Order Type: Default Order

Media: PST

Small Business: Yes

Location Where Violations Occurred: 22224 State Highway 155 South, Flint, Smith County

Type of Operation:

an underground storage tank ("UST") system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline

| Other Significant Matters: Additional Pending Enforcement Act Past-Due Penalties: Past-Due Fees: Other: Interested Third-Parties: | ions: None None None None None None |
|--|--|
| Texas Register Publication Date: | May 16, 2025 |
| Comments Received: | None |
| | Penalty Information |
| Total Penalty Assessed: | \$5,719 |
| Total Paid to General Revenue: | \$5,719 |
| Total Due to General Revenue: | \$0 |
| Compliance History Classifications: Person/CN - High Site/RN - High | |
| Major Source: | No |
| Statutory Limit Adjustment: | None |
| Applicable Penalty Policy: | January 28, 2021 |
| | Investigation Information |
| Complaint Date(s): | N/A |
| Date of Investigation: | June 15, 2021 |
| Date(s) of NOV(s): | N/A |
| Date of NOE: | August 10, 2021 |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ENFORCEMENT MATTER – CASE NO. 61179 SOUTHERN STOP LLC dba BZ Mart 2 RN101777902 Docket No. 2021-1080-PST-E

Violation Information

- 1. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every 30 days [Tex. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A)].
- 2. Failed to assure that all UST record keeping requirements are met [30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10(b)(2)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

Respondent no longer operates the Facility as of January 22, 2023.

Technical Requirements: None

Litigation Information

| Date Petitions Filed: | May 18, 2023; July 28, 2023 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dates of Service: | unclaimed; July 31, 2023 |
| Date Answer(s) Filed: | N/A |

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorneys: Benjamin Pence, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400 Sheldon Wayne, Public Interest Counsel, (512) 239-6363

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Respondent Contact: Mandon R. Thompson, Manager, SOUTHERN STOP LLC, 22952 Lakeside Drive, Flint, Texas 75762

Respondent's Attorney: N/A

Facility Owner Contact:Mallik Panda, BZ Mart Inc., 2222 S Service Road, S100, Dallas, Texas
75261-75244

