condition; thus violating LAC 55:IX.139 (A) & LAC 55:IX.172. <u>Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$500.00</u>.
- **2.** Did service a system (Martin's Grocery) without performing a proper leak check and inspection; thus violating LAC 55:IX.175. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$450.00.
- **3.** Did service a system (Martin's Grocery) that had an improper space heater (15,000 BTU); thus violating LAC 55:IX.177 (C)(2)(a). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- **4.** Did service a system (Martin's Grocery) that had appliance valve outlets that were not capped gas tight; thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 54-1996 3-8.2 (a). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- **5.** Did service a system (Martin's Grocery) without an approved sketch; thus violating LAC 55:IX.179. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- **6.** Did service a system (Martin's Grocery) without the required emergency exterior shutoff valve; thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 54-1996 3-10.3. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.

<u>Cajun Propane of Plain Dealing LLC, 901 N. Louisiana St-Attn: K Lucero, Plain Dealing, LA71064 Docket #</u> 80027

- 1. Did service a system (Martin's Grocery) that was improperly installed and was in a dangerous condition; thus violating LAC 55:IX.139 (A) & LAC 55:IX.172. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$500.00.
- **2.** Did service a system (Martin's Grocery) without performing a proper leak check and inspection; thus violating LAC 55:IX.175. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$450.00.
- **3.** Did service a system (Martin's Grocery) that had an improper space heater (15,000 BTU); thus violating LAC 55:IX.177 (C)(2)(a). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- 4. Did service a system (Martin's Grocery) that had appliance valve outlets that were not capped gas tight;

- thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 54-1996 3-8.2 (a). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- **5.** Did service a system (Martin's Grocery) without an approved sketch; thus violating LAC 55:IX.179. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.
- **6.** Did service a system (Martin's Grocery) without the required emergency exterior shutoff valve; thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 54-1996 3-10.3. <u>Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$200.00.</u>

Three Way One Stop, PO Box 576-Attn: Richard DePaula, Springfield, LA 70462 Docket # 80028

- 1. Did allow Barbara Montgomery, to fill an out-of-date DOT Gas cylinder (11-91); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E)(10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$300.00; Suspend \$150.00 provided there are no further violations for one year
- 2. Did allow Barbara Montgomery, to fill a DOT cylinder (A6121961) without a current card of competency; thus violating R.S. 40:1849 (C)(1) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$300.00; Suspend \$150.00 provided there are no further violations for one year

APPLICATIONS

The following applicant for a Permit was postponed until September:

Happy Land Shopping Centers LLC (Class 6)

35949 Hwy 11 – ATTN: Tai Nguyen

Buras, LA 70041

The following applicants for a Class 2 Permit, were heard and are hereby ratified by the Commission:

| Mechanical Systems & Service Inc. | Keith's RV Repair Inc |
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| P O Box 2630 – ATTN: Theron Ware | 1956 Old Natchitoches Rd – ATTN: Keith Meeks |
| Monroe, LA 71201 | West Monroe, LA 71291 |

The following applicants for a Class 6X Permit were heard and are hereby ratified by the Commission:

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| Ringgold Hardware Feed & Farm Supply Inc | 3-J's Four Way | |
| 2230 Mill St | 11028 Hwy 1 | |
| Ringgold, LA 71068 | Natchitoches, LA 71457 | |
| Brother-N-Law Pit Stop | Odell's Grocery | |
| 4869 Hwy 10 West | 627 Hwy 1 | |
| Elizabeth, LA 70638 | Marksville, LA 71351 | |
| Quik Stop | Seasonal Sensations | |
| 1475 Main Street | 11222 B Hwy 165 S | |
| Colfax, LA 71417 | Forest Hill, LA 71430 | |
| Simm's Road Chevron | Turpin Chevron Inc | |
| 136 Airbase Rd | 4411 Coliseum Blvd | |
| Pollock, LA 71467 | Alexandria, LA 71303 | |

AUGUST 2008 FIRES AND ACCIDENTS

RELATED: THERE WERE NO RELATED FIRES TO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2008.

UNRELATED:

FIRE: Ferrellgas LP, Bossier City, reported a fire destroyed the residence of Calvin Clark, Natchitoches, LA. Source of fire unknown. No injuries or product loss reported.

FIRE: Ferrellgas LP, Baton Rouge, reported a fire at Aluminum Specialties, Baton Rouge, LA. Cause of fire unknown; fire is under investigation. No injuries or product loss reported.

