EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ENFORCEMENT MATTER – CASE NO. 45615
BENANEE CORPORATION D/B/A EXPRESS LANE FOOD MART
RN103038709
Docket No. 2012-2476-PST-E

Order Type:
Default Shutdown Order

Media:
PST

Small Business:
Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:
15164 Highway 3, Webster, Harris County

Type of Operation:
convenience store with retail sales of gasoline

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions:	None
Past-Due Penalties:	None
Past-Due Fees:	None
Other:	None
Interested Third-Parties:	None

Texas Register Publication Date: July 5, 2013

Comments Received: None

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: $9,000

Total Paid to General Revenue: $0

Total Due to General Revenue: $9,000

Compliance History Classifications:
Person/CN – Satisfactory
Site/RN – Satisfactory

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: None

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2011

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: June 14, 2012; October 30, 2012

Date(s) of NOV(s): N/A

Date(s) of NOE(s): October 30, 2012

Violation Information

1. Failed to provide corrosion protection for the UST system [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49(a)(1)].
2. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring) [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

None

Technical Requirements:

1. Immediately shut down operations of all USTs at the Facility:
   a. Cease dispensing fuel from the USTs;
   b. Cease receiving deliveries of regulated substances into the USTs;
   c. Padlock the dispensers;
   d. Empty the USTs of all regulated substances; and
   e. Temporarily remove the USTs from service.
2. The USTs shall remain out of service until such time as Respondent demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Executive Director that the corrosion protection and release detection violations have been corrected.
3. The Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate is revoked immediately. Respondent may submit an application for a new fuel delivery certificate only after Respondent has complied with all of the requirements set forth in the Order, including payment of the administrative penalty.
4. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall cease accepting fuel at the Facility until such time as a valid delivery certificate is obtained from the TCEQ.
5. Within 10 days, Respondent shall surrender the Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate to the TCEQ.
6. Within 15 days, submit a detailed written report documenting the steps taken to comply with Technical Requirements Nos. 1, 4 and 5.
7. Prior to receiving deliveries of gasoline and resuming sales of gasoline:
   a. Install a corrosion protection system at the Facility and test the system, with passing results;
   b. Implement a release detection method for the USTs at the Facility; and
   c. Obtain a new fuel delivery certificate.
8. Upon obtaining a new fuel delivery certificate, post the fuel delivery certificate in a location at the Facility where the delivery certificate is clearly visible at all times.
9. Within 10 days of resuming sales of gasoline, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Technical Requirements Nos. 7 and 8.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: March 22, 2013; April 9, 2013

Date Green Card(s) Signed: Unclaimed

Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorneys: Ryan Rutledge, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400
Lena Roberts, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400
Eli Martinez, Public Interest Counsel, (512) 239-6363

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Cheryl Thompson, Enforcement Division, (817) 588-5886

TCEQ Regional Contact: Jason Ybarra, Houston Regional Office, (713) 422-3500

Respondent: Mohammad F. Akbar, Director, Benanee Corporation, 16211 Quiet Canyon Ct., Friendswood, TX 77546

Respondent's Attorney: N/A

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Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011) *PCW Revision August 3, 2011*

DATES					
Assigned	5-Nov-2012				
PCW	14-Feb-2013	Screening	9-Nov-2012	EPA Due	

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Benanee Corporation dba Express Lane Food Mart		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN103038709		
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	45615	No. of Violations	2
Docket No.	2012-2476-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Cheryl Thompson
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 3
Admin. Penalty $ Limit Minimum	$0	Maximum	$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) *Subtotal 1* **$7,500**

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History **20.0%** Enhancement *Subtotals 2, 3, & 7* **$1,500**

Notes: Enhancement for one order with denial of liability.

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 $442
Approx. Cost of Compliance $7,500

**Capped at the Total EB $ Amount*

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 *Final Subtotal* **$9,000**

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

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount **$9,000**

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT *Final Assessed Penalty* **$9,000**

DEFERRAL **0.0%** Reduction *Adjustment* **$0**

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

Notes: Deferral not offered for non-expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY **$9,000**

Screening Date	9-Nov-2012	**Docket No.**	2012-2476-PST-E	**PCW**
Respondent	Benanee Corporation dba Express Lane Food Mart			*Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)*
Case ID No.	45615			*PCW Revision August 3, 2011*
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN103038709			
Media [Statute]	Petroleum Storage Tank			
Enf. Coordinator	Cheryl Thompson			

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*)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (*number of orders meeting criteria*)	1	20%
	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) 20%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Satisfactory Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for one order with denial of liability.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 20%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage ****capped at 100%*** 20%

Screening Date	9-Nov-2012	**Docket No.**	2012-2476-PST-E	**PCW**
Respondent	Benanee Corporation dba Express Lane Food Mart			*Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)*
Case ID No.	45615			*PCW Revision August 3, 2011*
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN103038709			
Media [Statute]	Petroleum Storage Tank			
Enf. Coordinator	Cheryl Thompson			

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.49(a)(1) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(d)

Violation Description Failed to provide corrosion protection for the UST system.

