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STATE OF TEXAS,
Plaintiff,

v.

BAINS BROTHERS, LLC.,
Defendant.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**PLAINTIFF’S ORIGINAL PETITION AND APPLICATION
FOR TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION**

TO THE HONORABLE DISTRICT JUDGE:

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, the State of Texas, acting by and through its Attorney General, KEN PAXTON, and complains of Defendant BAINS BROTHERS, LLC, a domestic corporation doing business as BAINS BROTHERS PETROLEUM #4, BAINS BROTHERS PETROLEUM #5 AND BAINS BROTHERS PETROLEUM #6 (“Defendant” or “BAINS BROTHERS”). Plaintiff alleges that, following the Texas Governor’s disaster declaration due to Hurricane Harvey, Defendant engaged in unlawful price gouging by demanding and charging an excessive price for fuel. In support thereof, Plaintiff respectfully shows the following:

I. DISCOVERY

1.1 Pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 190.3, discovery is intended to be conducted under a Level 2 discovery control plan.

1.2 This case is not subject to the restrictions of expedited discovery under TEX. R. CIV. P. 169 because:

- A. The relief sought by the State includes non-monetary injunctive relief; and
- B. The State’s claims for monetary relief including penalties, consumer redress and attorney’s fees and costs are in excess of \$100,000.00 and could exceed \$1,000,000.00.

II. JURISDICTION

2.1 This action is brought by Attorney General KEN PAXTON, through his Consumer Protection Division, in the name of the STATE OF TEXAS, and in the public interest under the authority granted him by section 17.47, TEXAS DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES – CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, TEX. BUS. & COM. CODE ANN. § 17.41, *et seq.* (“DTPA”), alleging that Defendant has engaged in false, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade and commerce as defined in, and declared unlawful by, DTPA sections 17.46(a) and (b).

2.2 Plaintiff seeks to enjoin Defendant from further violations of the provisions of the DTPA, pursuant to DTPA § 17.47(a).

2.3 Plaintiff seeks civil penalties up to \$20,000 for each act or practice calculated to acquire or deprive money or other property from a consumer in violation of the DTPA, pursuant to DTPA § 17.47(c)(1). In addition, Plaintiff seeks civil penalties up to \$250,000 for each act or practice calculated to acquire or deprive money or other property from a consumer aged 65 years or older when the act or practice occurred, pursuant to section 17.47(c)(2).

2.4 Plaintiff seeks reasonable attorney’s fees and court costs for prosecuting this action, as authorized by Texas Government Code § 402.006(c).

III. DEFENDANT

3.1 **Defendant BAINS BROTHERS, LLC**, is a Texas corporation whose registered office is located in Dallas County at 2810 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX, USA 75206, doing business as “Bains Brothers Petroleum #4” in Carrollton, Texas, “Bains Brothers Petroleum #5” in Arlington, Texas, and “Bains Brothers Petroleum #6,” in Richardson, Texas. Defendant may be served with process by serving its registered agent, **Kuldip S Bains, at 3600 Huffines Blvd., Carrollton, TX, 75010. SERVICE OF PROCESS IS HEREBY REQUESTED.**

IV. VENUE

- 4.1 Venue lies in Dallas County, Texas for the following reasons:
- A. Defendant is doing business in Dallas County. *See* TEX. BUS. & COM. CODE § 17.47(b).
 - B. The Defendant's principal place of business is in Dallas County. *See* TEX. BUS. & COM. CODE § 15.002(3).

V. PUBLIC INTEREST

5.1 Defendant has caused injury, loss and damage to the State of Texas and has caused adverse effects to legitimate business enterprises, which lawfully conduct trade and commerce in this State. The Attorney General is of the opinion and believes that these proceedings are in the public interest in accordance with DTPA § 17.47(a).

