

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER**  
**DOCKET NO.:** 2006-0830-PST-E    **TCEQ ID:** RN101780070    **CASE NO.:** 29944  
**RESPONDENT NAME:** Ben E. Keith Company dba Ben E. Keith Beers

**ORDER TYPE:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1660 AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> IMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL ENDANGERMENT ORDER
<input type="checkbox"/> SHUTDOWN ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS DEFAULT ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY ORDER	

**CASE TYPE:**

<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE
<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> RADIOACTIVE WASTE
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTI-MEDIA (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> SEWAGE SLUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/> USED OIL
<input type="checkbox"/> USED OIL FILTER	<input type="checkbox"/> WATER QUALITY		

**SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED:** Ben E. Keith Beers, 2141 Cottonwood Street, Abilene, Taylor County

**TYPE OF OPERATION:** Wholesale distributing facility

**SMALL BUSINESS:**     Yes     No

**OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS:** There are no complaints. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.

**INTERESTED PARTIES:** No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.

**COMMENTS RECEIVED:** The *Texas Register* comment period expired on February 26, 2007. No comments were received.

**CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST:**

**TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator:** None

**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** Mr. Rajesh Acharya, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Section IV, MC 128, (512) 239-0577; Mr. Steven Lopez, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-1896

**TCEQ Field Investigator:** Ms. Patty Gough, Abilene Regional Office, MC R-03, (325) 698-9674

**Respondent:** Mr. Stewart D. Greenlee, Registered Agent, Ben E. Keith Company, 601 East 7th Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76113

Mr. Daryl Wigington, Director of Risk Management, Ben E. Keith Company dba Ben E. Keith Beers, 601 East 7th Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76113

**Respondent's Attorney:** Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter

**VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART:**

VIOLATION INFORMATION	PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED
<p><b>Type of Investigation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine  <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up <input type="checkbox"/> Records Review</p> <p><b>Date of Complaint Relating to this Case:</b> None</p> <p><b>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case:</b> April 10, 2006</p> <p><b>Date of NOE Relating to this Case:</b> April 17, 2006 (NOE)</p> <p><b>Background Facts:</b> This was a routine investigation. Four violations were documented.</p> <p><b>WASTE</b></p> <p>1) Failed to demonstrate financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of petroleum underground storage tanks ("USTs") [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 37.815(a) and (b)].</p> <p>2) Failed to provide a release detection method capable of detecting a release from any portion of the UST system which contains regulated substances [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(a)(1)(A)].</p> <p>3) Failed to provide proper release detection for the piping associated with the USTs and did not conduct monthly monitoring or an annual piping tightness test [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(2)].</p> <p>4) Failed to assure that the dispensers were calibrated within an accuracy of six or less cubic inches for every five gallons of product withdrawn [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(d)(1)(B)(iii)(III)].</p>	<p><b>Total Assessed:</b> \$6,750</p> <p><b>Total Deferred:</b> \$1,350  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement  <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay</p> <p><b>SEP Conditional Offset:</b> \$0</p> <p><b>Total Paid to General Revenue:</b> \$5,400</p> <p><b>Site Compliance History Classification:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Avg. <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><b>Person Compliance History Classification:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Avg. <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><b>Major Source:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>Applicable Penalty Policy:</b> September 2002</p>	<p><b>Corrective Actions Taken:</b></p> <p>The Executive Director recognizes that Ben E. Keith has implemented the following corrective measures at the Facility:</p> <p>a. Submitted documentation that demonstrates acceptable financial assurance on June 26, 2006;</p> <p>b. Submitted documentation that demonstrates implementation of a release detection method for the USTs on June 26, 2006;</p> <p>c. Submitted documentation that demonstrates calibration of all dispensers at the Facility on June 26, 2006; and</p> <p>d. Submitted documentation that demonstrates successful tightness testing of the pressurized lines on June 26, 2006.</p>



Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

PCW Revision May 19, 2005

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	05-Sep-2006	<b>Screening</b>	08-Sep-2006	<b>EPA Due</b>	
	<b>PCW</b>	27-Sep-2006				

<b>RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Respondent</b>	Ben E. Keith Company dba Ben E. Keith Beers
<b>Reg. Ent. Ref. No.</b>	RN101780070
<b>Facility/Site Region</b>	3-Abilene
<b>Major/Minor Source</b>	Minor Source

