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## **BEFORE THE**

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ENTERED DIRECTOR'S JOURNAL OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

...In the Matter of:

Lehigh Gas Corporation 1425 Mountain Drive North Bethlehem, PA 18015 Director's Final Findings

and Orders

## **PREAMBLE**

It is agreed by the parties hereto as follows:

#### I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders ("Orders") are issued to the Lehigh Gas Corporation ("Respondent") pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") under Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") §§ 3704.03 and 3745.01.

## II. PARTIES BOUND

These Orders shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and successors in interest liable under Ohio law. No change in ownership of the Respondent or of the facilities shall in any way alter Respondent's obligations under these Orders.

## III. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meaning as defined in ORC Chapter 3704 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

## IV. FINDINGS

The Director of Ohio EPA makes the following findings:

1. Respondent operates two gasoline dispensing facilities ("GDFs") for the Ohio Turnpike Commission located at Milepost 139 East, Amherst, Ohio (Vermillion Valley Service Plaza) and Milepost 139 West, Amherst, Ohio (Middle Ridge Service Plaza). These GDFs are subject to the requirements of Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 3745-21-09(DDD) concerning Stage II vapor control systems.

I certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the official documents as filed in the records of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

LC Date: 1-20-10

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- 2. On March 10 and November 21, 2008, permit-by-rules ("PBRs") were submitted, to Ohio EPA, for the Middle Ridge and Vermillion Valley Service Plazas pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-31-03(A)(4). OAC Rule 3745-31-03(A)(4) provides for exemptions from the requirement to obtain a permit-to-install for certain air contaminant sources. However, these exemptions are valid only as long as the owner or operator complies with all of the PBR general provisions, meets qualifying criteria defined in the applicable PBR, and complies with all of the requirements under the applicable PBR specific provisions.
- 3. ORC § 3704.05(G) states, in part, that no person shall violate any order, rule, or determination of the Director issued, adopted, or made under ORC Chapter 3704. OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD) was adopted by the Director pursuant to ORC Chapter 3704.
- 4. OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(1)(b) states, in part, that no owner or operator of a GDF may cause, allow, or permit the transfer of gasoline from a stationary tank at a GDF into a motor vehicle unless a vapor control system is installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and the applicable California Air Resources Board ("CARB") certification, and is free from defect.
- 5. OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(1)(c) states, in part, that no owner or operator of a GDF may cause, allow, or permit the transfer of gasoline from a stationary tank at a GDF into a motor vehicle unless the vapor control system successfully passes the testing requirements contained in OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(2).
- 6. OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(2)(d) requires, in part, the owner or operator of a GDF to perform and demonstrate compliance with the dynamic pressure performance test at intervals not to exceed five years.
- 7. OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(2)(f) requires the owner or operator of a GDF to perform and comply with any vapor control system tests specified in the applicable CARB certification. As part of the required CARB testing for the above-mentioned GDFs, an air-to-liquid ("A/L") ratio test and a static leak test are required to be performed annually and any fueling point not capable of demonstrating compliance with the performance standards of the A/L ratio test is deemed to be defective and is required to be removed from service.

#### Vermillion Valley Service Plaza

8. On July 20, 2007, Respondent conducted an annual Stage II compliance test at this GDF. The static leak test failed due to a spill bucket leak on tank #6 and the A/L ratio test was not conducted due to the static leak test failure. Respondent was transferring gasoline into motor vehicles prior to and after the failed static leak test. The failure to properly install, operate, and maintain the vapor control system and to successfully pass the testing requirements in OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(2) while causing, allowing, or permitting the transfer of gasoline from a stationary storage tank

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into a motor vehicle were violations of ORC § 3704.05(G) and OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(1)(b) and (c). By letter dated August 27, 2007, Ohio EPA notified Respondent of these violations.