Base Penalty $25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm: Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential	x		

Percent 15.0%

>>Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0.0%

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

Adjustment $21,250

$3,750

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events: 1

10 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	x
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty $3,750

One monthly event is recommended from the period of October 30, 2012 (record review date) to November 9, 2012 (date of screening).

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 $3,750

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Estimated EB Amount $438

Statutory Limit Test

Violation Final Penalty Total $4,500

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) $4,500

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Benanee Corporation dba Express Lane Food Mart
Case ID No. 45615
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN103038709
Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost (No commas or $)	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Delayed Costs							
Equipment	$6,000	14-Jun-2012	30-Jun-2013	1.04	$21	$418	$438
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	Estimated cost to install a corrosion protection system and test the system. The date required is the investigation date, and the final date is the projected 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 $6,000

TOTAL $438

Screening Date	9-Nov-2012	**Docket No.**	2012-2476-PST-E	**PCW**
Respondent	Benanee Corporation dba Express Lane Food Mart			*Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)*
Case ID No.	45615			*PCW Revision August 3, 2011*
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN103038709			
Media [Statute]	Petroleum Storage Tank			
Enf. Coordinator	Cheryl Thompson			

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(c)(1)

Violation Description Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once a month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring).

Base Penalty $25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm: Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential	x		

Percent 15.0%

>>Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0.0%

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

Adjustment $21,250

$3,750

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 | 10 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	x
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty $3,750

One monthly event is recommended from the period of October 30, 2012 (record review date) to November 9, 2012 (date of screening).

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 $3,750

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Estimated EB Amount $3

Statutory Limit Test

Violation Final Penalty Total $4,500

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) $4,500

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Benanee Corporation dba Express Lane Food Mart
Case ID No. 45615
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN103038709
Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 2

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost (No commas or $)	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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	14-Jun-2012	30-Jun-2012	0.04	$3	n/a	$3
Notes for DELAYED costs	Estimated cost provide release detection for the UST system. The date required is the investigation date, and the final date is the projected 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 $3

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Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN603933441, RN103038709, Rating Year 2012 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2012.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN603933441, Benanee Corporation **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 8.00

Regulated Entity: RN103038709, EXPRESS LANE FOOD MART **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 8.00

Complexity Points: 4 **Repeat Violator:** NO

CH Group: 01 - Gas Stations with convenience Stores and other Gas Stations

Location: 15164 HIGHWAY 3 WEBSTER, TX 77598-1821, HARRIS COUNTY

TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON

ID Number(s):

PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION REGISTRATION 36378 **AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS** ACCOUNT NUMBER HG5668J

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2007 to August 31, 2012 **Rating Year:** 2012 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2012

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: November 29, 2012

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: November 27, 2007 to November 27, 2012

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.

Name: Cheryl Thompson **Phone** (817) 588-5886

Site and Owner/Operator History:

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? YES
3) If YES for #2, who is the current owner/operator? Express Lane Food Mart OWNER since 3/16/1994
Benanee Corporation OWNER OPERATOR since 6/15/2011
4) If YES for #2, who was/were the prior Nila Akash Enterprises, Inc., OWNER OPERATOR, 10/22/1998 to 6/15/2011
5) If **YES**, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? 6/15/2011

Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

1 Effective Date: 04/20/2009 ADMINORDER 2008-1954-PST-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial)
Classification: Major
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 115, SubChapter C 115.245(2)
5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)
Description: Failed to verify proper operation of the Stage II equipment at least once every 12 months.

B. Criminal convictions:
N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:
N/A

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):
Item 1 March 31, 2011 (907631)

E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):
A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.
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 BENANEE CORPORATION D/B/A EXPRESS LANE FOOD MART; RN103038709	**§ § § § § §**	**BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

DEFAULT AND SHUTDOWN ORDER

DOCKET NO. 2012-2476-PST-E

At its _____ agenda meeting, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") considered the Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition, filed pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26 and the rules of the TCEQ, which requests appropriate relief, including the imposition of an administrative penalty, corrective action of the respondent, and revocation of the facility's fuel delivery certificate. The Commission also considered the Executive Director's Motion requesting the entry of an Order requiring the respondent to shutdown and remove from service the underground storage tanks ("USTs") located at 15164 Highway 3 in Webster, Harris County, Texas. The respondent made the subject of this Order is Benanee Corporation d/b/a Express Lane Food Mart ("Respondent").

