

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 65673
Ameresco Dallas LLC
RN105690853
Docket No. 2024-0455-AIR-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

AIR

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Ameresco Biogas Energy Facility, 10011 Log Cabin Road, Dallas, Dallas County

Type of Operation:

Electrical generating units

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: June 14, 2024

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$148,500

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$29,700

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$59,400

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”) Conditional Offset: \$59,400

Name of SEP: American Energy Institute (Third-Party Pre-Approved)

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - High

Site/RN - High

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: February 8, 2024

Date(s) of NOE(s): February 28, 2024

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Violation Information

Failed to renew the registration to use a standard permit by the date the registration expires. Specifically, the Respondent did not submit a registration to renew Standard Permit Registration No. 90423 by June 16, 2021, Standard Permit Registration No. 90423 expired on June 16, 2021, and the Respondent continued to operate the facilities that emit air contaminants at the Site without the proper authorization [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 116.110(a), 116.604(2), and 122.143(4), Federal Operating Permit No. O3401, General Terms and Conditions, and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §§ 382.0518(a) and 382.085(b)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

1. The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete a SEP (see SEP Attachment A).
2. The Order will also require the Respondent to:
 - a. Immediately and until such time that authorization to operate is obtained, comply with the terms and conditions in expired Standard Permit Registration No. 90423;
 - b. Within 30 days, submit an administratively complete permit application to authorize the operation of the facilities that emit air contaminants at the Site and the associated air emissions;
 - c. Within 45 days, submit written certification demonstrating compliance with a. and b.; and
 - d. Within 180 days, submit written certification that either the authorization has been obtained or that operation has ceased until such time that the appropriate authorization is obtained to demonstrate compliance.

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Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Trenton White, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 2, MC R-05, (903) 535-5155; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: Stuart Beckley, SEP Coordinator, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-3565

SEP Third-Party Administrator: American Energy Institute, 2315 Newfield Lane Austin, Texas 78703

Respondent: Harold Stewart, Director of Plant Operations, Ameresco Dallas LLC, 10011 Log Cabin Road, Dallas, Texas 75253

Michael Bakas, Executive Vice President, Ameresco Dallas LLC, 10011 Log Cabin Road, Dallas, Texas 75253

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

DATES	Assigned	6-Mar-2024	Screening	6-Mar-2024	EPA Due	
	PCW	18-Apr-2024				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	Ameresco Dallas LLC
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN105690853
Facility/Site Region	4-Dallas/Fort Worth
Major/Minor Source	Major

CASE INFORMATION				
Enf./Case ID No.	65673	No. of Violations	1	
Docket No.	2024-0455-AIR-E	Order Type	1660	
Media Program(s)	Air	Government/Non-Profit	No	
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Trenton White	
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 2	
Admin. Penalty \$	Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$165,000
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History	-10.0%	Adjustment	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	-\$16,500
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Notes	Reduction for High Performer Classification.
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Culpability	No	0.0%	Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes	The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.
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Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0%	Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$949	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
Estimated Cost of Compliance	\$5,000	

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$148,500
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

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Final Penalty Amount	\$148,500
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$148,500
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DEFERRAL	20.0%	Reduction	Adjustment	-\$29,700
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes	Deferral offered for expedited settlement.
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PAYABLE PENALTY	\$118,800
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Screening Date 6-Mar-2024

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PCW

Respondent Ameresco Dallas LLC

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

Case ID No. 65673

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN105690853

Media Air

Enf. Coordinator Trenton White

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	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%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	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 (<i>number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	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 (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	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 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	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%
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 0%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

High Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) -10%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Reduction for High Performer Classification.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) -10%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% -10%

Screening Date 6-Mar-2024
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Media Air
Enf. Coordinator Trenton White

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PCW

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 116.110(a), 116.604(2), and 122.143(4), Federal Operating Permit No. O3401, and Tex. Health & Safety Code §§ 382.0518(a) and 382.085(b)

Violation Description Failed to renew the registration to use a standard permit by the date the registration expires. Specifically, the Respondent did not submit a registration to renew Standard Permit Registration No. 90423 by June 16, 2021, Standard Permit Registration No. 90423 expired on June 16, 2021, and the Respondent continued to operate the facilities that emit air contaminants at the Site without the proper authorization.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual				0.0%
	Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
		x			20.0%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirements were not met.

