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BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD
OF THE
BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
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CROCKETT COGENERATION, A) No. 3647
CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP)
) ORDER DENYING
For a Variance from Regulation 2, Rule 2,) EMERGENCY VARIANCE
Section 301 and Regulation 2, Rule 6,)
Section 307)
_____)

The above-entitled matter, being an Application for Variance from the provisions of Regulation 2, Rule 2, Section 301, and Regulation 2, Rule 6, Section 307, which pertain to the best available control technology and failure to meet permit conditions, respectively, having been filed on March 15, 2013, at 3:58 p.m., and having been considered by the Hearing Board,

THE HEARING BOARD STATES as the reasons for its decision and FINDS as to those matters in which findings are required:

A. Applicant filed this Application for Variance under the Emergency Variance (EV) procedures, Hearing Board Rules, Section 2.5. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 42359 and 42359.5, the Hearing Board determined that this Application properly could be ruled upon without notice and hearing. Prior to making this determination, and in accordance with Hearing Board Rules Section 2.5.d.2, the Hearing Board requested and received a response to this

1 Application from the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) for the Bay Area
2 Air Quality Management District (Air District). The response recommended the EV be denied.

3 B. Applicant operates a cogeneration facility at 550 Loring Avenue, Crockett, CA
4 94525.

5 C. On August 2, 2012, the main unit tripped off-line due to excessive vibrations as a
6 result of the stage three combustion turbine blade failures and on September 2, 2012, a borescope
7 inspection was performed to document the condition of the unit.

8 D. Applicant has determined that a refurbished compressor must be attached to the
9 turbine rotor and has scheduled the same to begin on March 20, 2013. Applicant has requested a
10 variance period of April 22, 2013, to May 5, 2013 (13 days).

11 E. Applicant estimates excess emissions during the repair period to be 736.1 lb/day of
12 nitrogen oxides.

13 F. The compressor repair work is not the result of an immediate emergency nor does it
14 meet the definition of a breakdown under Air District Regulation 1-208.

15 G. The work has been known and scheduled since as early as September 2012 and
16 periods of startup and shutdown are specifically included in the applicable permit conditions from
17 which Applicant seeks relief.

18 H. Therefore, the Applicant does not meet the good cause standard for issuance of an
19 EV.

20 THEREFORE, THE HEARING BOARD ORDERS:

21 An Emergency Variance from Regulation 2, Rule 2, Section 301 and Regulation 2, Rule 6,
22 Section 307, be and is hereby denied.

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24 DATED: May 2, 2013

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26 Rolf Lindenhayn, Esq.
Hearing Board Member

