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7 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
8 **FOR THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS**

9 **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

12 **PARADISE GAS**

13 Defendant.

CASE NO. 370957-1

COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL
PENALTIES AND OTHER
RELIEF

[Health and Safety Code Section
25299; Business and Professions
Code Sections 17200-17208]

15 **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, by and through JAMES C.**
16 **BRAZELTON, District Attorney for the County of STANISLAUS, by and through Deputy**
17 **District Attorney GLORIA M. MAS, allege as follows:**

18 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

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- 20 1. The authority of the District Attorney of Stanislaus County to bring this action is
21 derived from the statutory laws of the State of California, specifically Health and Safety Code
22 §25299 and Business and Professions Code sections 17206 et seq.
- 23 2. Defendant transacted business within the County of Stanislaus. The alleged
24 violations of law hereinafter described were carried out within said County and within the State of
25 California. Unless enjoined and restrained by an order of this court, the defendants will
26 continue to retain the means to engage in unlawful action and practices and courses of conduct set
27 out below.

28 **DEFENDANT**

3. Whenever in this complaint reference is made to any act of defendant, such allegation
shall be deemed to mean that defendant, and its officers, agents, employees, or representatives,

This case has been assigned to Judge *Markwood*,
Department 21, for all purposes including Trial.

1 did or authorized acts while actively engaged in the management, direction, or control of the
2 affairs of said defendant, and while acting within the course and scope of their duties.

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4 4. Defendant PARADISE GAS (DBA) at all times relevant herein was engaged in the
5 business of operating a businesses, located at 901 Paradise, Modesto, California, 95350.

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7 FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

8 VIOLATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
9 SECTION 25299 (DESIGNATED OPERATOR)

10 5. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 4 above.

11 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based upon such information and belief
12 alleges that on or around January 1, 2005 and continuing, and within three (3) years of filing this
13 complaint, defendant engaged in acts in violation of Health and Safety Code '25299.

14 7. The violations of Health and Safety Code include but are not limited to the
15 following:

16 (a) The violation of Health and Safety Code ' 25299 by failing to file a designated
17 operator pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, § 2715.

18 SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

19 VIOLATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE
20 SECTIONS 17200 - 17208 (UNLAWFUL AND/OR UNFAIR COMPETITION)

21 8. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 - 7, above.

22 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based on such information and belief alleges that
23 on or about January 1, 2005 and continuing, defendants engaged in acts of unlawful and/or unfair
24 competition prohibited by California Business and Professions Code §17200 - §17208 by virtue
25 of the acts described herein, each of which constitutes an unfair and/or unlawful business practice.

26 These acts include but are not limited to:

27 (a) Violation of Health and Safety Code § 25299.
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PRAYER

1 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

2 1. Defendants be permanently restrained and enjoined from engaging in or
3 performing, directly or indirectly, any and all of the following acts:

4 (a) Engaging in any of the unlawful acts of unfair competition set forth in the First
5 Cause of Action of this complaint, as well as any other violations of Business and Professions
6 Code §17200 - §17208.

7 (b) Violating any environmental offenses including but not limited to California
8 Health and Safety Code § 25299.

9 2. For violations of the First Cause of Action, that defendants herein be assessed a
10 civil penalty in the amount of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) for each
11 violation, according to proof;

12 3. For violations of the Second Cause of Action, that defendants herein be assessed a
13 civil penalty in the amount of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FIVE HUNDRED (\$2,500.00) for
14 each violation, according to proof;

15 4. Plaintiff recover its costs and attorney fees.

16 5. Plaintiff have such other and further relief as the nature of the case may require and that
17 the court deems proper to fully dissipate the effects of the unlawful and unfair acts complained of
18 herein.
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20 Dated this Thirteenth day of April, in the year 2005, at Modesto, California.

21 Respectfully submitted,

22 JAMES C. BRAZELTON
23 District Attorney

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25 GEORGIA M. MAS
26 Deputy District Attorney
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