- 9. On September 27, 2007, Respondent conducted a static leak and A/L ratio retest at this GDF. The static leak test passed but the A/L ratio failed for dispensers 3, 5, 9 and 13. Respondent was transferring gasoline into motor vehicles prior to and after the failed A/L ratio test. The failure to properly install, operate, and maintain the vapor control system and to successfully pass the testing requirements in OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(2) while causing, allowing, or permitting the transfer of gasoline from a stationary storage tank into a motor vehicle were violations of ORC § 3704.05(G) and OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(1)(b) and (c). On October 18, 2007, Respondent conducted and passed an A/L ratio retest.
- 10. On June 16, 2008, Respondent conducted and passed the annual Stage II static leak test and A/L ratio tests and on July 14, 2008, Respondent conducted and passed the five year dynamic pressure performance test.
- 11. On May 20, 2009, Respondent conducted the annual Stage II compliance tests at this GDF. The static leak test passed but the A/L ratio test failed for dispensers 4, 5 and 6 due to low or no vacuum. Respondent was transferring gasoline into motor vehicles prior to and after the failed A/L ratio test. The failure to properly install, operate, and maintain the vapor control system and the failure to successfully pass the testing requirements in OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(2) while causing, allowing, or permitting the transfer of gasoline from a stationary storage tank into a motor vehicle were violations of ORC § 3704.05(G) and OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(1)(b) and (c). On July 29, 2009, Respondent conducted and passed a retest at this GDF.

#### Middle Ridge Service Plaza

- 12. On June 16, 2008, Respondent conducted an annual Stage II compliance test at this GDF. The static leak test failed due to leaking drop tubes and A/L ratio test failed for dispensers 9, 10, 18 and 25. Respondent was operating these dispensers prior to and after the failed static leak and A/L ratio tests. The failure to successfully pass the testing requirements in OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(2) while causing, allowing, or permitting the transfer of gasoline from a stationary storage tank into a motor vehicle is a violation ORC § 3704.05(G) and OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(1)(b) and (c). On July 14, 2008, Respondent conducted and passed a retest at this GDF.
- 13. On May 19, 2009, Respondent conducted an annual Stage II compliance test at this GDF. The static leak test failed due to leaks in the Stage II vapor control system and the A/L ratio test was not attempted due to these leaks. In addition, hoses on nine dispensers were in poor condition and needed to be replaced and several dry break caps had no gaskets. Respondent was transferring gasoline into motor vehicles prior to and after the failed static leak test. The failure to properly install, operate, and maintain the vapor control system and the failure to successfully pass the testing

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requirements in OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(2) while causing, allowing, or permitting the transfer of gasoline from a stationary storage tank into a motor vehicle are violations of ORC § 3704.05(G) and OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(1)(b) and (c).

- 14. On July 28, 2009, Respondent attempted to conduct a retest at this GDF but was not able to perform the retest because additional repairs were needed. Respondent was still transferring gasoline into motor vehicles as of this date. The failure to properly install, operate, and maintain the vapor control system and to successfully pass the testing requirements in OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(2) while causing, allowing, or permitting the transfer of gasoline from a stationary storage tank into a motor vehicle are violations of ORC § 3704.05(G) and OAC Rule 3745-21-09(DDD)(1)(b) and (c). On August 17, 2009, Respondent conducted and passed a retest at this GDF.
- 15. The Director has given consideration to, and based his determination on, evidence relating to the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of complying with the following Orders and their relation to benefits to the people of the State to be derived from such compliance.

#### V. ORDERS

The Director hereby issues the following Orders:

- 1. For the next two ozone seasons (April 1, 2010 October 31, 2010 and April 1, 2011 October 31, 2011), starting two weeks prior to the start of the ozone season, i.e., by March 15, 2010 and March 15, 2011, and continuing until October 31, 2010 and October 31, 2011, respectively, Respondent shall conduct weekly inspections of the Stage II vapor control systems at the Vermillion Valley and Middle Ridge Service Plazas, checking for leaks, malfunctions or other damage to the system and shall keep records of these inspections and any repairs made. The inspections shall be recorded in an inspection log or checklist. Copies of the inspection logs or checklists shall be submitted to Ohio EPA during the middle and at the end of each ozone season. Specifically, copies of the weekly inspection records for the period from March 15 through July 31 shall be submitted by August 14 of that year. Copies of the weekly inspection records for August 1 through October 31 shall be submitted by November 14 of that year.
- 2. For the next two ozone-producing seasons (i.e., April 1, 2010 October 31, 2010 and April 1, 2011 October 31, 2011), Respondent shall perform static leak and A/L ratio tests at the Vermillion Valley and Middle Ridge Service Plazas prior to the beginning (during March) of each ozone season and during August of each ozone season. Respondent shall notify Ohio EPA of such testing within fourteen (14) days prior to any test. The results of these tests shall be submitted to Ohio EPA within fourteen (14) days after completion of the tests.

