

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER** Page 1 of 3  
**DOCKET NO.:** 2009-2043-PST-E **TCEQ ID:** RN100692862 **CASE NO.:** 38891  
**RESPONDENT NAME:** NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

<b>ORDER TYPE:</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1660 AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS ORDER FOLLOWING SOAH HEARING
<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS DEFAULT ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> SHUTDOWN ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> IMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL ENDANGERMENT ORDER
<input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY ORDER	
<b>CASE TYPE:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input type="checkbox"/> MULTI-MEDIA (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE
<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION
<input type="checkbox"/> WATER QUALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> SEWAGE SLUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL
<input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> RADIOACTIVE WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> DRY CLEANER REGISTRATION
<p><b>SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED:</b> Nueces Electric Cooperative, 709 East Main Avenue, Robstown, Nueces County</p> <p><b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> Fleet refueling facility</p> <p><b>SMALL BUSINESS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS:</b> There are no complaints. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.</p> <p><b>INTERESTED PARTIES:</b> No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS RECEIVED:</b> The <i>Texas Register</i> comment period expired on May 10, 2010. No comments were received.</p> <p><b>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST:</b>  <b>TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator:</b> None  <b>TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:</b> Mr. Keith Frank, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 7, MC 128, (512) 239-1203; Ms. Laurie Eaves, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-4495  <b>Respondent:</b> Mr. John L. Sims, CEO/Registered Agent, NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., P.O. Box 1032, Robstown, Texas 78380  <b>Respondent's Attorney:</b> Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter</p>		

**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(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case:</b> None</p> <p><b>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case:</b> November 9, 2009</p> <p><b>Date of NOE Relating to this Case:</b> December 11, 2009</p> <p><b>Background Facts:</b> This was a routine investigation.</p> <p><b>WASTE</b></p> <p>1) Failure to renew a delivery certificate by submitting a properly completed underground storage tank ("UST") registration and self-certification form at least 30 days before the expiration date. Specifically, the delivery certificate expired on August 31, 2008 [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(B)(ii)].</p> <p>2) Failure to make available to a common carrier a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate before accepting delivery of a regulated substance into the USTs. Specifically, the Respondent received at least one delivery of fuel without a delivery certificate [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(A)(i) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3467(a)].</p> <p>3) Failure to provide a release detection method for the USTs by failing to conduct reconciliation of inventory control records at least once a month, in a manner sufficiently accurate to detect a release which equals or exceeds the sum of 1.0% of the total substance flow-through for the month plus 130 gallons [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(d)(1)(B)(ii) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].</p> <p>4) Failure to inspect all sumps, manways, overflow containers or catchment basins associated with a UST system at least once every 60 days to assure that their sides,</p>	<p><b>Total Assessed:</b> \$4,131</p> <p><b>Total Deferred:</b> \$826  <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> \$3,305</p> <p><b>Site Compliance History Classification</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><b>Person Compliance History Classification</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average <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 the Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures at the Facility:</p> <p>a. Submitted a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form and obtained a TCEQ fuel delivery certificate on November 30, 2009;</p> <p>b. Began conducting volume measurements and reconciliation of inventory control records on November 28, 2009; and</p> <p>c. Began inspecting the overflow containers on December 16, 2009.</p>

bottoms, and any penetration points are maintained liquid tight [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.42(i)].		
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Additional ID No(s): 29143





# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

**TCEQ**  
**DATES**

Assigned	14-Dec-2009	Screening	18-Dec-2009	EPA Due	
PCW	11-Feb-2010				

### RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN100692862		
Facility/Site Region	14-Corpus Christi	Major/Minor Source	Minor

### CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	38891	No. of Violations	4
Docket No.	2009-2043-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Keith Frank
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 7
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$10,000

## Penalty Calculation Section

**TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)** **Subtotal 1**

### ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

**Compliance History**  Enhancement **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7**

Notes

**Culpability**   Enhancement **Subtotal 4**

Notes

**Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments** **Subtotal 5**

**Economic Benefit**  Enhancement\* **Subtotal 6**

Total EB Amounts	\$116	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$1,700	

**SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7** **Final Subtotal**

**OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE**  **Adjustment**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

**Final Penalty Amount**

**STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT** **Final Assessed Penalty**

**DEFERRAL**  Reduction **Adjustment**

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes

**PAYABLE PENALTY**

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PCW

Respondent NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 38891

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100692862

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Keith Frank

### 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 (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	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 (number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria)	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 (number of counts)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	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 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	0	0%
<i>Please Enter Yes or No</i>			
Other	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 due to compliance history.

