Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 64215 ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd. RN100239698 Docket No. 2023-0812-AIR-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media: AIR

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Coyanosa Gas Plant, 4259 Mobil Road, Coyanosa, Pecos County

Type of Operation:

Natural gas sweetening and dehydration facility

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: May 3, 2024

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$8,250

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$1,650

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$6,600 **Total Due to General Revenue:** \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Satisfactory Site/RN - Satisfactory

Major Source: Yes

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: January 2021

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: March 2, 2023 through April 14, 2023

Date(s) of NOE(s): June 16, 2023

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 64215 ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd. RN100239698 Docket No. 2023-0812-AIR-E

Violation Information

Failed to prevent unauthorized emissions. Specifically, the Respondent released 1.41 pounds ("lbs") of carbon monoxide, 7.90 lbs of hydrogen sulfide, 0.16 lb of nitrogen oxides, 743 lbs of sulfur dioxide, and 1.81 lbs of volatile organic compounds from the Acid Gas Flare, Emissions Point Number 7, during an emissions event (Incident No. 395435) that occurred on February 14, 2023 and lasted four hours and 35 minutes. The emissions event occurred due to an air dryer bypass valve being left open after a maintenance event which allowed moisture to enter the instrument air system which caused a malfunction of the control valve supplying pilot gas to the Tail Gas Incinerator where a flame failure caused an automatic switch from the TGI to the Acid Gas Flare, resulting in the flaring [30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 116.115(c) and 122.143(4), New Source Review Permit No. 2351A, Special Conditions No. 1, Federal Operating Permit No. O3187, General Terms and Conditions and Special Terms and Conditions No. 10, and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.085(b)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

By June 29, 2023, the Respondent closed the air dryer bypass, replaced the Tail Gas Incinerator fuel valve pneumatic controller, installed a drip-pot on the air supply system upstream of the pneumatic controller, conducted daily draining of the accumulated liquids, developed an air compressor return to service checklist for the operators, and included a visual inspection of the air compressor for the operators in order to prevent the recurrence of emissions events due to the same or similar causes as Incident No. 395435.

Technical Requirements:

N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Desmond Martin, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 2, MC 219, (512) 239-2814; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

Respondent: Robert Aguilar, Environmental Director, ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd.,17065 Midkiff Road, Midland, Texas 79701

Juan Sarabia, Operations Director, ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd.,17065 Midkiff Road,

Midland, Texas 79701

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



THE PART OF THE PA	Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW) Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021) PCW Revision February 11, 2023							11, 2021	
DATES		20-Jun-2023 17-Oct-2023	Screeni	ng 21-Jun-2023	EPA Due				
Reg	-				Major/	Minor Source	Major		
CASE II	NFORMATION f./Case ID No.	64215 2023-0812-AIR- Air			No. Governmen	of Violations Order Type nt/Non-Profit	1 1660	in	
Adn	,	Limit Minimum[\$0	Maximum	\$25,000	EC's Team	Enforcement T		
TOTAL	. BASE PENA	LTY (Sum of		alty Calcula on base penal		ion	Subtotal 1		\$7,500
	STMENTS (+, Subtotals 2-7 are ob Compliance Hi		TAL 1 the Total Ba	se Penalty (Subtotal 1			tals 2, 3, & 7		\$1,500
	Notes Enhancement for one order contain			ng a denial of li	ability.				
	Culpability No 0.0% Enhancement Subtotal 4 Notes The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.				\$0				
Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments Subtotal 5							-\$750		
	Economic Bene Estimated	efit Total EB Amounts I Cost of Compliance	\$185 \$10,000		Enhancement* d at the Total EB \$	S Amount	Subtotal 6		\$0
SUM C	F SUBTOTAL	LS 1-7				F	inal Subtotal		\$8,250

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE
Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage. 0.0% **\$0** Adjustment

Notes Final Penalty Amount

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT Final Assessed Penalty \$8,250 **DEFERRAL** 20.0% Reduction Adjustment -\$1,650 Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. Deferral offered for expedited settlement. Notes

\$8,250

PAYABLE PENALTY \$6,600 Screening Date 21-Jun-2023

Respondent ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd.

Case ID No. 64215

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100239698

Media Air

Enf. Coordinator Desmond Martin

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021) PCW Revision February 11, 2021

PCW

		Compliance History Worksheet ory Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)		
•	onent	Number of	Number	Adjust.
N	lOVs	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%
		Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	1	20%
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%
	gments	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Consent	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%
Con	victions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Em	issions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
Audita	udits	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 (<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%
	, ci i ci	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	btotal 2)
> Repeat \	/iolator	(Subtotal 3)		
				6404-1 3\ F
	No	Adjustment Per	centage (Sul	ototai 3) [
> Complia	nce Hist	ory Person Classification (Subtotal 7)		
Sati	Satisfactory Performer Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2)		btotal 7)	
> Complia	nce Histo	ory Summary		
Compliance History Notes Enhancement for one order containing a denial of liability.				