5.2 Pursuant to Texas law, it is illegal to take advantage of a disaster declared by the Governor by selling necessities, such as food, fuel, and medicine, at excessive or exorbitant prices. DTPA § 17.46(b)(27). On August 23, 2017, and pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 418.014, the Texas Governor declared a state of disaster for thirty counties, due to the threat of imminent disaster from then Tropical Depression Harvey. *See Exhibit A* (Governor's Proclamation dated August 23, 2017), attached and incorporated herein for all purposes. On August 25, 2017, and pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 418.020, the Texas Governor suspended all laws authorizing or requiring the collection of state or local hotel or motel occupancy taxes from the victims of now Hurricane Harvey, or personnel participating in relief operations, for a period from August 23, 2017 to September 6, 2017. In this proclamation, the Governor stated that Harvey is likely to make landfall in Texas as a major hurricane, and that the threat of imminent disaster is creating a

temporary housing emergency in the state. *See Exhibit B* (Governor's Proclamation dated August 25, 2017), attached and incorporated herein for all purposes. On September 1, 2017, the Governor issued a proclamation reiterating that the price gouging laws in Texas apply throughout the state of Texas following a disaster declaration. *See Exhibit C* (Governor's Proclamation dated September 1, 2017). Executive orders, proclamations, and regulations issued by the Governor have the force and effect of law. *See* TEX. GOV'T CODE § 418.012.

5.3 State officials urged residents of certain counties to evacuate their homes for higher, safer ground. On Friday evening of August 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall on the Texas coast between Port Aransas and Port O'Connor as a Category 4 hurricane. The hurricane brought winds of 130 mph and dropped approximately 50 inches of rain in parts of Texas. While flood waters from the historic rainfalls were still rising, multitudes of Texans have been rescued from flooding homes that are no longer habitable.

5.4 Almost immediately, incredible stories of compassion and heroism emerged – reporters rescued citizens on live television and local business owners opened their doors to provide shelter to evacuees and first responders. Unfortunately, also almost immediately consumers began contacting the Texas Attorney General with reports of excessive and exorbitant pricing. Before the storm even made landfall, consumers trying to prepare for the imminent devastation seeking to buy necessities such as water faced prices of \$40-50 per case and those seeking emergency lodging were forced at some hotels to pay nearly triple their customary rate. After the storm, some gas stations exploited the fear of gas shortages by more than doubling their prices – in some instances charging \$6-10 per gallon. Since the Governor's original disaster declaration, the Attorney General has received thousands of consumer complaints and thousands more emails and phone calls relating to illegal price gouging throughout Texas.

VI. TRADE AND COMMERCE

6.1 Defendant has, at all times described below, engaged in conduct constituting “trade” and “commerce,” as those terms are defined in section 17.45(6) of the DTPA.

VII. ACTS OF AGENTS

7.1 When it is alleged that Defendant did any act, it is meant that Defendant performed or participated in such act or thing, or Defendant’s officers, agents or employees performed or participated the act or thing and were authorized to do so by Defendant.

VIII. STATEMENT OF FACTS

8.1 Defendant operates three gas stations throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

8.2 Defendant engaged in price gouging by charging excessive prices far beyond market-fluctuations, taking advantage of consumers. On August 30, 2017, five days after Harvey made landfall, Defendant sold gasoline for \$2.29 per gallon. Less than 24 hours later, Defendant had increased its price to \$6.99 per gallon at two of its stores, more than triple their price the day before.

8.3 Customers that complained of the egregious prices to the clerk were told that there was “nothing [they] could do about it.” In some cases, the clerk refused to give customers receipts of their purchases made at the pump.

8.4 Some consumers found that Defendant raised the prices while they were in the process of filling up their tanks. One consumer discovered a price change after inserting their card into the pump and so refused to make a purchase. Another consumer noted that the price had increased \$0.40 per gallon during their fill up.

8.5 Defendant’s prices changed so rapidly that they removed the numbers from one side of their sign so that they only had to update one side. The price advertised was commonly

much lower than the price charged at the pump. For example, a customer expecting to pay an advertised \$3.29 per gallon found that the pump was charging \$6.99 per gallon instead. Another customer began fueling only to discover that 12 gallons cost her \$85.00, far in excess of the \$4.29 per-gallon-price advertised. After requesting a reimbursement for the price difference, she was told by the clerk “it is what it is.”

IX. VIOLATIONS

9.1 Plaintiff incorporates Paragraphs 1.1 through 8.5, as if fully set forth herein.

9.2 Defendant has engaged in false, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of DTPA § 17.46(a).

9.3 Defendant has violated the DTPA by taking advantage of a disaster declared by the governor under Chapter 418, Government Code, by selling or leasing fuel, food, medicine, or another necessity at an exorbitant or excessive price, in violation of DTPA § 17.46(b)(27)(A).

