

I, Lauren Doucette, declare:

1. I am the Regulatory Environmental Specialist with San Bernardino County – Fleet Management (Petitioner). If called as a witness, I could testify to the following based upon my personal knowledge.
2. I am familiar with and have reviewed the petition filed in support of Case No. 6070-13 and specifically with the equipment at issue in this petition, Internal Combustion (IC) Engine (P/O G4557), located at 3000 Keller Peak Road, Arrowbear Lake, CA 92382 (Facility ID # 161266)
3. San Bernardino County – Fleet Management is a public entity that provides vehicles, equipment, and services to the officials and employees of San Bernardino County. Petitioner owns and operates the engine that is subject to the regular variance request in Case No. 6070-13.
4. In support of the findings required to grant this Interim Variance:
 - a. On or about September 7, 2024, an unforeseen power loss from Southern California Edison (SCE) due to the Line Fire required operation of the emergency engine. On September 14, 2024, the engine exceeded 200 operating hours.
 - b. Petitioner had done their due diligence by applying for the variance as soon as the information was available that the generator hit 200 hours. Due to the fire, the GPS that calculates the hours was unable to respond. On September 15, 2024, the Petition for Variance was filed. An ex parte variance request was filed on the same day and granted on September 20, 2024.
 - c. The direct cause of the noncompliance resulted when SCE' s equipment failed as a result of the Line Fire, causing an outage to their customers,

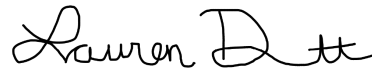
including at the location of the emergency engine. The circumstances were beyond Petitioner's reasonable control.

- d. The benefit of keeping the engine operational outweighs turning it off due to air contaminants. The engine keeps crucial communication open, and the generator is a far distance from any residential or business area.
- e. The engine will only run 1 hour for maintenance or when power supply is cut for emergencies. A GPS unit is on the engine to see when it is running.
- f. If not granted, the area along with the greater San Bernardino area and other parts of California will lose critical communication that is needed by first responders.
- g. On or about September 7, 2024, the Governor issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to the Line Fire, stating that the fire had prompted evacuation orders and road closures, and continued to threaten structures, homes, critical infrastructure, endangered species, watersheds, and cultural and heritage resources. The Proclamation also stated that weather conditions had increased the fire's intensity, causing imminent threat to life and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property. Further, the Proclamation recognized that the conditions caused by the Line Fire, by reason of their magnitude, were beyond the control of the services, personnel equipment, and facilities of any single local government.
- h. The County has also filed for Regular Variance, scheduled to be heard on December 4, 2024.

5. "State of Emergency" Fee Waiver

- a. Consistent with Rule 303 (p), Petitioner San Bernardino County - Fleet Management Department hereby requests that excess emission fees beginning with the Emergency Ex Parte Variance granted on September 20, 2024, and until a noticed hearing can be held on December 4, 2024, be waived due to the “state of emergency” that caused the power outage.
- b. Governor Newsom declared a “state of emergency” starting on Thursday, September 5th. This “state of emergency” was called due to Line Fire in the mountain regions that was dangerous to the community.
- c. It was because of the Line Fire and “state of emergency” that the Petitioner had to file for a variance for the engine.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 9th day of October 2024 at San Bernardino, California.



Lauren Doucette