

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Release (Agreement) is entered into between the State of California Air Resources Board (CARB) with the principal location at 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814; and Tesoro Refining & Marketing Co. (Tesoro) with its principal place of business at 2350 E.223<sup>rd</sup> Street, Carson, California, 90810 (collectively, the Parties).

This Agreement settles Notice of Violation (NOV) **F042717-TSOT-RVP**. This NOV was issued on **December 7, 2018**, for supplying a blend of California reformulated gasoline blendstock for oxygenate blending (CARBOB) that exceeded the Reid vapor pressure (RVP) downstream cap limit of 6.20 psi.

### I. RECITALS

- (1) California Health and Safety Code section 39003 assigns CARB with attaining and maintaining air quality standards.
- (2) California Code of Regulations, title 13, sections 2250- 2273.5 establish standards and compliance requirements for motor vehicle fuels applicable to producers and importers of motor vehicle fuel in California; hereinafter California Reformulated Gasoline (CaRFG) regulation.
- (3) The standards and compliance requirements in the CaRFG regulation applies to all persons who sell, supply, or offer for sale, gasoline for motor vehicles in the State of California. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 13, § 2261).
- (4) The standards and compliance requirements for California gasoline or transactions involving California gasoline also apply to California reformulated gasoline blendstock for oxygenate blending (CARBOB) or transactions involving CARBOB, including but not limited to CaRFG regulation sections 2261, 2262, 2262.3, 2262.4, 2262.5(a), (b), (c), and (e), 2262.6, 2264, 2264.2, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2270, 2271, and 2272. (Cal. Code Regs., tit.13, §§ 2260; 2272). Whenever the term "California gasoline" is used in this Agreement, the term means California gasoline or CARBOB. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 13, § 2266.5).
- (5) CaRFG regulation section 2262.4 (Compliance with the cap limits for Reid vapor pressure) state that "[n]o person shall sell, offer for sale, supply, offer for supply, or transport California gasoline which exceeds the applicable cap limit for Reid vapor pressure within each of the air basins during the regulatory period set forth in section (a)(2)."
- (6) CARB regulations state, "[E]ach sale of California gasoline at retail, and each

dispensing of California gasoline into a motor vehicle fuel tank, shall also be deemed a sale or supply by any person who previously sold or supplied such gasoline in violation of any applicable sections of this subarticle.” (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 13, § 2268).

- (7) Failure to comply with the requirements of the CaRFG regulation is a violation of state law resulting in penalties. Health and Safety Code section 43027, subdivision (c) states, “[a]ny person who violates any provision of this part, or any rule, regulation, permit, variance, or order of the state board, pertaining to fuel requirements and standards, exclusive of the documentation requirements specified in subdivision (d), is strictly liable for a civil penalty of not more than thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000).”
- (8) Health and Safety Code section 43030, subdivision (a) states “[f]or the penalties prescribed in Sections 43027 and 43028, each day during any portion of which a violation occurs is a separate offense.”
- (9) Health and Safety Code section 43031, subdivision (b), states “In determining the penalty amount, the state board shall take into consideration all relevant circumstances, including, but not limited to the: (1) Extent of harm to public health, safety, and welfare caused by the violation; (2) Nature and persistence of the violation, including the magnitude of the excess emissions; (3) Compliance history of the defendant, including the frequency of past violations; (4) Preventive efforts taken by the defendant, including the record of maintenance and any program to ensure compliance; (5) Innovative nature and the magnitude of the effort required to comply, and the accuracy, reproducibility, and repeatability of the available test methods; (6) Efforts to attain, or provide for, compliance; (7) Cooperation of the defendant during the course of the investigation and any action taken by the defendant, including the nature, extent, and time of response of any action taken to mitigate the violation; and (8) For a person who owns a single retail service station, the size of the business.”
- (10) CARB alleges in **NOV F042717-TSOT-RVP** that between April 27, 2017, and May 2, 2017, Tesoro sold, offered for sale, supplied, offered for supply, or transported non-complying CARBOB that exceeded the RVP cap limit from **one** tank for a total of **six** days.
- (11) CARB alleges that the sale, offer for sale, supply, and/or transportation of non-complying CARBOB was unlawful and in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 13, sections 2262.4 and 2268.
- (12) Tesoro admits the facts or allegations as applicable, described in recital paragraphs (1) through (11), but denies any liability resulting from said facts or allegations. Tesoro has cooperated in CARB’s investigation of the allegations described herein.

- (13) In consideration of the foregoing, and of the promises and facts set forth herein, the Parties desire to settle and resolve all claims, disputes, and obligations relating to the above-listed alleged violations and voluntarily agree to resolve this matter by means of this Agreement. In order to resolve the alleged violations described herein, Tesoro has taken, or agrees to take, the actions enumerated below within the Terms and Conditions. Further, CARB accepts this Agreement in termination and settlement of this matter.