| S COMMENTAL OF | Policy Re | Pe evision 5 (January 28 | - | Calculatio | n Worksł | neet (PC | | vision February | , 11, 2021 |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| DATES | Assigned | 9-Aug-2021 | | | | | - | | |
| | PCW | 20-Apr-2023 | Screening | 13-Aug-2021 | EPA Due | | | | |
| RESPO | NDENT/FACILI | | | | | | | | |
| Bog | Respondent g. Ent. Ref. No. | SOUTHERN STO | P LLC dba BZ | Z Mart 2 | | | | | |
| | ty/Site Region | | | | Major/M | linor Source | Minor | | |
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| | NFORMATION f./Case ID No. | 61179 | | | No. c | of Violations | 2 | | ĺ |
| | Docket No. | 2021-1080-PST- | | | | Order Type | | | |
| Med | lia Program(s) | Petroleum Stora | ge Tank | | Government | • | | Curloy | |
| | Multi-Media | | | | Enr. | | Stephanie McC Enforcement T | | |
| Adr | nin. Penalty \$ L | imit Minimum. | \$0 | Maximum | \$25,000 | | | | |
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| | Subtotals 2-7 are ob | tained by multiplying | the Total Base | | | | | | + 400 |
| | Compliance Hi | story | | -10.0% | Adjustment | Subto | tals 2, 3, & 7 | | -\$400 |
| | Notes | R | eduction for | High Performer | classification. | | | | |
| | Culpability | No | | 0.0% | Enhancement | | Subtotal 4 | | \$0 |
| | Notes | The Re | spondent do | es not meet the | e culpability crite | eria. | | | |
| | Good Faith Effe | ort to Comply T | otal Adjust | ments | | | Subtotal 5 | | \$0 |
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| OTHE | R FACTORS A | | | ITDE | 58.9% | | Adjustment | | \$2,119 |
| | or enhances the Final | | | | 30.9% | | Adjustment | | 72,119 |
| | Notes | Recommended and to capture | the avoid c | nt to offset High ost of complianc s. 1 and 2 (\$1,7 | ce associated wi | | | | |
| | | | | | | Final Per | alty Amount | | \$5,719 |
| STATU | JTORY LIMIT | | IT | | | Final Asse | ssed Penalty | | \$5,719 |
| DEFE | RRAL | | | | | Reduction | Adjustment | | \$0 |
| | he Final Assessed Pe | nalty by the indicated | d percentage. | | I | | 1 | L | 1 - |
| | Notes | Defe | ral not offer | red for non-expe | edited settlemer | nt. | | | |
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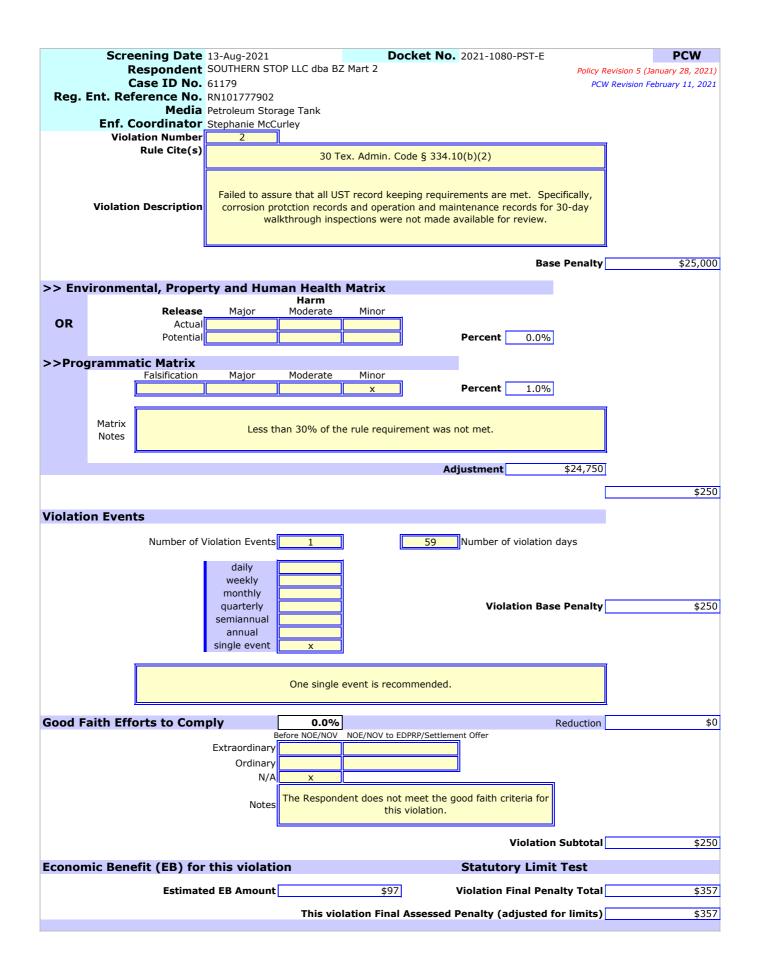
| | Res | pondent SOUTHERN STOP LLC dba BZ Mart 2 | Policy Revi | sion 5 (January 28, 2 | 2021) |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|------------------------|-------|
| | Cas | PCW Re | evision February 11, | 2021 | |
| Reg | . Ent. Refer | ence No. RN101777902 | | | |
| | | Media Petroleum Storage Tank | | | |
| | Enf. Coo | ordinator Stephanie McCurley | | | |
| | | Compliance History Worksheet | | | |
| >> Co | mpliance Hist | ory Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2) | NI | A | |
| | Component | | Number | Adjust. | |
| | NOVs | Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>) | 0 | 0% | |
| | | Other written NOVs | 0 | 0% | |
| | | Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of</i> orders meeting criteria) | 0 | 0% | |
| | Orders | 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 | Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>) | 0 | 0% | |
| | Decrees | Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government | 0 | 0% | |
| | Convictions | Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>) | 0 | 0% | |
| | Emissions | Chronic excessive emissions events (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% | |
| | Audits | Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>) | 0 | 0% | |
| | | Environmental management systems in place for one year or more | No | 0% | |
| | Other | Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program | No | 0% | |
| | 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 Per | centage (Sul | ototal 2) 0% | % |
| >> Re | peat Violator | (Subtotal 3) | | | |
| | No | Adjustment Per | centage (Sul | ototal 3) 0% | % |
| >> Co | | ory Person Classification (Subtotal 7) | | | |
| | High Perf | ormer Adjustment Per | centage (Sub | ototal 7) -10 | 1% |
| >> Co | mpliance Hist | ory Summary | | | |
| | Compliance History Notes | Reduction for High Performer classification. | | | |
| | | Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (S | Subtotals 2, | 3, & 7) -10 |)% |
| >> Fina | al Compliance | History Adjustment | | -+ 10001 10 | 20/ |
| | | Final Adjustment Percent | age *capped | at 100% -10 | 1% |