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

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Respondent NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100892862

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Keith Frank

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.8(c)(5)(B)(ii)

Violation Description Failed to renew a delivery certificate by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form at least 30 days before the expiration date. Specifically, the delivery certificate expired on August 31, 2008.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				0%
Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
	x			10%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$8,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 488

mark only one with an x	daily	
	weekly	
	monthly	
	quarterly	
	semiannual	
	annual	
single event	x	

Violation Base Penalty \$1,000

One single event is recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

	25.0% Reduction	
	Before NOV	NOV to EDRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary	x	
N/A		(mark with x)

\$250

Notes The Respondent came into compliance on November 30, 2009 prior to the NOE dated December 11, 2009.

Violation Subtotal \$750

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Estimated EB Amount \$7

Statutory Limit Test

Violation Final Penalty Total \$770

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$770

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
**Case ID No.** 38891  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN100692862  
**Media** Petroleum Storage Tank  
**Violation No.** 1

<b>Percent Interest</b>	<b>Years of Depreciation</b>
5.0	15

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

**Delayed Costs**

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$100	31-Jul-2008	30-Nov-2009	1.33	\$7	n/a	\$7

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to renew a delivery certificate by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form. Date Required is 30 days before the expiration date of the delivery certificate. Final Date is the date of compliance.

**Avoided Costs**

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

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$100

TOTAL

\$7

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Respondent NUEGES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 38891

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100692862

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Keith Frank

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.8(c)(5)(A)(i) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3467(a)

Violation Description

Failed to make available to a common carrier a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate before accepting delivery of a regulated substance into the USTs. Specifically, the Respondent received at least one delivery of fuel without a delivery certificate.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				5%
Potential			x	

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
				0%

Matrix Notes

Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants which would not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of this violation.

Adjustment \$9,500

\$500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 1

mark only one with an x	daily	
	weekly	
	monthly	
	quarterly	
	semiannual	
	annual	
	single event	x

Violation Base Penalty \$500

One single event is recommended for accepting one fuel delivery.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

	0.0% Reduction	
	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	(mark with x)

\$0

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$0

Violation Final Penalty Total \$513

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$513

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
**Case ID No.** 38891  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN100692862  
**Media** Petroleum Storage Tank  
**Violation No.** 2

<b>Percent Interest</b>	<b>Years of Depreciation</b>
5.0	15

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

**Delayed Costs**

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Economic benefit included in violation no. 1.

**Avoided Costs**

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

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$0

TOTAL \$0

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Respondent NUJECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Keith Frank

Violation Number 3

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(d)(1)(B)(ii) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(c)(1)

Violation Description

Failed to provide a release detection method for the USTs by failing to conduct reconciliation of inventory control records at least once a month, in a manner sufficiently accurate to detect a release which equals or exceeds the sum of 1.0% of the total substance flow-through for the month plus 130 gallons.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual					25%
Potential	x				

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
Falsification				0%

Matrix Notes

Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to pollutants which would exceed levels that are protective of human or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$7,500

\$2,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 19

mark only one with an x	daily	
	weekly	
	monthly	x
	quarterly	
	semiannual	
	annual	
	single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$2,500

One monthly event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the November 9, 2009 investigation to the November 28, 2009 compliance date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

	25.0% Reduction	\$625
	Before NOV	NOV to EDCRPS/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary	x	
N/A	(mark with x)	

Notes

The Respondent came into compliance on November 28, 2009 before the NOE dated December 11, 2009.

Violation Subtotal \$1,875

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$4

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,924

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,924

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
**Case ID No.** 38891  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN100692862  
**Media** Petroleum Storage Tank  
**Violation No.** 3

<b>Percent Interest</b>	<b>Years of Depreciation</b>
5.0	15

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

**Delayed Costs**

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$1,500	9-Nov-2009	28-Nov-2009	0.05	\$4	n/a	\$4

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to provide a method of release detection for the UST system including reconciliation of inventory control records. Date Required is the investigation date. Final Date is the date of compliance.

**Avoided Costs**

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

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$1,500

TOTAL

\$4

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Respondent NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

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Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100692862

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Keith Frank

Violation Number 4

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.42(l)

Violation Description

Failed to inspect all sumps, manways, overspill containers or catchment basins associated with a UST system at least once every 60 days to assure that their sides, bottoms, and any penetration points are maintained liquid tight.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential		x	

Percent 10%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0%

Matrix Notes

Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to significant amounts of pollutants which would not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$9,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

37 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x	daily	
	weekly	
	monthly	
	quarterly	x
	semiannual	
	annual	
	single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$1,000

One quarterly event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the November 9, 2009 investigation to the December 16, 2009 compliance date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

	10.0% Reduction	
	Before NOV	NOV to EDRP/ Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		x
N/A		(mark with x)

\$100

Notes The Respondent came into compliance on December 16, 2009.

Violation Subtotal \$900

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Estimated EB Amount \$106

Statutory Limit Test

Violation Final Penalty Total \$924

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$924

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
**Case ID No.** 38891  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN100692862  
**Media** Petroleum Storage Tank  
**Violation No.** 4

<b>Percent Interest</b>	<b>Years of Depreciation</b>
5.0	15

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

**Delayed Costs**

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

**Avoided Costs**

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

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]	\$100	10-Sep-2009	18-Dec-2009	1.18	\$6	\$100	\$106
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost of conducting bimonthly inspections of the sumps, manways, overspill containers or catchment basins. Date Required is 60 days before the investigation date. Final Date is the compliance date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$100

TOTAL \$106

# Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN600399281 NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 3.01  
Regulated Entity: RN100692862 Nueces Electric Cooperative Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 3.01

ID Number(s): PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION 29143  
REGISTRATION

Location: 709 E MAIN AVE, ROBSTOWN, TX, 78380

TCEQ Region: REGION 14 - CORPUS CHRISTI

Date Compliance History Prepared: December 17, 2009

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance Enforcement

Compliance Period: December 17, 2004 to December 17, 2009

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

Name: Keith Frank Phone: (512) 239-1203

## Site Compliance History Components

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/operator of the site during the compliance period? No
3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator? N/A
4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? N/A
5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A
6. Rating Date: 9/1/2009 Repeat Violator: NO

## Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgments, 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.)  
1 12/11/2009 (783933)
  - 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



# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION  
CONCERNING  
NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,  
INC.  
RN100692862**

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

## **AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2009-2043-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 NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a fleet refueling facility at 709 East Main Avenue in Robstown, Nueces County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Respondent'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 the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about December 16, 2009.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$4,131) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Three Thousand Three Hundred Five Dollars (\$3,305)

of the administrative penalty and Eight Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$826) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent'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 the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent 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 the Respondent 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 the Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures at the Facility:
  - a. Submitted a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form and obtained a TCEQ fuel delivery certificate on November 30, 2009;
  - b. Began conducting volume measurements and reconciliation of inventory control records on November 28, 2009; and
  - c. Began inspecting the overspill containers on December 16, 2009.
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 the Respondent 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, the Respondent is alleged to have:

1. Failed to renew a delivery certificate by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form at least 30 days before the expiration date, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(B)(ii), as documented during an investigation conducted on November 9, 2009. Specifically, the delivery certificate expired on August 31, 2008.
2. Failed to make available to a common carrier a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate before accepting delivery of a regulated substance into the USTs, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(A)(i) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3467(a), as documented during an investigation

conducted on November 9, 2009. Specifically, the Respondent received at least one delivery of fuel without a delivery certificate.

3. Failed to provide a release detection method for the USTs by failing to conduct reconciliation of inventory control records at least once a month, in a manner sufficiently accurate to detect a release which equals or exceeds the sum of 1.0% of the total substance flow-through for the month plus 130 gallons, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(d)(1)(B)(ii) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1), as documented during an investigation conducted on November 9, 2009.
4. Failed to inspect all sumps, manways, overspill containers or catchment basins associated with a UST system at least once every 60 days to assure that their sides, bottoms, and any penetration points are maintained liquid tight, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.42(i), as documented during an investigation conducted on November 9, 2009.

### III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

### IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent'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: NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., Docket No. 2009-2043-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

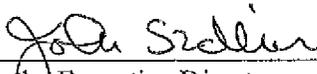
2. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
3. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent 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 Agreed Order may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreed Order may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes under this Agreed Order.
  
5. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, 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

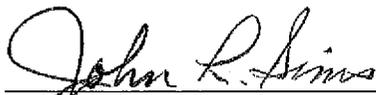
4/15/2010  
Date

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

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- 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;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

2/24/10  
Date

John L. Sims  
Name (Printed or typed)  
Authorized Representative of  
NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

CEO  
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.