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent owns and operates, as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.2(73) and (70), a UST system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 15164 Highway 3 in Webster, Harris County, Texas (Facility ID No. 36378) (the "Facility"). The USTs at the Facility are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission, and contain a regulated petroleum substance as defined in the rules of the TCEQ.

2. During an investigation conducted on June 14, 2012, and a record review conducted on October 30, 2012, a UT Arlington PST program investigator (TCEQ Contractor) documented that Respondent:

   a. Failed to provide corrosion protection for the UST system; and

   b. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring).

3. By letter dated October 30, 2012, the UT Arlington PST program provided Respondent with notice of the violations and of TCEQ's authority to shut down and remove from service USTs not in compliance with release detection, spill and/or overfill prevention, corrosion protection, and/or financial assurance requirements if the violations were not corrected.

4. The Executive Director filed the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of Benanee Corporation d/b/a Express Lane Food Mart" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on March 22, 2013.

5. The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on March 22, 2013, via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Service was unsuccessful.

6. The Executive Director re-filed the EDPRP in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on April 9, 2013.

7. By letter dated April 9, 2013, sent to Respondent's last known address via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid, the Executive Director served Respondent with notice of the EDPRP. The United States Postal Service returned the EDPRP sent by certified mail as "unclaimed." The first class mail has not been returned, indicating that Respondent received notice of the EDPRP.

8. More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing.

9. By letter dated May 1, 2013, the Executive Director provided Respondent with notice of TCEQ's intent to order the USTs at the Facility to be shut down and removed from service if Respondent failed to correct the corrosion protection and release detection violations within 30 days after Respondent's receipt of the notice.

10. As of the date of entry of this Order, Respondent has not provided the Executive Director with documentation demonstrating that the corrosion protection and release detection violations alleged in Findings of Fact Nos. 2.a. and 2.b. have been corrected.

11. The USTs at the Facility do not have corrosion protection or release detection as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and (d) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.49(a)(1) and 334.50(b)(1)(A), and may be releasing petroleum products to the environment. Therefore, conditions at the Facility constitute an imminent peril to public health, safety, and welfare.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26 and the rules of the Commission.

2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.a., Respondent failed to provide corrosion protection for the UST system, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49(a)(1).

3. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.b., Respondent failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring), in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A).

4. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 4 through 7, the Executive Director timely served Respondent with proper notice of the EDPRP, as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 7.055 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.104(b)(1).

5. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 8, Respondent failed to file a timely answer as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 7.056 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.105. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.057 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.106, the Commission may enter a Default Order against Respondent and assess the penalty recommended by the Executive Director.

6. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against Respondent for violations of state statutes within the

Commission's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.

7. An administrative penalty in the amount of nine thousand dollars ($9,000.00) is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. WATER CODE § 7.053.

8. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 2, 3, 9, and 10, Respondent failed to correct documented violations of Commission corrosion protection and release detection requirements within 30 days after Respondent received notice of the violations and notice of the Executive Director's intent to shut down the USTs at the Facility.

9. TEX. WATER CODE §§ 26.3475(e) and 26.352(i) authorize the Commission to order a UST owner or operator to shut down a UST system if, within 30 days after receiving notice of the violations, the owner or operator fails to correct violations of Commission regulatory requirements relating to release detection for tanks and/or piping, spill and/or overfill protection for tanks, corrosion protection for tanks and/or piping, and/or acceptable financial assurance.

10. TEX. WATER CODE §§ 5.102 and 7.002 authorize the Commission to issue orders and make determinations necessary to effectuate the purposes of the statutes within its jurisdiction.

11. Pursuant to 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(6), the Commission has authority to revoke the Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate if the Commission finds that good cause exists.

12. Good cause for revocation of the Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate exists as justified by Findings of Fact Nos. 2 and 4 through 8, and Conclusions of Law Nos. 2 through 5.

13. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 10 and 11, current conditions at the Facility constitute an imminent peril to public health, safety, and welfare. Therefore, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.144(a)(3), this Order is final and effective on the date rendered.

ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall take the following steps to shut down operations of all USTs at the Facility:

   a. Cease dispensing fuel from the USTs;

   b. Cease receiving deliveries of regulated substances into the USTs;

   c. Padlock the dispensers;

   d. Empty the USTs of all regulated substances in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.54(d); and

   e. Temporarily remove the USTs from service in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.54.

2. The USTs at the Facility shall remain out of service, pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(e) and as directed by Ordering Provisions Nos. 1.a. through 1.e., until such time as Respondent demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Executive Director that the corrosion protection and release detection violations noted in Conclusions of Law Nos. 2 and 3 have been corrected.

3. If Respondent elects to permanently remove from service any portion of the UST system at the Facility, Respondent shall, immediately upon the effective date of this Order, permanently remove the UST system from service in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.55, and within 15 days after the effective date of this Order, shall submit a written report documenting compliance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.55 to:

   Petroleum Storage Tank Registration Team, MC 138
   Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
   P.O. Box 13087
   Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. The Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate is revoked immediately upon the effective date of this Order. Respondent may submit an application for a new fuel delivery certificate only after Respondent has complied with all of the requirements set forth in this Order, including payment of the administrative penalty.

5. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall cease accepting fuel at the Facility until such time as a valid delivery certificate is obtained from the TCEQ in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.7 and 334.8.

6. Within 10 days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall send the Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate to:

   Petroleum Storage Tank Registration Team, MC 138
   Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
   P.O. Box 13087
   Austin, Texas 78711-3087

7. Within 15 days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit a detailed written report, in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 13, below, documenting the steps taken to comply with Ordering Provisions Nos. 1.a. through 1.e., 5 and 6.

8. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of nine thousand dollars ($9,000.00) for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this administrative penalty and Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order completely resolve the matters set forth by this Order in this action. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations which are not raised here.

9. The administrative penalty assessed by this Order shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Order. All checks submitted to pay the penalty imposed by this Order shall be made out to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Benanee Corporation d/b/a Express Lane Food Mart; Docket No. 2012-2476-PST-E" to:

   Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section
   Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
   Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
   P.O. Box 13088
   Austin, Texas 78711-3088

10. Prior to receiving deliveries of gasoline and resuming retail sales of gasoline, Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:

    a. Install a corrosion protection system at the Facility and test the system, with

passing results, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49;

b. Implement a release detection method for the USTs at the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50; and

c. Obtain a new fuel delivery certificate from the TCEQ.

11. Upon obtaining a new fuel delivery certificate, Respondent shall post the fuel delivery certificate in a location at the Facility where the delivery certificate is clearly visible at all times, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(A)(iii).

12. Within 10 days of resuming retail sales of gasoline, Respondent shall submit written certification, in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 13, below, to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provisions Nos. 10 and 11.

13. The certifications required by these Ordering Provisions shall be accompanied by detailed supporting documentation, including photographs, receipts, and/or other records, shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public, and shall 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 fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

Respondent shall submit the written certifications and supporting documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance with these Ordering Provisions to:

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

and:

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

14. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.

15. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent. Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.

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

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

18. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to Respondent if the Executive Director determines that Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Order.

19. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.

20. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Order shall be the date this Order was rendered, pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.144(a)(3).

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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For the Commission

AFFIDAVIT OF RYAN RUTLEDGE

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

"My name is Ryan Rutledge. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and the facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

On behalf of the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of Benanee Corporation d/b/a Express Lane Food Mart" (the "EDPRP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on March 22, 2013.

The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on March 22, 2013, via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Service was unsuccessful.

On behalf of the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the EDPRP was re-filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on April 9, 2013.

The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on April 9, 2013, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid. The United States Postal Service returned the EDPRP sent by certified mail as "unclaimed." The first class mail has not been returned, indicating that Respondent received notice of the EDPRP, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.104(c)(2).

More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing.

By letter dated May 1, 2013, sent via first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested article no. 7004 1350 0002 7544 3438, I provided Respondent with notice of the TCEQ's intent to order the USTs at the Facility be shut down and removed from service if the violations pertaining to corrosion protection and release detection were not corrected within 30 days of Respondent's receipt of the letter. The United States Postal Service returned the Notice sent by certified mail as "unclaimed."

As of the date of this affidavit, I am not aware of any evidence that indicates that Respondent has corrected the corrosion protection and release detection violations noted during the June 14, 2012, investigation."

Ryan Rutledge, Staff Attorney
Office of Legal Services, Litigation Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Ryan Rutledge, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration herein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 2nd day of July, A.D. 2013.

Notary Signature

Cheryl Arredondo
Notary Public
State of Texas
My Commission Expires
August 11, 2013