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Screening Date 13-Aug-2021

| | | ening Date | | | cket No. 2021-1080-PST-E | | PCW |
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| | | espondent ase ID No. | SOUTHERN STOP LLC | dba BZ Mart 2 | | | Revision 5 (January 28, 2021) |
| Rea. | | | RN101777902 | | | PCV | <i>W Revision February 11, 2021</i> |
| | | Media | Petroleum Storage Ta | nk | | | |
| | | | Stephanie McCurley | | | | |
| | Viola | tion Number | | | | | 1 |
| | | Rule Cite(s) | 30 Tex. Admin. Cod | e § 334.50(b)(1)(A |) and Tex. Water Code § 26.34 | 75(c)(1) | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | Violatio | n Description | | | orage tanks ("USTs") for releas once every 30 days. | es at a | |
| | | | | | Bas | e Penalty | \$25,000 |
| >> Env | /ironme | ntal, Prone | rty and Human He | ealth Matrix | | | |
| | | | Ha | rm | | | |
| OR | | Release Actual | Major Mode | erate Minor | [| | |
| UK | | Potential | x | | Percent 15.0% | | |
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| >>Prog | gramma | tic Matrix Falsification | Major Mode | erate Minor | | | |
| | | | | | Percent 0.0% | | |
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| | Matrix Notes | | | | posed to pollutants that would ponmental receptors as a result | | |
| | | | | | Adjustment | \$21,250 | |
| | | | | | Aujustment | <i>Ψ</i> 21,250 | |
| | | | | | | | \$3,750 |
| Violatio | on Event | ts | | | | | |
| | | Number of V | iolation Events | | 59 Number of violation | dave | |
| | | | | | | uuys | |
| | | | daily | | | | |
| | | | weekly monthly | | | | |
| | | | quarterly | <hr/> | Violation Bas | e Penalty | \$3,750 |
| | | | semiannual | | | | |
| | | | annual single event | | | | |
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| | | One quarterl | y event is recommende | ed from the June 1 | 5, 2021 investigation date to th | ne August | |
| | | | 1 | 13, 2021 screening | date. | |] |
| Good F | aith Effo | orts to Com | | 0.0% | | Reduction | \$0 |
| | | | Before NC Extraordinary | DE/NOV NOE/NOV to El | DPRP/Settlement Offer | | |
| | | | Ordinary | | | | |
| | | | N/A | <hr/> | | , | |
| | | | Notes The R | | t meet the good faith criteria s violation. | | |
| | | | | | Violation | Subtotal | \$3,750 |
| Econon | nic Bene | efit (EB) for | this violation | | Statutory Limit | t Test | |
| | | | ed EB Amount | \$1,622 | | | \$5,362 |
| | | | Thie | violation Final A | ssessed Penalty (adjusted f | or limite) | \$5,362 |
| | | | inis | | ssessed reliaity (aujusted f | or mills) | ¢2,302 |