Adjustment \$20,000

\$5,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 33 994 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	x
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$165,000

Thirty-three monthly events are recommended from the June 16, 2021 standard permit expiration date to the March 6, 2024 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0%

Reduction \$0

	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	

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

Violation Subtotal \$165,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$949

Violation Final Penalty Total \$148,500

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$148,500

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Ameresco Dallas LLC
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Media Air
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
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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	\$5,000	16-Jun-2021	1-Apr-2025	3.79	\$949	n/a	\$949
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs
 Estimated cost to obtain the authorization for the operation of the facilities that emit air contaminants at the Site and the associated air emissions. The Date Required is the date Standard Permit Registration No. 90423 expired and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE 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				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$5,000

TOTAL \$949



Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN603449406, RN105690853, Rating Year 2023 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2023.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN603449406, Ameresco Dallas LLC **Classification:** HIGH **Rating:** 0.00

Regulated Entity: RN105690853, AMERESCO BIOGAS ENERGY FACILITY **Classification:** HIGH **Rating:** 0.00

Complexity Points: 5 **Repeat Violator:** NO

CH Group: 06 - Electric Power Generation

Location: 10011 LOG CABIN ROAD, DALLAS, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

TCEQ Region: REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX

ID Number(s):

AIR OPERATING PERMITS PERMIT 3401 **AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS** AFS NUM 4811300987

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 92764 **AIR EMISSIONS INVENTORY** ACCOUNT NUMBER DBA022V

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

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: March 06, 2024

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

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

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

Name: Trenton White **Phone:** (903) 535-5155

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:

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	November 22, 2019	(1611315)
Item 2	July 22, 2020	(1646517)
Item 3	August 14, 2020	(1652493)
Item 4	November 13, 2020	(1685764)
Item 5	July 28, 2021	(1723584)
Item 6	September 23, 2021	(1763189)
Item 7	February 22, 2022	(1794508)
Item 8	May 13, 2022	(1788673)
Item 9	October 17, 2022	(1852445)
Item 10	June 02, 2023	(1869134)
Item 11	October 17, 2023	(1931487)

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
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
AMERESCO DALLAS LLC
RN105690853

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BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2024-0455-AIR-E

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On _____, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Ameresco Dallas LLC (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 382 and TEX. WATER CODE ch. 7. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates electrical generating units located at 10011 Log Cabin Road in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas (the "Site"). The Site 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 \$148,500 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent paid \$59,400 of the penalty and \$29,700 of the penalty is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order and shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions of this Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any of the terms and conditions contained in this Order, the Executive Director may demand payment of all or part of the deferred penalty amount.

Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067, \$59,400 of the penalty shall be conditionally offset by the Respondent's timely and satisfactory completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") as defined in the attached SEP Agreement ("Attachment A", incorporated herein by reference). The Respondent's obligation to pay the conditionally offset portion of the penalty shall be discharged upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions of this Order, which includes the timely and satisfactory completion of all provisions of the SEP Agreement, as determined by the Executive Director.

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.

II. ALLEGATIONS

During an investigation at the Site conducted on February 8, 2024, an investigator documented that the Respondent failed to renew the registration to use a standard permit by the date the registration expires, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 116.110(a), 116.604(2), and 122.143(4), Federal Operating Permit No. O3401, General Terms and Conditions, and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §§ 382.0518(a) and 382.085(b). Specifically, the Respondent did not submit a registration to renew Standard Permit Registration No. 90423 by June 16, 2021, Standard Permit Registration No. 90423 expired on June 16, 2021, and the Respondent continued to operate the facilities that emit air contaminants at the Site without the proper authorization.