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

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100%

20%

	E	conomic	Benefit	Wor	rksheet		
Respondent	ETC Texas Pipe	eline, Ltd.					
Case ID No.							
Reg. Ent. Reference No.							
Media						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							
Delayed Costs	<u> </u>	1		7	I +0	1 +0	+0
Equipment				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Buildings Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$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)	\$10,000	14-Feb-2023	29-Jun-2023	0.37	\$185	n/a	\$185
Notes for DELAYED costs	Estimated cost to close the air dryer bypass, replace the TGI fuel valve pneumatic controller, install a drippot on the air supply system upstream of the pneumatic controller, conduct daily draining of the accumulated liquids, develop an air compressor return to service checklist for the operators, and include a visual inspection of the air compressor for the operators in order to prevent the recurrence of emissions events due to the same or similar causes as Incident No. 395435. The Date Required is the date the emissions event occurred and the Final Date is the date of compliance.						
Avoided Costs	ANNUA	LIZE avoided co	osts before er			one-time avoide	
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				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Other (as needed)		<u> </u>		0.00	1 \$0	\$0	\$U
Notes for AVOIDED costs							
Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$10,000			TOTAL		\$185

To request a more accessible version of this report, please contact the TCEQ Help Desk at (512) 239-4357.



Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN601587652, RN100239698, Rating Year 2023 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2023.

Customer, Respondent, CN601587652, ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd. Classification: SATISFACTORY Rating: 1.01

or Owner/Operator:

Regulated Entity: RN100239698, Coyanosa Gas Plant Classification: SATISFACTORY Rating: 5.63

Complexity Points: 6 Repeat Violator: NO

CH Group: 13 - Pipeline Transportation of Natural Gas, Refined Petroleum, and All Other Products

Location: 4259 Mobil Road, Coyanosa, Pecos County, Texas 79730

TCEQ Region: REGION 07 - MIDLAND

ID Number(s):

AIR OPERATING PERMITS PERMIT 3187 AIR OPERATING PERMITS ACCOUNT NUMBER PE00420

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 47996
AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 53212
AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS ACCOUNT NUMBER

PE00420

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 54078
AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 22594
AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 22609
AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 4282
AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS AFS NUM 4837100004

AIR EMISSIONS INVENTORY ACCOUNT NUMBER

PE00420

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2018 to August 31, 2023 Rating Year: 2023 Rating Date: 09/01/2023

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: February 06, 2024

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: February 06, 2019 to February 06, 2024

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

Name: Desmond Martin Phone: (512) 239-2814

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? NO

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

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

1 Effective Date: 10/12/2020 ADMINORDER 2020-0384-AIR-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial)

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122.143(4)

30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122.145(2)(A)

5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)

Rqmt Prov: General Terms and Conditions OP

Description: Failure to report, in writing, to the executive director all instances of deviations, the probable cause of the deviations, and any corrective actions or preventative measure taken for each emission unit addressed in the permit in the semiannual deviation reports for the reporting period from October 12, 2018 - October 11, 2019. This is a violation of 30 TAC 122.145(2)(A), 5C THSC 382.085(b) and the General Terms and Conditions of Permit

O-3187.

Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 116, SubChapter B 116.115(c)

30 TAC Chapter 122, SubChapter B 122.143(4)

5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)

Rqmt Prov: General Terms and Conditions OP

Special Conditions No. 18 PERMIT Special Conditions No. 19 PERMIT Special Terms and Conditions No. 7 OP Special Terms and Conditions No. 9 OP

Description: Failure to maintain the tail gas incinerator firebox exit temperature at a minimum of 1000 degrees Fahrenheit. Specifically, there were one hundred and twenty-nine (129) instances and two hundred and fifty-six (256) instances for the reporting periods from October 12, 2018 - April 11, 2019 and April 12, 2019 - October 11, 2019, respectively. This is a violation of 30 TAC 116.115(c), 30 TAC 122.143(4), 5C THSC 382.085(b), NSR Permit No. 2351A SC 18 and Permit O-3187 SC 7 & 9.

