Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 41732
Lake Municipal Utility District
RN102680675
Docket No. 2011-0836-UTL-E

Order Type:
1660 Agreed Order
Findings Order Justification:
N/A
Media:
UTL
Small Business:
Yes
Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:
Lake MUD, Breda Drive and Interstate Highway 10 West, approximately 0.4 mile east of John Martin Road, Harris County
Type of Operation:
Public water supply
Other Significant Matters:
Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No
Past-Due Penalties: No
Other: N/A
Interested Third-Parties: None
Texas Register Publication Date: August 26, 2011
Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: $630
Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: $126
Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: $0
Total Paid to General Revenue: $504
Total Due to General Revenue: $0
Payment Plan: N/A
SEP Conditional Offset: $0
Name of SEP: N/A
Compliance History Classifications:
Person/CN - Average
Site/RN - N/A
Major Source: No
Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A
Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A
Complaint Information: N/A
Date(s) of Investigation: May 16, 2011
Date(s) of NOE(s): May 17, 2011

Violation Information

Failed to submit to the Executive Director for approval by the required deadline, an adoptable emergency preparedness plan ("EPP") that demonstrates the Facility's ability to provide emergency operations [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 290.39(o)(1) and 291.162(a) and (j) and TEX. WATER CODE § 13.1395(b)(2)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to:

a. Within 30 days, submit to the Executive Director for approval an adoptable EPP using the template in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.47 or another EPP that meets the requirements of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.45. Respond completely and adequately, as determined by the TCEQ, to all requests for information concerning the EPP within 30 days after the date of such requests, or by any other deadline specified in writing; and

b. Within 45 days, submit written certification demonstrating compliance.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A
Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A
SOAH Referral Date: N/A
Hearing Date(s): N/A
Settlement Date: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A
TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Katy Schumann, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 2, MC 169, (512) 239-2602; Debra Barber, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-0412.

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TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A
Respondent: Kathleen S. Witkowski, President, Lake Municipal Utility District, 11302 Tanner Road, Houston, Texas 77041
Respondent's Attorney: N/A

Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

TCEQ

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002) — *PCW Revision October 30, 2008*

DATES					
Assigned	23-May-2011				
PCW	26-May-2011	Screening	27-May-2011	EPA Due	

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Lake Municipal Utility District		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102680675		
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	41732	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2011-0836-UTL-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Public Water Utilities	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Katy Schumann
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 2

Admin. Penalty $ Limit Minimum $0 Maximum $500

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) — *Subtotal 1* **$600**

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History — **5.0%** Enhancement — *Subtotals 2, 3, & 7* **$30**

Notes: Enhancement for one NOV with same/similar violations.

Culpability No — **0.0%** Enhancement — *Subtotal 4* **$0**

Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments — *Subtotal 5* **$0**

Economic Benefit — **0.0%** Enhancement* — *Subtotal 6* **$0**

Total EB Amounts $27
Approx. Cost of Compliance $328

**Capped at the Total EB $ Amount*

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 — *Final Subtotal* **$630**

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE — **0.0%** — *Adjustment* **$0**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount **$630**

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT — *Final Assessed Penalty* **$630**

DEFERRAL — **20.0%** Reduction — *Adjustment* **-$126**

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

Notes: Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY **$504**

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PCW

Respondent Lake Municipal Utility District

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 41732

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102680675

Media [Statute] Public Water Utilities

Enf. Coordinator Katy Schumann

Compliance History Worksheet

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

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (*number of NOVs meeting criteria*)	1	5%
	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%
		Please Enter Yes or No	
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) 5%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Average Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for one NOV with same/similar violations.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 5%

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Respondent Lake Municipal Utility District *Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)*

Case ID No. 41732 *PCW Revision October 30, 2008*

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Media [Statute] Public Water Utilities

Enf. Coordinator Katy Schumann

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 290.39(o)(1) and 291.162(a) and (j) and Tex. Water Code § 13.1395(b)(2)

Violation Description Failed to submit to the Executive Director for approval by the required deadline, an adoptable emergency preparedness plan ("EPP") that demonstrates the Facility's ability to provide emergency operations.

Base Penalty $500

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm: Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			

Percent 0%

>>Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
	x		

Percent 10%

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

Adjustment $450

$50

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 12 339 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	x
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty $600

Twelve monthly events are recommended, calculated from the date the EPP was deemed not adoptable, June 22, 2010, to the date of screening, May 27, 2011.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction $0

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

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

Violation Subtotal $600

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Estimated EB Amount $27

Statutory Limit Test

Violation Final Penalty Total $630

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) $630

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Lake Municipal Utility District
Case ID No. 41732
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102680675
Media Public Water Utilities
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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)	$328	1-Mar-2010	1-Nov-2011	1.67	$27	n/a	$27

Notes for DELAYED costs: The delayed costs includes the estimated amount ($41/hr labor and administrative cost x 8 hours) to develop and submit an adoptable EPP. Date required is the date the EPP was initially due. Final date is the estimated 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 $328

TOTAL $27

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN600729602 Lake Municipal Utility District Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 0.45

Regulated Entity: RN102680675 LAKE MUD Classification: Site Rating:

ID Number(s): PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION 1011741

Location: BREDA DRIVE AND I-10 WEST, APPROX. 0.4 MILE EAST OF JOHN MARTIN ROAD, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON

Date Compliance History Prepared: May 26, 2011

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Compliance Period: May 26, 2006 to May 26, 2011

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

Name: Katy Schumann Phone: (512) 239-2602

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

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 03/05/2008 (615394)
2 04/12/2011 (900356)
3 05/17/2011 (920896)

E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

Date: 04/12/2011 (900356) CN600729602

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.39(o)(1)

Description: Failed to submit to the Executive Director for approval by the required deadline an adoptable Emergency Preparedness Plan that demonstrates the Facility's ability to provide emergency operations.

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 LAKE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT RN102680675	§ § § § §	**BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2011-0836-UTL-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 Lake Municipal Utility District ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341 and TEX. WATER CODE ch. 13. 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 public water supply at Breda Drive and Interstate Highway 10 West, approximately 0.4 mile east of John Martin Road in Harris County, Texas (the "Facility").

2. The Respondent owns and operates, in Texas and for compensation, equipment or facilities for the transmission, storage, distribution, sale, or provision of potable water to the public or for the resale of potable water to the public for any use. The Respondent is not exempt from regulation under TEX. WATER CODE ch. 13 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 May 22, 2011.

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 Six Hundred Thirty Dollars ($630) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Five Hundred Four Dollars ($504) of the administrative penalty and One Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars ($126) 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 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.

10. 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.

11. 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 failed to submit to the Executive Director for approval by the required deadline, an adoptable emergency preparedness plan ("EPP") that demonstrates the Facility's ability to provide emergency operations, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 290.39(o)(1) and 291.162(a) and (j) and TEX. WATER CODE § 13.1395(b)(2), as documented during a record review conducted on May 16, 2011.

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: Lake Municipal Utility District, Docket No. 2011-0836-UTL-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. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:

   a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit to the Executive Director for approval an adoptable EPP in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.39(o) using the template in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.47 or another EPP that meets the requirements of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.45. Respond completely and adequately, as determined by the TCEQ, to all requests for information concerning the EPP within 30 days after the date of such requests, or by any other deadline specified in writing. The EPP shall be submitted to:

      Technical Review and Oversight Team, MC 159
      Water Supply Division
      Texas Comission on Environmental Quality
      P.O. Box 13087
      Austin, Texas 78711-3087

   b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

      "I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Water Section Manager
Houston Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
5425 Polk Avenue, Suite H
Houston, Texas 77023-1486

3. 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.

4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.

5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.

6. 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.

7. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature

could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.

8. 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

_____
For the Commission

_____ 9/6/11
For the Executive Director 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.

_____ July 20, 2011
Signature Date

Kathleen S Witkowski President
Name (Printed or typed) Title
Authorized Representative of
Lake Municipal Utility District

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.