| | E | conomic | Benefit | IoW | ksheet | | |
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| Respondent | SOUTHERN ST | OP LLC dba BZ M | art 2 | | | | |
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| leg. Ent. Reference No. | | | | | | | |
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| | Petroleum Sto | гаде тапк | | | | Percent Interest | Years of |
| Violation No. | 1 | | | | | | Depreciation |
| | | | | | | 5.0 | 15 |
| | Item Cost | Date Required | Final Date | Yrs | Interest Saved | Costs Saved | EB Amount |
| Item Description | | | | | | | |
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| Delayed Costs | | | 1 | | + 2 | +0 | +0 |
| Equipment | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Buildings | | <u> </u> | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other (as needed) | | | | 0.00 | \$0 \$0 | \$0 \$0 | \$0 |
| Engineering/Construction | | <u> </u> | | 0.00 | | | \$0 |
| Land | | <u> </u> | | 0.00 | \$0 \$0 | n/a n/a | \$0 \$0 |
| Record Keeping System Training/Sampling | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | n/a 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 |
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| | E | conomic | Benefit | Woi | ksheet | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Respondent | SOUTHERN ST | TOP LLC dba BZ M | art 2 | | | | |
| Case ID No. | | | | | | | |
| leg. Ent. Reference No. | | • | | | | | |
| Media | Petroleum Sto | | | | | Percent Interest | Years of Depreciation |
| Violation No. | . Ζ | | | | | 5.0 | |
| | | | | | | 5.0 | 15 |
| | | Date Required | Final Date | Yrs | Interest Saved | Costs Saved | EB Amount |
| Item Description | 1 | | | | | | |
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| 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 | ANNU | ALIZE avoided c | osts before en | tering | item (except for | one-time avoided | l costs) |
| Disposal | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Personnel | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| spection/Reporting/Sampling | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Supplies/Equipment | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Financial Assurance | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| ONE-TIME avoided costs | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other (as needed) | \$90 | 15-Jun-2021 | 23-Jan-2023 | 1.61 | \$7 | \$90 | \$97 |
| Other (as needed) | | - <u></u> | | | · · · · | \$90 ted to corrosion pro | |
| | | | | | alkthrough inspect | ons, and make ther | n immediatelv |
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Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN605893023, RN101777902, Rating Year 2021 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2021.

| Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: | CN605893023, SOUTHERN | STOP LLC Cla | ssification: HIGH | Rating: 0.00 |
|--|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Regulated Entity: | RN101777902, BZ Mart 2 | Cla | ssification: HIGH | Rating: 0.00 |
| Complexity Points: | 3 | Rep | eat Violator: NO | |
| CH Group: | 14 - Other | | | |
| Location: | 22224 State Highway 155 | South in Flint, Smith | County, Texas | |
| TCEQ Region: | REGION 05 - TYLER | | | |
| ID Number(s): PETROLEUM STORAGE TAN REGISTRATION 56486 | | | | |
| Compliance History Peri | od: September 01, 2016 to | o August 31, 2021 | Rating Year: 2021 | Rating Date: 09/01/2021 |
| Date Compliance Histor | y Report Prepared: 00 | tober 28, 2021 | | |
| Agency Decision Requir | ing Compliance History | Enforcement | | |
| Component Period Selec | cted: October 28, 2016 to | o October 28, 2021 | | |
| TCEQ Staff Member to C | ontact for Additional I | nformation Rega | rding This Compliance | e History. |
| Name: Stephanie McC | urley | | Phone: (512) 239-2 | 607 |
| Site and Owner/Oper | ator History: | | | |
| Has the site been in exister Has there been a (known) | · · | , , | • | YES YES |
| 3) Who is the current owner/o | operator? BZ MAR | T INC OWNER since | | |
| 4) Who was/were the prior ow | vner(s)/operator(s)? | Azra Nasreen Enter Javed Corporation, ZAEEM LLC, OWNER KZNK LLC, OWNER | ERATOR, 5/10/2019 to 3/8, prises, Inc., OPERATOR, 6/ OWNER, 2/12/2018 to 3/3 R OPERATOR, 1/4/2018 to OPERATOR, 5/30/2017 to SES INC, OWNER OPERATO | 4/2018 to 5/9/2019 1/2019 2/11/2018 |