## II. TERMS AND RELEASE

In consideration of CARB not filing a legal action against Tesoro for the alleged violations referred to above, and in consideration of the terms set out below and Tesoro's payment of the penalty and funding of Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) set forth in section 2 below, CARB and Tesoro agree as follows:

- (1) Tesoro has agreed to pay the sum of **one hundred thirty-three thousand (\$133,000.00)** as a civil penalty for alleged violations in NOV **F042717-TSOT-RVP**.
- (2) Tesoro has agreed to undertake a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP), as described in Attachment B, to offset a portion of the settlement amount, consistent with CARB's SEP policy.
- (3) Tesoro shall pay a civil penalty and fund the SEP described above, in the total amount of **\$133,000.00**. Tesoro shall pay \$66,500.00 to the **AIR POLLUTION CONTROL FUND** (APCF) and the remaining \$66,500.00 shall be paid to the SEP implementer, the **SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** (SCAQMD).
- (4) Upon execution of this agreement, Tesoro shall make a total payment of **sixty six thousand five hundred dollars (\$66,500.00)** to the APCF no later than thirty (30) business days after Tesoro receives notification or a mailed copy of the signed Agreement from CARB. The payment, along with the "Settlement Agreement Payment Transmittal Form" (Attachment A), shall be submitted to:

California Air Resources Board  
Accounting Office  
P.O. Box 1436  
Sacramento, California 95812-1436

- (5) Upon execution of this Agreement, Tesoro shall make a total payment of **sixty six thousand five hundred dollars (\$66,500.00)** to the SCAQMD. For payment to the SCAQMD, Tesoro will send the payment to:

Ms. Patricia Kwon

21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, California 91765

- (6) Tesoro will send a **copy** of all checks made to the APCF and the SCAQMD to:
- Ms. Erin Petate, APS  
California Air Resources Board  
9480 Telstar Avenue, Suite 4  
El Monte, California 91731
- (7) Tesoro has agreed that by funding the SEP project, Tesoro will not receive any direct or indirect financial benefit, and that whenever it publicizes a SEP or the results of the SEP, it will state in prominent manner that the project is being undertaken as part of the settlement of an enforcement action.
- (8) In addition, if the Attorney General files a civil action to enforce this Agreement against Tesoro, Tesoro shall pay all reasonable costs of investigating and prosecuting the action, including reasonable expert fees (if appropriate), reasonable attorney's fees, and reasonable costs, if and when the Attorney General is deemed to be a prevailing party by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (9) Tesoro has demonstrated to the satisfaction of CARB that the alleged violations have been corrected.
- (10) Tesoro shall not violate any provision of the CaRFG regulation. Any future repeat violations may result in an increased penalty amount.
- (11) Now therefore, in consideration of the payment by **Tesoro** to the California Air Pollution Control Fund and Supplemental Environmental Project in the amounts specified above, CARB hereby releases **Tesoro** and its principals, officers, directors, agents, receivers, trustees, employees, successors and assignees, and subsidiary and parent corporations from any and all claims that CARB may have based on the allegations described in recital paragraphs (1) through (11). The undersigned represent that they have the authority to enter this Agreement.

### III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (1) This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between CARB and **Tesoro** concerning the subject matter hereof, and supersedes and replaces any and all prior negotiations and agreements of any kind of nature, whether written or oral, between CARB and **Tesoro** concerning the subject matter hereof.

- (2) The payment obligation under section II shall apply to and be binding upon **Tesoro** and its successors and assignees, parent corporations, and subsidiaries, if any; and the release obligation under section II shall apply to and be binding upon CARB and any successor agency that may have responsibility for and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Agreement.
- (3) The terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement shall remain valid and enforceable notwithstanding any future violations that may occur.
- (4) The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date of the last signatory.
- (5) No agreement to modify, amend, extend, supersede, terminate, or discharge this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is valid or enforceable unless it is in writing and signed by all Parties to this Agreement.
- (6) Each provision of this Agreement is severable, and in the event that any provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement remains in full force and effect.
- (7) The headings in this Agreement are not binding and are for reference only and do not limit, expand, or otherwise affect the contents of this Agreement.
- (8) This Agreement shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California, without regard to California's choice-of-law rules.
- (9) It is further agreed that the stipulated penalties described in this Agreement are non-dischargeable under United States Code, title 11, section 523(a)(7).
- (10) This agreement is deemed to have been drafted equally by the Parties; it will not be interpreted for or against either Part on the ground that said Party drafted it.
- (11) The failure of any Party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provision, nor prevent such Party thereafter from enforcing such provision or any other provision of this Agreement.
- (12) Each of the undersigned represents and warrants that he or she has full authority to enter into this Agreement.

