

Refiners Meeting

June 30, 2020

Attendees: Emress Bevers, Sam Burton, Rodney Cryer, Carole James, Mark Musick, Martin Morris, Mark Welch, Bobby Searle, Darrin Steinart, John Wilson, Bob Lein, Mike Downing, Phil Kornbluth, Richard Brook, Tim Parker, Tom Harrison, John Magrino, Charles Druck, Nick DeMai, Mike Cook

Sam B. – COVID update, there has been an upward trend in active cases in Texas. Governor Abbott has closed bars and rolled back restaurant capacity to 50% here in Texas. The latest update for the Amarillo Field Office is that we are holding in Phase I which is the 25% staff in the office. Across the BLM you will see different offices at various stages of opening. Amarillo is still considered a “hot spot”. Hopefully, you have seen the announcements that the plant is down. Over the weekend, major repairs were done to the plant. Mark can you please give an update on the plant status?

Mark M. – The plant did go down on Thursday afternoon about lunch time on oil pressure which normally runs about 57 pounds per square inch. The trip is at 35 pounds per square inch. Enerflex was onsite quickly, repairs were done we did not have parts in stock, but they were overnighted and arrived on Sunday. We replaced all the valves on all the cylinders. We pulled the covers off all the cylinders to do an appearance check. We pulled the piston out of cylinder 2 and saw that the wear bands were pretty chewed up, so we replaced that. Cylinder 2 has been fully rebuilt. One cylinder is marginal so we will rebuild it at the next outage. The compressor was fully re-assembled, and we put coolant and oil in it. The operators are currently in the process of doing a test start up. Our PSM inspections allowed us to discover that there are 2 valves on the K600 that are gradually degrading. We plan to replace those valves probably this afternoon. That is the quick rundown.

Sam B. – Rodney do you have any updates for the pipeline activities?

Rodney Cryer. – Not really any new updates.

Sam B. – The potential shut down for the end of July has been discussed but the outage has taken us down. Mark what is the pressure right now?

Mark M. – 1362.

Sam B. – With the pressure at 1362 it is not changing very much at all. The demand for helium is low right now. It would be beneficial for the companies to let us know if they expect any increases or surges for this weekend. The plan is that we are going to take this week to do the maintenance that we need to do and then by next Tuesday we will decide whether to bring the plant back up. I would appreciate it if the storage holders would let me know if there is a predicted need for helium soon. Right now, the plant is down, and we are doing the needed repairs so please let the BLM know what your thoughts are for demand. Mark Welch do you have anything for the group?

Mark Welch. – I do not think we have anything currently. Last week we briefly tested the TEAMS environment with sharing the window and the screen, that seemed to work ok I did not hear of any complaints.

Sam B. – Share with us if you have any reservations of us using the TEAMS environment for our meeting this year. It allows us to ask questions quickly and share information on the screen. Please share your comments with Carole and Mark. I see a hand, Nick did you have a question?

Nick D. – Yeah just to clarify, we have not done all the outage work. So, this is not precluding an outage later. At this point you are deferring the decision to restart to next Tuesday and if you do not hear anything you are planning to defer the decision until next week.

Sam B. – Yes, and thank you for asking that question and getting clarification on that.

Are there any questions from the group?

NONE.

Ok thank you very much for calling in. I appreciate the patience on working with this TEAMS environment so please give us your feedback. Thank you we will talk again next Tuesday.