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

- A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees: $$\rm N/A$$
- B. Criminal convictions: N/A
- C. Chronic excessive emissions events: \$N/A\$

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

Item 1 August 31, 2018 (1512643)

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): $_{\mbox{$N/A$}}$
- H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates: $_{\mbox{N/A}}$
- 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 SOUTHERN STOP LLC DBA BZ MART 2; RN101777902 **BEFORE THE**

TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

DEFAULT ORDER

DOCKET NO. 2021-1080-PST-E

On ______, 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. The respondent made the subject of this Order is SOUTHERN STOP LLC dba BZ Mart 2 ("Respondent").

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent operated, as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.2(75), an underground storage tank ("UST") system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 22224 State Highway 155 South in Flint, Smith County, Texas (Facility ID No. 56486) (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 they contain or contained a regulated petroleum substance as defined in the rules of the TCEQ.
- 2. During an investigation conducted on and around June 15, 2021, an investigator documented that Respondent:
 - a. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every 30 days; and
 - b. Failed to assure that all UST record keeping requirements are met. Specifically, corrosion protection records and operation and maintenance records for 30-day walkthrough inspections were not made available for review.
- 3. The Executive Director recognizes that Respondent no longer operates the Facility as of January 22, 2023.
- 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 SOUTHERN STOP LLC dba BZ Mart 2" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on May 18, 2023.
- 5. The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on May 18, 2023, via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. The United States Postal Service returned the EDPRP sent by certified mail as "unclaimed."
- 6. The Executive Director re-filed the EDPRP in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on July 28, 2023.
- 7. By letter dated July 28, 2023, 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. According to the return receipt "green card," Respondent received notice of the EDPRP on July 31, 2023, as evidenced by the signature on the card.

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.

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 TCEQ.
- 2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.a., Respondent failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every 30 days, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A).
- 3. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.b., Respondent failed to assure that all UST record keeping requirements are met, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10(b)(2).
- 4. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 6 and 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 TCEQ'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 \$5,719 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. 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.

ORDERING PROVISIONS

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

- 1. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,719 for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this penalty and Respondent's compliance with all the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only 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 violations which are not raised here.
- 2. The 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 TCEQ and shall be sent with the notation "Re: SOUTHERN STOP LLC dba BZ Mart 2; Docket No. 2021-1080-PST-E" to:

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

- 3. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
- 4. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent.

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable, and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.
- 9. 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.
- 10. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this fully executed Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Order shall be the date the Order is final, as provided by 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 70.106(d) and Tex. GOV'T CODE § 2001.144.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

Date

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



UNSWORN DECLARATION OF BENJAMIN L. PENCE

"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 SOUTHERN STOP LLC dba BZ Mart 2' (the "EDPRP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on May 18, 2023.

The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on May 18, 2023, via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. The United States Postal Service returned the EDPRP sent by certified mail as "unclaimed."

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 July 28, 2023.

The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on July 28, 2023, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid. According to the return receipt "green card," Respondent received notice of the EDPRP on July 31, 2023, as evidenced by the signature on the card.

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."

"My name is Benjamin L. Pence, and I am an employee of the following governmental agency: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. I am executing this declaration as part of my assigned duties and responsibilities. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed in Travis County,

State of Texas,

on the 6th day of March, 2025

Semjamin Pence

Declarant