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: Ameresco Dallas LLC, Docket No. 2024-0455-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. The Respondent shall implement and complete the SEP as set forth in Section I, Paragraph No. 4. The amount of \$59,400 of the assessed penalty is conditionally offset based on the Respondent's implementation and completion of the SEP pursuant to the terms of the SEP Agreement, as defined in Attachment A. Penalty payments for any portion of the SEP deemed by the Executive Director as not complete shall be paid within 30 days after the date the Executive Director demands payment.
3. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements at the Plant:
 - a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order and until such time that authorization to operate is obtained, comply with the terms and conditions in expired Standard Permit Registration No. 90423.
 - b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Order, submit an administratively complete permit application to authorize the operation of the facilities that emit air contaminants at the Site and the associated air emissions, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 116.111, to:

Air Permits Division, MC 163
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087
 - c. Respond completely and adequately, as determined by the TCEQ, to all requests for information concerning the permit application by any deadline specified in writing.
 - d. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification demonstrating compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 2.a. and 2.b., as described in Ordering Provision No. 2.e.
 - e. Within 180 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification that either the authorization has been obtained or that operation has ceased until such time that the appropriate authorization is obtained. The certification shall include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance. The certification shall be signed by the Respondent 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 fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

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

with a copy to:

Air Section Manager
Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
2309 Gravel Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76118-6951

and a copy to:

Environmental Manager
City of Dallas
Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability
1500 Marilla Street, 7AN
Dallas, Texas 75201

4. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
5. 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 Site operations referenced in this Order.
6. 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. Extension requests shall be sent to the Enforcement Division at the address listed above.
7. 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.
8. 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.

9. 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.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission


For the Executive Director

Date
6/24/2024


Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Order, 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 OAG 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 OAG of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

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



Signature

4/26/24

Date

Michael T. Bakas

Name (Printed or typed)

EVP

Title

Authorized Representative of
Ameresco Dallas LLC

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

Instructions: Send the original, signed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Ordering Provision 1 of this Order.

Attachment A
Docket Number: 2024-0455-AIR-E
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	Ameresco Dallas LLC
Payable Penalty Amount:	\$118,800
SEP Offset Amount:	\$59,400
Type of SEP:	Contribution to a Third-Party Administrator SEP
Third-Party Administrator:	Texas Natural Gas Foundation
Project Name:	<i>High Emission Vehicle Replacement Project</i>
Location of SEP:	TCEQ Air Quality Control Region 215 – Dallas-Fort Worth - Preference for Dallas County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset a portion of the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. Project Description

a. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above, **Texas Natural Gas Foundation**, for the *High Emission Vehicle Replacement Project* (the “Project”). The contribution will be used in accordance with the Supplemental Environmental Project between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ, which details the terms and conditions of the Project.

Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to reimburse an eligible public entity for the total purchase price or five-year lease price of a standard base model alternative-fueled vehicle that will replace an eligible older, diesel-fueled vehicle that the public entity has decommissioned and removed from its fleet. Public entities eligible to receive assistance include state agencies, counties, municipalities, school districts, or other political subdivisions created under the constitution or any statute of this state.

Old, diesel-fueled vehicles emit large amounts of nitrogen oxides (“NOx”) and particulate matter (“PM”), as well as other harmful pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (“VOCs”) and carbon monoxide (“CO”). These pollutants contribute to serious public health problems. This Project shall reduce NOx, PM, VOCs, and CO emissions by replacing high-emission, diesel-fueled vehicles with low-emission, alternative-fueled vehicles. The SEP will be done in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of implementing the Project, including, but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director (“ED”), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that the Respondent has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit from this SEP.

b. Environmental Benefit

This Project will directly benefit air quality by reducing harmful exhaust emissions that contribute to the formation of ozone and may cause or exacerbate a number of respiratory diseases, including asthma. For example, replacing a model year 2002 heavy-duty diesel dump truck with a model year 2010 or newer dump truck powered by natural gas or propane may reduce passengers' exposure to NOx by 95% and PM by 99.9%. Moreover, replacing a model year 1989 diesel school bus with a model year 2010 or newer school bus powered by natural gas or propane may reduce passengers' exposure to NOx by 98%, VOCs by 83%; and PM by 99%.

c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Texas Natural Gas Foundation SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to:

Texas Natural Gas Foundation
Attention: Heather Ball, Executive Director
2315 Newfield Lane
Austin, Texas 78703

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, the Respondent shall provide the Enforcement SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Enforcement Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Sections 2 and 3 above, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the SEP, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached

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Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for the reimbursement of a SEP, shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality," and shall mail it to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP and/or project, made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that **the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Recognition

The Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.