

Propane Education & Research Council
February 19, 2015
By Conference Call
MINUTES

Chairwoman Paula Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Anna Lombardo took roll of councilors on the call:

Michael E. Barnes, BP Energy Co. (Houston) — *Vice Chairman, Producers*
Robert Barry, Bergquist (Toledo, Ohio) — *Treasurer*
Dan Binning, Kiva Energy (Arvada, Colo.)
Drew Combs, CHS Inc. (Inver Grove Heights, Minn.)
Gregg Dighero, EnCana (Denver)
Rob Freeman, Freeman Gas (Spartanburg, S.C.)
Sam Hawley, Enterprise Products Operating LLC (Houston)
Bruce Leonard, Targa (Southlake, Texas)
Glenn Luce, Aux Sable Liquid Products (Morris, Ill.)
Gerry Misel, Georgia Gas Distributors (Sandy Springs, Ga.)
Doug Rinke (Columbia, Mo.)
John Simcox, Thompson Gas & Electric Service (Hagerstown, Md.)
Tom Van Buren, Ferrellgas (Overland Park, Kan.) — *Vice Chairman, Marketers*
Richard Williams, Suburban Propane Partners LP (Whippany, N.J.)
Paula Wilson, AmeriGas (Valley Forge, Pa.) — *Chairwoman*
David Wiseman, Williams Energy Resources LLC (Tulsa, Okla.)

President's Report

PERC President and CEO Roy Willis discussed next steps after the passage of the Propane Education and Research Enhancement Act of 2014. Results of the new price analysis are expected from the Commerce Department soon.

Mr. Willis said that the new law amends the Propane Education and Research Act of 1996 to direct PERC to develop training programs on strategies to mitigate negative effects of future propane price spikes for propane distributors and consumers.

Mr. Willis reported that he had approved the following funding requests and no-cost change orders after the November 2014 meeting of the Council:

- **Docket 19247** — 2014 Advisory Committee and Program Support, \$60,000.
- **Docket 20415** — *PROPANE Clean American Energy™* Brand Rollout Support, \$97,528.
- **Docket 20389** — New Booth Structure, \$98,000.
- **Docket 17535** — Advanced Efficiency, High Capacity Tower Dryer, March 31, 2016, no additional cost.
- **Docket 18126** — Propane-Powered Tractor Proof of Concept Development, March 31, 2016, no additional cost.
- **Docket 19180** — Optimization of the EFI engine, June 30, 2015, no additional cost.

- **Docket 19200** — 2014 Propane Farm Incentive Program, June 30, 2015, no additional cost.
- **Docket 19169** — NAFTC Autogas Training and Certification, June 30, 2015, no additional cost.
- **Docket 19177** — Gas Check, June 30, 2015, no additional cost.
- **Docket 19213** — Plant Operations eLearning, April 1, 2015, no additional cost.
- **Docket 19073** — Roush CleanTech Demonstrator Loaner Vehicle Program, December 31, 2014, no additional cost.
- **Docket 17584** — Spark Ignition Direct Injection (SIDI) Engine Investigation, no additional cost.

Chairwoman’s Report

Chairwoman Paula Wilson updated the Council on the recent meeting of officers of the Propane Education & Research Council and the National Propane Gas Association.

Director of Autogas Business Development Report

PERC Director of Autogas Business Development Mike Taylor introduced **Docket 20016**. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the funding request was approved (as follows):

Docket: 20016
Principal Contractor: ICOM North America
Title: High Pressure Liquid Propane Direct Injection System
Amount Requested: \$600,000
Action: Approved

Consent Calendar

Ms. Wilson asked the councilors to turn their attention to the consent calendar in the briefing materials.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Council approved the funding requests that appear on the consent calendar (as follows).

Docket: 20360
Principal Contractor: PERC
Title: 2015 Professional and Support Services
Amount Requested: \$416,000
Action: Approved

Docket: 20373
Principal Contractor: Logica3
Title: “Dispensing Propane Safely” Program: Third Edition
Amount: \$198,200
Action: Approved

Docket: 20446
Principal Contractor: Carbon Management Information Center
Title: Carbon Management Information Center Consortium 2015
Amount Requested: \$50,000
Action: Approved

Docket: 20315
Principal Contractor: Western PERC
Title: GREET Model and Low Carbon Fuel Standard Analysis
Amount: \$13,000
Action: Approved

Docket: 20326
Principal Contractor: New England Propane Foundation
Title: Vermont Hazmat Trailer
Amount Requested: \$10,000
Action: Approved

Docket: 20491
Principal Contractor: North Carolina PERF
Title: Travel Reimbursement for PERC and Industry Meetings
Amount: \$2,506.46
Action: Approved

Consumer Safety Preparedness Campaign

Director of Communications Gregg Walker discussed the preliminary report on the outcome of the post-campaign survey for the 2014 Consumer Safety Preparedness Campaign.

New Business

Mr. Combs pointed out the confusion among consumers and government officials about how infrastructure development is funded in the propane industry. Mr. Willis said PERC staff would look into addressing this issue.

Ms. Wilson announced that the Council will next meet April 10, 2015, in Atlanta.

By unanimous consent, the Council adjourned at 2:50 p.m. EST.