<b>CASE INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Enf./Case ID No.</b>	29944	<b>No. of Violations</b>	2
<b>Docket No.</b>	2006-0830-PST-E	<b>Order Type</b>	1660
<b>Media Program(s)</b>	Petroleum Storage Tank	<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Rajesh Acharya
<b>Multi-Media</b>		<b>EC's Team</b>	Enforcement Team 7
<b>Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum</b>	\$0	<b>Maximum</b>	\$10,000

## Penalty Calculation Section

<b>TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)</b>	<b>Subtotal 1</b>	\$7,500
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### ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

<b>Compliance History</b>	0% Enhancement	<b>Subtotals 2, 3, &amp; 7</b>	\$0
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Notes: No adjustment for compliance history.

<b>Culpability</b>	No	0% Enhancement	<b>Subtotal 4</b>	\$0
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Notes: The respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

<b>Good Faith Effort to Comply</b>	10% Reduction	<b>Subtotal 5</b>	-\$750
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	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		X
N/A		(mark with a small x)

Notes: The respondent came into compliance on June 26, 2006.

<b>Economic Benefit</b>	0% Enhancement*	<b>Subtotal 6</b>	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$2,746	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$2,800	

<b>SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7</b>	<b>Final Subtotal</b>	\$6,750
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<b>OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE</b>		<b>Adjustment</b>	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. -30 for -30%.)

Notes:

<b>Final Penalty Amount</b>	\$6,750
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<b>STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>Final Assessed Penalty</b>	\$6,750
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<b>DEFERRAL</b>	20% Reduction	<b>Adjustment</b>	-\$1,350
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes: Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

<b>PAYABLE PENALTY</b>	\$5,400
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**Screening Date:** 08-Sep-2006 **Docket No.:** 2006-0830-PST-E **PCW**  
**Respondent:** Ben E. Keith Company dba Ben E. Keith Beers *Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)*  
**Case ID No.:** 29944 *PCW Revision May 19, 2005*  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.:** RN101780070  
**Media [Statute]:** Petroleum Storage Tank  
**Enf. Coordinator:** Rajesh Acharya

**Compliance History Worksheet**

>> **Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)**

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written NOVs with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action <i>(number of NOVs meeting criteria)</i>	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability <i>(number of orders meeting criteria)</i>	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government <i>(number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria)</i>	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government <i>(number of counts)</i>	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events <i>(number of events)</i>	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 <i>(number of audits for which notices were disclosed)</i>		0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 <i>(number of audits for which violations were disclosed)</i>	0	0%
Other	<i>Please Enter Yes or No</i>		
	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

**Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2)** 0%

>> **Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)**

No  **Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)** 0%

>> **Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)**

Average Performer  **Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)** 0%

>> **Compliance History Summary**

**Compliance History Notes** No adjustment for compliance history.

**Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7)** 0%

<b>Screening Date</b>	08-Sep-2006	<b>Docket No.</b>	2006-0830-PST-E	<b>PCW</b>
<b>Respondent</b>	Ben E. Keith Company dba Ben E. Keith Beers		<i>Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)</i>	
<b>Case ID No.</b>	29944	<i>PCW Revision May 19, 2005</i>		
<b>Reg. Ent. Reference No.</b>	RN101780070			
<b>Media [Statute]</b>	Petroleum Storage Tank			
<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Rajesh Acharya			
<b>Violation Number</b>	1			
<b>Primary Rule Cite(s)</b>	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 37.815(a) and (b)			
<b>Secondary Rule Cite(s)</b>				
<b>Violation Description</b>	Failed to demonstrate financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of petroleum USTs.			
<b>Base Penalty</b>	\$10,000			

>> **Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix**

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				25%
Potential	X			

>> **Programmatic Matrix**

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent

Matrix Notes: 100% of the rule requirement was not met.

**Adjustment** -\$7,500

**Base Penalty Subtotal** \$2,500

**Violation Events**

Number of Violation Events

<i>daily</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>monthly</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>quarterly</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>semiannual</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>annual</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>single event</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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**Violation Base Penalty** \$5,000

Two single events (one per tank) are recommended based upon the investigation conducted on April 10, 2006.