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3. Respondent shall pay the amount of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) in settlement of Ohio EPA's claims for civil penalties, which may be assessed pursuant to ORC Chapter 3704. Within fourteen (14) days after the effective date of these Orders, payment to Ohio EPA shall be made by an official check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" for nine thousand six hundred dollars (\$9,600) of the total amount. The official check shall be submitted to Brenda Case, or her successor, together with a letter identifying the Respondent, to:

Ohio EPA
Office of Fiscal Administration
50 West Town Street, Suite 700
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

- 4. In lieu of paying the remaining two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400) of the civil penalty, Respondent shall fund a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") by making a contribution in the amount of \$2,400 to Ohio EPA's Clean Diesel School Bus Program Fund (Fund 5CD0). Respondent shall make payment on or within thirty (30) days after the effective date of these Orders by tendering an official check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" for \$2,400. The official check shall be submitted to Brenda Case, or her successor, together with a letter identifying the Respondent and Fund 5CD0, to the above-stated address.
- 5. A copy of each of the above checks shall be sent to James A. Orlemann, Assistant Chief, SIP Development and Enforcement, or his successor, at the following address:

Ohio EPA
Division of Air Pollution Control
50 West Town Street, Suite 700
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

6. Should Respondent fail to fund the SEP within the required time frame set forth in Order 4, Respondent shall immediately pay to Ohio EPA \$2,400 of the civil penalty in accordance with the procedures in Order 3.

#### VI. TERMINATION

Respondent's obligations under these Orders shall terminate when Respondent certifies in writing and demonstrates to the satisfaction of Ohio EPA that Respondent has performed all obligations under these Orders and the Chief of Ohio EPA's Division of Air Pollution Control acknowledges, in writing, the termination of these Orders. If Ohio EPA does not agree that all obligations have been performed, then Ohio EPA will notify Respondent of the obligations that have not been performed, in which case

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Respondent shall have an opportunity to address any such deficiencies and seek termination as described above.

The certification shall contain the following attestation: "I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this certification is true, accurate and complete."

This certification shall be submitted by Respondent to Ohio EPA and shall be signed by a responsible official of Respondent. For the purposes of these Orders, a responsible official is a principal executive officer of at least the level of vice president or his duly authorized representative.

## VII. OTHER CLAIMS

Nothing in these Orders shall constitute or be construed as a release from any claim, cause of action, or demand in law or equity against any person, firm, partnership, or corporation, not a party to these Orders, for any liability arising from, or related to, the operation of Respondent's facilities.

#### VIII. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. These Orders do not waive or compromise the applicability and enforcement of any other statutes or regulations applicable to Respondent.

### IX. MODIFICATIONS

These Orders may be modified by agreement of the parties hereto. Modifications shall be in writing and shall be effective on the date entered in the journal of the Director of Ohio EPA.

#### X. NOTICE

All documents required to be submitted by Respondent pursuant to these Orders shall be addressed to:

Ohio EPA, Northeast District Office 2110 East Aurora Rd. Twinsburg, Ohio 44087 Attn: Tim Fischer

and to:

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> Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Lazarus Government Center Division of Air Pollution Control 50 West Town Street, Suite 700 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 Attn: Thomas Kalman

or to such persons and addresses as may hereafter be otherwise specified in writing by Ohio EPA.

#### XI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Ohio EPA and Respondent each reserve all rights, privileges, and causes of action except as specifically waived in Section XII of these Orders.

#### XII. WAIVER

In order to resolve disputed claims, without admission of fact, violation, or liability, and in lieu of further enforcement action by Ohio EPA for only the violations specifically cited in these Orders, Respondent consents to the issuance of these Orders and agrees to comply with these Orders. Compliance with these Orders shall be a full accord and satisfaction for Respondent's liability for the violations specifically cited herein.

Respondent hereby waives the right to appeal the issuance, terms and conditions and service of these Orders, and Respondent hereby waives any and all rights Respondent may have to seek administrative or judicial review of these Orders either in law or equity.

Notwithstanding the preceding, Ohio EPA and Respondent agree that if these Orders are appealed by any other party to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, or any court, Respondent retains the right to intervene and participate in such appeal. In such an event, Respondent shall continue to comply with these Orders notwithstanding such appeal and intervention unless these Orders are stayed, vacated, or modified.

#### XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders are entered into the Ohio EPA Director's journal.

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# XIV. SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

Each undersigned representative of a party to these Orders certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into these Orders and to legally bind such party to these Orders.

ORDERED AND AGREED:	
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	
Chris Korleski Director	Date ///
AGREED:	
Lehigh Gás Corporation	
Signature  Stephen Lotte  Printed or Typed Name	

Director of Operations