#### **IV. PENALTY DETERMINATION**

- (1) Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 39619.7, CARB must provide information on the basis for the penalty it seeks. This information is provided throughout this Agreement and summarized below.

**The manner in which the penalty amount was determined, including a per unit, per day, per violation, or per vehicle penalty.**

Penalties must be set at levels sufficient to discourage violations. The penalties in this matter were determined in consideration of all relevant circumstances, including the eight factors specified in Health and Safety Code section 43031, subdivision (b).

The penalty in the case of NOV **F042717-TSOT-RVP** is a maximum of \$35,000 per day per strict liability violation. CARB alleges that the non-complying CARBOB was sold, supplied, and transported over a time period of **six days** from **one** tank, resulting in **seven violations** under CaRFG regulation sections 2262.4 and 2268. The penalty obtained in this case is **\$19,000.00 per violation**. The lower penalty reflects the consideration of a number of facts, including: that this was an unintentional violation and **Tesoro's** efforts to comply and to cooperate with the investigation.

**The provision of law the penalty is being assessed under and why that provision is most appropriate for that violation.**

CARB alleges that the penalty provisions being applied in this case, Health and Safety Code sections 43027 and 43030 are appropriate because **Tesoro** allegedly sold, offered for sale, supplied, or offered for supply and/or transported CARBOB in California in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 13, sections 2250-2273.5.

**Is the penalty being assessed under a provision of law that prohibits the emission of pollution at a specified level, and, if so a quantification of excess emissions, if it is practicable to do so.**

The provisions cited above do not prohibit emissions above a specified level. CARB alleges that since the fuel did not meet California air pollution standards, any emissions attributable to them are illegal. However, it is not practicable to quantify these emissions because the information necessary to do so is not available.

- (2) **Tesoro** acknowledges that CARB has complied with Health and Safety Code section 39619.7 in prosecuting or settling this case. Specifically, CARB has considered all relevant facts, including those listed at Health and Safety Code section 43031, has explained the manner in which the penalty amount was calculated, has identified the provision of law under which the penalty is being assessed, and has considered and determined that this penalty is being assessed under a provision of law that does not prohibit the emission of pollutants at a specified level.

- (3) Penalties were determined based on the unique circumstances of this matter, considered together with the need to remove any economic benefit from noncompliance, the goal of deterring future violations and obtaining swift compliance, the consideration of past penalties in similar case negotiations, and the potential costs and risk associated with litigating these particular violations. The penalty reflects violations extending over a number of days considered together with the complete circumstances of this case. Penalties in future cases might be smaller or larger on a per unit basis.
- (4) The penalty in this case was based in part on confidential business information provided by Tesoro that is not retained by CARB in the ordinary course of business. The penalty in this case was also based on confidential settlement communications between CARB and Tesoro that CARB does not retain in the ordinary course of business. The penalty also reflects CARB's assessment of the relative strength of its case against Tesoro, the desire to avoid the uncertainty, burden and expense of litigation, to obtain swift compliance with the law and remove any unfair advantage that Tesoro may have secured from its actions.

## **V. STIPULATED CONSENT JUDGMENT**

- (1) The parties stipulate to the entry of a Consent Judgment if Tesoro defaults on any of the terms and conditions of this agreement and hereby waives the right to challenge the Consent Judgment of its terms. Before declaring a default of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, CARB will first provide Tesoro 10 calendar days written notice of the claimed default and request to cure.
- (2) The Consent Judgment does not constitute evidence of admission by Tesoro regarding any issue of law or fact alleged in the Agreement but sets forth the obligations of Tesoro and constitutes the complete, final, and exclusive agreement between CARB and Tesoro.
- (3) CARB expressly reserves the right to bring an enforcement action based on violations of law not covered in this Agreement and to seek whatever fines, penalties, or remedies provided by law, including injunctive relief.
- (4) In the event CARB seeks Consent Judgment based on Tesoro's default under this Agreement, the Parties agree to the following:
  - a. Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento (Court) has jurisdiction over the Parties and to the subject matter of this action;
  - b. Venue is proper in this Court;

- c. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Tesoro for purposes of enforcing the terms of the Consent Judgment; and
- d. The obligations under this Agreement shall be deemed the terms and conditions of the Consent Judgment.

**ACKNOWLEDGED AND ACCEPTED BY:**

**California Air Resources Board**

Dated: 10/10/2019 By: /S/  
(Signature)  
Printed Name: Richard W. Corey  
Title: Executive Officer

**Tesoro Refining and Marketing**

Dated: 8/9/19 By: /S/  
(Signature)  
Printed Name: Ray Brooks  
Title: Vice President TRMC