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

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

		•
Item 1	April 01, 2020	(1598596)
Item 2	April 17, 2020	(1603921)
Item 3	May 14, 2020	(1646984)
Item 4	May 19, 2020	(1624257)
Item 5	November 13, 2020	(1598454)
Item 6	May 19, 2021	(1700301)
Item 7	March 23, 2022	(1797489)
Item 8	February 17, 2023	(1873382)
Item 9	May 31, 2023	(1903682)
Item 10	December 22, 2023	(1943031)
Item 11	January 30, 2024	(1922770)

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

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN \$ BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION \$
CONCERNING \$ TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ETC TEXAS PIPELINE, LTD. \$
RN100239698 \$ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2023-0812-AIR-E

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On	, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the
Commission" or "TO	CEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement
action regarding ET	C Texas Pipeline, Ltd. (the "Respondent") under the authority of Tex. HEALTH
& SAFETY CODE ch. 3	82 and Tex. Water Code ch. 7. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through
the Enforcement Di	vision, and the Respondent together stipulate that:

- 1. The Respondent owns and operates a natural gas sweetening and dehydration facility located at 4259 Mobil Road in Coyanosa, Pecos County, Texas (the "Plant"). The Plant consists or consisted of one or more sources as defined in Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.003(12).
- 2. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree that the TCEQ has jurisdiction to enter this Order pursuant to Tex. Water Code §§ 7.002, 7.051, and 7.073, and that the Respondent is subject to TCEQ's jurisdiction. The TCEQ has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 5.013 because it alleges violations of Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 382 and the rules of the TCEQ.
- 3. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
- 4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$8,250 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent paid \$6,600 of the penalty and \$1,650 is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order. The deferred amount shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions contained in this Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any of the terms or requirements contained in this Order, the Executive Director may demand payment of all or part of the deferred penalty amount.
- 5. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a). 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.

- 6. 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 Order.
- 7. This Order represents the complete and fully integrated agreement of the parties. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. The Executive Director recognizes that by June 29, 2023, the Respondent closed the air dryer bypass, replaced the Tail Gas Incinerator ("TGI") fuel valve pneumatic controller, installed a drip-pot on the air supply system upstream of the pneumatic controller, conducted daily draining of the accumulated liquids, developed an air compressor return to service checklist for the operators, and included a visual inspection of the air compressor for the operators in order to prevent the recurrence of emissions events due to the same or similar causes as Incident No. 395435.

II. ALLEGATIONS

During a record review for the Plant conducted from March 2, 2023 through April 14, 2023, an investigator documented that the Respondent: failed to prevent unauthorized emissions, in violation of 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 116.115(c) and 122.143(4), New Source Review Permit No. 2351A, Special Conditions No. 1, Federal Operating Permit No. O3187, General Terms and Conditions and Special Terms and Conditions No. 10, and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.085(b). Specifically, the Respondent released 1.41 pounds ("lbs") of carbon monoxide, 7.90 lbs of hydrogen sulfide, 0.16 lb of nitrogen oxides, 743 lbs of sulfur dioxide, and 1.81 lbs of volatile organic compounds from the Acid Gas Flare, Emissions Point Number 7, during an emissions event (Incident No. 395435) that occurred on February 14, 2023 and lasted four hours and 35 minutes. The emissions event occurred due to an air dryer bypass valve being left open after a maintenance event which allowed moisture to enter the instrument air system which caused a malfunction of the control valve supplying pilot gas to the Tail Gas Incinerator ("TGI") where a flame failure caused an automatic switch from the TGI to the Acid Gas Flare, resulting in the flaring.

III. DENIALS

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

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

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

1. The Respondent is assessed a penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph No. 4. The payment of this penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all of the requirements set forth in this 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. Penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ"

and shall be sent with the notation "Re: ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd., Docket No. 2023-0812-AIR-E" to:

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

- 2. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
- 3. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Plant operations referenced in this Order.
- 4. 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 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.
- 5. This 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 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.
- 6. This Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this 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 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.
- 7. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd. DOCKET NO. 2023-0812-AIR-E Page 4

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUA	ALITY
For the Commission	Date
For the Executive Director	6/19/2024
I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms	Date he attached Order. I am authorized to agree to and conditions specified therein. I further ent for the penalty amount, is materially relying
I also understand that failure to comply with that and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amoun	
 A negative impact on compliance history; Greater scrutiny of any permit application. Referral of this case to the OAG for content and/or attorney fees, or to a collection ago. Increased penalties in any future enforcer. Automatic referral to the OAG of any future. TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by 	mpt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, ency; nent actions; ire enforcement actions; and
In addition, any falsification of any compliance	documents may result in criminal prosecution. $\frac{C-7-2024}{Date}$
Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd.	Operations Director

☐ If mailing address has changed, please check this box and provide the new address below: