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South Carolina Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board
LPG Vehicle Fueling Stations Research Committee Meeting
March 12, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Richard O'Sheal called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Other committee members attending the meeting included: Richard O'Sheal, Board member; Art Irick, Board member; Corky Clark, SCPGA; Conn Fraser, State Energy Office; David Dangerfield, Amerigas; Paul Havird, Palmetto Propane; Anthony James, State Energy Office; Eric Taylor, Ferrell Gas; Molly Price, Board Administrator; Shawn Stickle, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal ; Katherine Barroll, Office of Advice Counsel and Robert Elam, Office of Advice Counsel.

Public Notice

Mr. O'Sheal announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Liquefied Petroleum Gas office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and on the board website and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

MOTION: To officially add Eric Taylor to the Research Committee.

Clark/Irick/Approved.

Administrator Remarks

Mrs. Price stated that the Board voted at their September 6, 2018, meeting to appoint a committee to research licensing for LP Gas Fueling Stations in South Carolina. This committee will research and discuss licensure requirements in other states; current SC statutes and regulations; and currently licensed alternative fuel sites in SC.

Mrs. Price informed the Committee Members that the following documents were included as meeting handouts:

1. S.C. Code of Laws Title 40, Chapter 82
2. S.C. Code of Regs. 71-8304.1 et seq
3. 2015 IFC, Section 2307
4. List from SC Energy office of LPG Fueling Stations in SC
5. Licensure Information from Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Maine and Alabama

LPG Vehicle Fueling Stations Discussion

Committee members discussed the meeting handouts and various issues relating to LPG vehicle fueling stations in SC currently licensed under the “Reseller” licensure category. Most of the discussion was centered around the current definition of a “Reseller” in South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 40-82-20(7) being restricted to the filling of “cylinders of not more than one hundred pounds capacity” and this definition not accommodating the LPG vehicle fueling stations currently licensed as resellers or resellers filling tanks, as opposed to cylinders, on RVs or other vehicles.

The Committee will make a recommendation to the Board that there needs to be a change to the current “Reseller” definition in Section 40-82-20(7) to accommodate LPG vehicle fueling stations and resellers filling LPG tanks. Since this recommendation is for a proposed statutory change, which the Board cannot take action on, Mrs. Price suggested committee member Corky Clark and the South Carolina Propane Gas Association try and file a bill to amend the language prior to the conclusion of the 2019 legislative session.

The Committee will give a full report at the Board’s next scheduled meeting on August 8, 2019.

Adjournment

The committee meeting adjourned at 12:02pm.