FIRE Southern LP Gas Inc., Natchitoches, reported a fire destroyed the residence of Johnny Curtis, Robeline, LA. Cause of fire unknown. No injuries or product loss reported..

ACCIDENT: Lake Arthur Butane Co. Inc., Lake Arthur, reported a **not-at-fault** accident which occurred at Interstate 10 mile marker 251/2 East Bound, Sulphur, LA. Other vehicle could not stop and hit back of truck causing minor damage. No injuries, product loss, or fire reported.

ACCIDENT: Ferrellgas LP, Bossier City, reported a **not-at-fault** accident which occurred at LA Hwy 42 S, Mer Rouge, LA. Other driver ran stop sign. No injuries, product loss, or fire reported.

CONDEMNED/UNCONDEMNED SYSTEMS

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission will meet at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at 7919 Independence Blvd, Conference Room B, Baton Rouge, LA. The meeting is for routine business transpiring during the month and will be continued at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, September 25, 2008, at 7919 Independence Blvd, Conference Room B, Baton Rouge, LA. Thursday morning, violations will be heard and applications for permits will be considered.

VIOLATIONS

THERE WERE NO VIOLATIONS TO BE HEARD FOR THE MONTH.

APPLICATIONS

The following applicant has applied for a Name Change and is to be ratified by the Commission:

Tiger Island Hardware (Class 6)

Change To:

Tiger Island Hardware Ltd.

P O Box 2281 – ATTN: Brian Giroir

Morgan City, LA 70381

The following applicants have applied for a Class 6 Permit, were administratively granted and are to be ratified by the Commission:

| Happy Land Shopping Centers LLC | Brett A Soileau d/b/a Industrial Service & Supply |
|---|---|
| 35949 Hwy 11 – ATTN: Tai Nguyen | 1212 West Lincoln Road – ATTN: Brett Soileau |
| Buras, LA 70041 | Ville Platte, LA 70586 |
| Central Rent All & Outdoor Power Equipt Sales Inc | |
| 9156 Joor Road – ATTN: Jason Howell | |
| Baton Rouge, LA 70818 | |

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The following applicant has applied for a Class 7 Permit, was administratively granted and is to be ratified by the Commission:

Tiger Island Hardware Ltd. P O Box 2281 – ATTN: Brian Giroir

Morgan City, LA 70381

The following applicants have applied for a Class 6X Permit and are to be ratified by the Commission:

| Andy's | Andy's Grocery |
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| 211 E Bloch St | 39269 Hwy 621 |
| Opelousas, LA 70570 | Duplessis, LA 70728 |
| Barry's Food Mart | Brother-N-Law Pit Stop |
| 2564 Hwy 1 | 4869 Hwy 10 W |
| Labadieville, LA 70372 | Elizabeth, LA 70638 |
| Brown's Neighborhood Market Inc | Catin's LLC |
| 10051 Gulf Hwy | 4603 Bridge St Hwy |
| Lake Charles, LA 70607 | St. Martinville, LA 70582 |
| Centerville Market | D & B Lone Oak LLC |
| 9206 Hwy 182 | 13142 Hwy 73 |
| Franklin, LA 70538 | Geismar, LA 70743 |
| East Crowley I-10 Chevron | Leblanc's Grocery LLC |
| 731 Odd Fellow Rd | 111 S La Hwy 1 |
| Crowley, LA 70526 | Morganza, LA 70759 |
| Lil Pigeon | Saad LLC d/b/a S.S. Fordoche Grocery Store |
| 39255 Bayou Pigeon Rd Apt E | 5661 Fordoche Rd |
| Plaquemine, LA 70764 | Fordoche, LA 70732 |
| Super Stop | Vans Supermarket |
| 3365 Verot School Rd | 1124 N Main St |
| Lafayette, LA 70508 | Opelousas, LA 70570 |

<u>SPECIAL NOTICE</u>: IT IS REQUIRED THAT ALL NEW CLASS 6 APPLICANTS ATTEND THE SAFETY MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE THURSDAY COMMISSION HEARING.

NOTICE: ALL APPLICANTS FOR NEW PERMITS MUST HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE (OWNER, MANAGER OR OFFICER) AT THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 2008, AT 7919
INDEPENDENCE BLVD., CONFERENCE ROOM B, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS ARE CLASS 6-X, R-1 & R-2 REGISTRATIONS, 7-E & A4-E EMERGENCY PERMITS AND NAME CHANGES FOR SUCH.

BY ORDER OF THE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION CHARLES M. FULLER, DIRECTOR