<b>Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation</b>	<b>Statutory Limit Test</b>
<b>Estimated EB Amount</b> \$2,730	<b>Violation Final Penalty Total</b> \$4,500
<b>This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)</b> \$4,500	

### Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent: Ben E. Keith Company dba Ben E. Keith Beers  
 Case ID No.: 29944  
 Reg. Ent. Reference No.: RN101780070  
 Media [Statute]: Petroleum Storage Tank  
 Violation No.: 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Overtime Costs	EB Amount
No commas or \$							

**Delayed Costs**

Equipment				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

**Avoided Costs**

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]	\$1,300	10-Apr-2005	26-Jun-2006	2.0	\$130	\$2,600	\$2,730
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated cost to provide financial assurance for two petroleum USTs (\$650 per tank). Date Required is one year prior to April 10, 2006 request for financial assurance documentation. Final Date is the compliance date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$1,300

**TOTAL** \$2,730

<b>Screening Date</b>	08-Sep-2006	<b>Docket No.</b>	2006-0830-PST-E	<b>PCW</b>
<b>Respondent</b>	Ben E. Keith Company dba Ben E. Keith Beers			<i>Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)</i>
<b>Case ID No.</b>	29944			<i>PCW Revision May 19, 2005</i>
<b>Reg. Ent. Reference No.</b>	RN101780070			
<b>Media [Statute]</b>	Petroleum Storage Tank			
<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Rajesh Acharya			
<b>Violation Number</b>	2			
<b>Primary Rule Cite(s)</b>	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(a)(1)(A), 334.50(b)(2) and 334.50(d)(1)(B)(iii)(III)			
<b>Secondary Rule Cite(s)</b>				
<b>Violation Description</b>	Failed to provide a release detection method capable of detecting a release from any portion of the UST system which contains regulated substances. Failed to provide proper release detection for the piping associated with the USTs and did not conduct monthly monitoring or a annual piping tightness test. Failed to assure that the dispensers were calibrated within an accuracy of six or less cubic inches for every five gallons of product withdrawn.			

**Base Penalty**

>> **Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix**

		Harm			
Release		Major	Moderate	Minor	
OR	Actual	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Percent</b> <input type="text" value="25%"/>
	Potential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

>> **Programmatic Matrix**

		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Falsification	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Percent</b> <input type="text"/>

**Matrix Notes** Failure to ensure proper release detection may expose human health or the environment to significant amounts of pollutants which would exceed levels that are protective of human health or the environment.

**Adjustment**

**Base Penalty Subtotal**

**Violation Events**

Number of Violation Events

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	monthly	<input type="text"/>
	quarterly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	semiannual	<input type="text"/>
	annual	<input type="text"/>
	single event	<input type="text"/>

**Violation Base Penalty**

One quarterly event is recommended from the April 10, 2006 investigation date to the June 26, 2006 compliance date.

**Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation** **Statutory Limit Test**

**Estimated EB Amount**

**Violation Final Penalty Total**

**This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)**

### Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Ben E. Keith Company dba Ben E. Keith Beers  
 Case ID No. 29944  
 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101780070  
 Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank  
 Violation No. 2

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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Delayed Costs							
Equipment				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$1,500	10-Apr-2006	26-Jun-2006	0.2	\$16	n/a	\$16

Notes for DELAYED costs: Estimated cost to implement a release detection system at the Facility. Date Required is the investigation date. Final Date is the compliance date.

Avoided Costs							
ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)							
Disposal				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs:

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$1,500 TOTAL \$16



# Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN600784250 BEN E KEITH COMPANY	Classification: AVERAGE	Rating: 2.00
Regulated Entity:	RN101780070 BEN E KEITH BEERS	Classification: AVERAGE BY DEFAULT	Site Rating: 3.01
ID Number(s):	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION	32708
Location:	2141 COTTONWOOD ST, ABILENE, TX, 79601	Rating Date: 9/1/2005	Repeat Violator: NO
TCEQ Region:	REGION 03 - ABILENE		
Date Compliance History Prepared:	September 09, 2006		
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:	Enforcement		
Compliance Period:	September 09, 2001 to September 09, 2006		

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History

Name: Rajesh Acharya Phone: 512-239-0577

### Site Compliance History Components

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| 1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? | Yes |
| 2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership of the site during the compliance period?    | No  |
| 3. If Yes, who is the current owner?   | N/A |
| 4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)?  | N/A |
| 5. When did the change(s) in ownership occur?  | N/A |

#### Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgements, and consent decrees of the state of Texas and the federal government.  
N/A
  - B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.  
N/A
  - C. Chronic excessive emissions events.  
N/A
  - D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)  
N/A
  - E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)  
N/A
  - F. Environmental audits.  
N/A
  - G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs).  
N/A
  - H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.  
N/A
  - I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.  
N/A
  - J. Early compliance.  
N/A
- Sites Outside of Texas  
N/A

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# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION  
CONCERNING  
BEN E. KEITH COMPANY DBA BEN  
E. KEITH BEERS  
RN101780070**

**§ BEFORE THE  
§  
§ TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
§  
§ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

## **AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2006-0830-PST-E**

### **I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS**

At its \_\_\_\_\_ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Ben E. Keith Company dba Ben E. Keith Beers ("Ben E. Keith") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and Ben E. Keith appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. Ben E. Keith owns and operates a wholesale distributing facility at 2141 Cottonwood Street in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. Ben E. Keith's two underground storage tanks ("USTs") are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission.
3. The Commission and Ben E. Keith agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that Ben E. Keith is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. Ben E. Keith received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about April 22, 2006.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by Ben E. Keith of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,750) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). Ben E. Keith has paid Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$5,400) of the administrative penalty and One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,350) is deferred contingent upon Ben E. Keith's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If Ben E. Keith fails to timely



- and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require Ben E. Keith to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.
7. Any notice and procedures which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
  8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and Ben E. Keith have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
  9. The Executive Director recognizes that Ben E. Keith has implemented the following corrective measures at the Facility:
    - a. Submitted documentation that demonstrates acceptable financial assurance on June 26, 2006;
    - b. Submitted documentation that demonstrates implementation of a release detection method for the USTs on June 26, 2006;
    - c. Submitted documentation that demonstrates calibration of all dispensers at the Facility on June 26, 2006; and
    - d. Submitted documentation that demonstrates successful tightness testing of the pressurized lines on June 26, 2006.
  10. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that Ben E. Keith has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
  11. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
  12. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

## II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Facility, Ben E. Keith is alleged to have:

1. Failed to demonstrate financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of petroleum USTs, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 37.815(a) and (b), as documented during an investigation conducted on April 10, 2006.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the integrity of the financial system and for the ability to detect and prevent fraud. The document also notes that records should be maintained in a secure and accessible manner, and that they should be reviewed regularly to ensure their accuracy and completeness.

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### Conclusion

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2. Failed to provide a release detection method capable of detecting a release from any portion of the UST system which contains regulated substances, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(a)(1)(A), as documented during an investigation conducted on April 10, 2006.
3. Failed to provide proper release detection for the piping associated with the USTs and did not conduct monthly monitoring or an annual piping tightness test, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(2), as documented during an investigation conducted on April 10, 2006.
4. Failed to assure that the dispensers were calibrated within an accuracy of six or less cubic inches for every five gallons of product withdrawn, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(d)(1)(B)(iii)(III), as documented during an investigation conducted on April 10, 2006.

### III. DENIALS

Ben E. Keith generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

### IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that Ben E. Keith pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and Ben E. Keith's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Ben E. Keith Company dba Ben E. Keith Beers, Docket No. 2006-0830-PST-E" to:  

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section  
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13088  
Austin, Texas 78711-3088
2. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon Ben E. Keith. Ben E. Keith is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
3. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against Ben E. Keith in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
4. This agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreement may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes.

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5. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to Ben E. Keith, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to Ben E. Keith, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.



## SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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For the Commission

  
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For the Executive Director

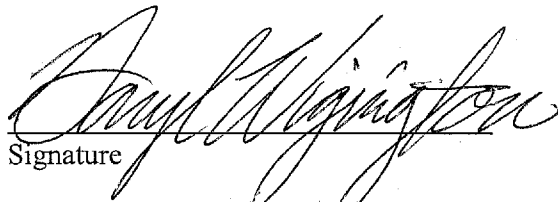
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I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity, if any, indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that my failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or my failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on my compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted by me;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions against me;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions against me; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

  
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Signature

11-20-2006  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

DARYL WINSTON  
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Name (Printed or typed)  
Authorized Representative of  
Ben E. Keith Company dba Ben E. Keith Beers

Director of Risk Mgmt.  
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Title

**Instructions:** Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.

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