9.4 Defendant has violated the DTPA by taking advantage of a disaster declared by the governor under Chapter 418, Government Code, by demanding an exorbitant or excessive price in connection with the sale or lease of fuel, food, medicine, or another necessity, in violation of DTPA § 17.46(b)(27)(B).

9.5 Defendant advertised goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised, in violation of DTPA § 17.46(b)(9).

X. INJURY TO CONSUMERS

10.1 Defendant’s acts and practices were unlawful and have caused harm to the disaster victims and consumers of Texas.

XI. DISGORGEMENT

11.1 Defendant's assets are subject to the equitable remedy of disgorgement. Defendant should be ordered to disgorge all monies fraudulently taken from individuals together with all of the proceeds, profits, income, interest and accessions thereto. Such disgorgement should be for the benefit of victimized consumers and the State of Texas.

XII. TRIAL BY JURY

12.1 Plaintiff herein requests a jury trial and tenders the jury fee to the Dallas County District Clerk's office pursuant to TEX. R. CIV. P. 216 and TEX. GOV'T. CODE ANN. §51.604.

XIII. PRAYER

13.1 WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that Defendant be cited according to law to appear and answer herein; that after due notice and hearing, a TEMPORARY INJUNCTION be issued; and that after due notice and trial, a PERMANENT INJUNCTION be issued. Plaintiff prays that the Court will issue an ORDER enjoining Defendant, its officers, agents, servants, employees, and any other person in active concert or participation with Defendant from the following:

- A.** Taking advantage of any disaster declared by the Governor under Chapter 418 of the Government Code, by advertising, offering for sale, or selling fuel or other necessities at an exorbitant or excessive price;
- B.** Violating any regulation, proclamation, declaration, or executive order made by the Governor pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Government Code; and
- C.** Transferring, concealing, destroying, or removing from the jurisdiction of this Court any books, records, documents, or other written or computer-

generated materials relating to Defendant's business currently or hereafter in Defendant's possession, custody, or control except in response to further orders or subpoenas in this cause.

- D. Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised, including, but not limited to, advertising a good or service at one price, but selling the good or service at a higher price than advertised.

14.2 Plaintiff further requests that this Court award damages and restitution of monies paid by consumers.

14.3 Plaintiff further requests that Defendant be ordered to pay to the State of Texas:

- A. Civil penalties of up to \$20,000.00 per violation of the DTPA, pursuant to DTPA § 17.47(c)(1);
- B. Civil penalties of up to \$250,000 per violation of the DTPA, when the act or practice that acquired or deprived money or other property from consumers who were 65 years of age or older when the act or practice occurred, pursuant to DTPA § 17.47(c)(2);
- C. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on all awards of restitution, damages, or civil penalties, as provided by law;
- D. All costs of Court, costs of investigation, and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to Texas Government Code § 402.006(c).

14.4 Plaintiff prays for all further relief, at law or inequity, to which it is justly entitled.

Respectfully Submitted,

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First Assistant Attorney General

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ATTORNEYS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

August 23, 2017

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
4pm O'CLOCK

The Honorable Rolando B. Pablos
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

AUG 23 2017
[Signature]
Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation declaring a state of disaster in the counties of Aransas, Austin, Bee, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Brazoria, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Waller, Wharton, and Wilson, beginning August 23, 2017, due to the threat of imminent disaster posed by Tropical Depression Harvey.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature of Gregory S. Davidson]
Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that Tropical Depression Harvey poses a threat of imminent disaster, including severe flooding, storm surge and damaging winds, in the counties of Aransas, Austin, Bee, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Brazoria, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Waller, Wharton, and Wilson, beginning August 23, 2017.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster in the previously listed counties based on the existence of such threat.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 23rd day of August, 2017.


GREG ABBOTT
Governor

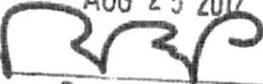


GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

August 25, 2017

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
5:15pm O'CLOCK

The Honorable Rolando B. Pablos
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

AUG 25 2017

Secretary of State

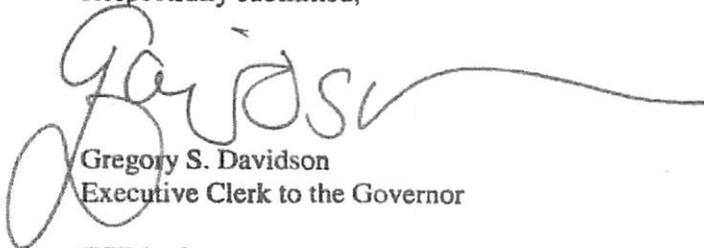
Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation that suspends all laws authorizing or requiring the collection of state or local hotel or motel occupancy taxes from the victims of Hurricane Harvey or personnel participating in relief operations.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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POST OFFICE BOX 12428 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711 512-463-2000 (VOICE) DIAL 7-1-1 FOR RELAY SERVICES



