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7 BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD OF THE  
8 SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

9 **In the Matter of**

10 WALNUT CREEK ENERGY LLC  
11 [Facility ID No. 146536],

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

15 Respondent.  
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Case No. 6230-2

**DECLARATION OF CHRIS PERRI IN  
SUPPORT OF THE STIPULATION RE  
EXTENSION OF A FINAL COMPLIANCE  
DATE; FILED IN SUPPORT OF CONSENT  
CALENDAR**

Hearing Date: July 10, 2025  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Place: South Coast Air Quality  
Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

19 **DECLARATION OF CHRIS PERRI**

20 I, Chris Perri, declare:

21 1. I am an AQ Engineer II working in the Engineering and Permitting Division (E&P)  
22 of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD or District). Unless  
23 otherwise stated expressly below, I make this declaration based on personal knowledge and, if  
24 called as a witness in this action, could and would testify competently to the matters discussed  
25 herein.

26 2. I am familiar with and have reviewed Walnut Creek Energy, LLC's (Petitioner)  
27 Petition for Modification of an Existing Variance filed in Case No. 6230-2, wherein the Petitioner  
28 requests an extension of the variance it was previously granted which is set to expire on July 15,  
2025.

3. I am familiar with Petitioner's Petition for a Regular Variance filed in Case No. 6230-2, and I am familiar with the issues presented in the petition related to the start-up nitrogen oxides (NOx) mass emission requirements of the Facility's permit, including Permit Condition A195.7 on Facility Permit No. 146536 [Revision no. 9] (the revised Title V Permit).

4. Since the Regular Variance went into effect on July 16, 2024, Petitioner has been complying with the variance conditions by providing monthly start up data, paying excess emission fees monthly, and Petitioner provided the startup data for 2021.

5. Petitioner submitted permit applications on June 28, 2024, with expedited fees, and has provided me with additional requested information to process the applications to date, including the results of dispersion modeling needed to evaluate the proposed permit revision, which was provided on May 20, 2025.

6. At this time, there are currently no outstanding information requests, and my expectation is that no further substantial information will be required to finish the evaluation.

7. The overall process of reviewing the application submittal, including the dispersion modeling results, is still ongoing and my estimate is that the revised permit should be ready to be issued by no later than July 15, 2026, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

8. The District does not oppose the requested variance relief.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 25th day of June 2025, at Diamond Bar, California.

*Chris Perri*

Chris Perri