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, did issue a disaster proclamation on August 23, 2017, certifying that Tropical Depression Harvey poses a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Depression Harvey has since been upgraded to a hurricane and is likely to make landfall in Texas as a major hurricane; and

WHEREAS, the threat of imminent disaster caused by Hurricane Harvey is creating a temporary housing emergency in the state.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the Disaster Proclamation and with the authority vested in me by Section 418.020(c) of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby suspend all laws authorizing or requiring the collection of state or local hotel or motel occupancy taxes from the victims of Hurricane Harvey or personnel participating in relief operations, for a period of 14 days, beginning August 23, 2017, and ending September 6, 2017.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 25th day of August, 2017.



GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:



ROLANDO B. PABLOS
Secretary of State



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

September 1, 2017

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
3:00 PM 'CLOCK

The Honorable Rolando B. Pablos
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

SEP 01 2017
RRP
Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation relating to price gouging violations of subsection 17.46(b)(27) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code to be investigated and prosecuted by the attorney general anywhere throughout the state during the disaster created by Hurricane Harvey.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson

Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment

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PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, did issue a series of proclamations declaring a state of disaster in 58 counties of Texas as a result of the catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Harvey; and

WHEREAS, millions of Texans have been impacted by this disaster, including many who have been displaced from their homes and have temporarily relocated to other parts of the state that are not a part of the declared disaster area; and

WHEREAS, many Texans impacted by this disaster are particularly vulnerable to economic exploitation during this challenging time; and

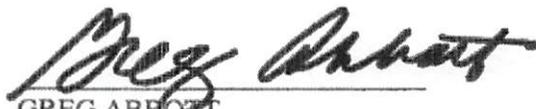
WHEREAS, Texas law prohibits price gouging and gives the attorney general the authority to prosecute anyone throughout Texas who takes advantage of a declared disaster by charging an exorbitant or excessive price for fuel, food, medicine, or any other necessity; and

WHEREAS, I am assured that the Attorney General and other law enforcement officials throughout Texas will seek to identify and vigorously prosecute those who use price-gouging to take advantage of the victims of Hurricane Harvey;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that price gouging is unlawful throughout Texas and that violations of subsection 17.46(b)(27) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code may be investigated and prosecuted by the attorney general anywhere throughout the state.

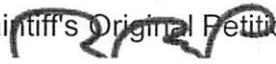


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 1st day of September, 2017.



GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:


Plaintiff's Original Petition

CIVIL CASE INFORMATION SHEET

CAUSE NUMBER (FOR CLERK USE ONLY): _____ COURT (FOR CLERK USE ONLY): _____

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THE STATE OF TEXAS V. BAINS BROTHERS, LLC

(e.g., John Smith v. All American Insurance Co; In re Mary Ann Jones; In the Matter of the Estate of George Jackson)

A civil case information sheet must be completed and submitted when an original petition or application is filed to initiate a new civil, family law, probate, or mental health case or when a post-judgment petition for modification or motion for enforcement is filed in a family law case. The information should be the best available at the time of filing.

1. Contact information for person completing case information sheet:		Names of parties in case:		Person or entity completing sheet is:	
Name:	Email:	Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s):		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner	
<u>Brad Carpenter</u>	<u>Bradley.Carpenter@oag.texas.gov</u>	<u>State of Texas</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Pro Se Plaintiff/Petitioner	
Address:	Telephone:	Defendant(s)/Respondent(s):		Additional Parties in Child Support Case:	
<u>1412 Main Street, Suite 810</u>	<u>214-969-7639</u>				
City/State/Zip:	Fax:	<u>Bains Brothers, LLC</u>		Custodial Parent:	
<u>Dallas, TX 75202</u>	<u>214-969-7615</u>			Non-Custodial Parent:	
Signature:	State Bar No:			Presumed Father:	
	<u>24085239</u>				
[Attach additional page as necessary to list all parties]					
2. Indicate case type, or identify the most important issue in the case (select only 1):					
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