



Press Agency AR & Co. PR & Marketing
(805) 239-4443
communications@arandcompany.com
Client Contact: Robert Jacobs
(805) 239-0616
Email: robertj2@deltaliquidenergy.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

Local Propane Marketer Celebrates Long-Standing Employee Anniversaries
Delta Liquid Energy's Employees of 28, 18 and 14 Years are 'in it' for the Long-Haul

PASO ROBLES, CALIF (March 23, 2015) – Paso Robles-based [Delta Liquid Energy](http://www.deltaliquidenergy.com) (DLE) considers itself a true family business: Not only is it owned and operated by a third-generation, industry-leading propane marketing family, the Platz family, but more than a third of its 120-plus employees have been with the company for more than a decade. This year, DLE celebrates the anniversaries of three of its long-standing “family” members, Vice President and Wholesale Operations Manager Don Dockstader (28 years), Manager of Terminal Services Skip Gise (18 years) and Delivery Specialist Tony Silvestre (14 years).

Prior to coming to Delta Liquid Energy nearly three decades ago, Don Dockstader trained race horses and worked for a heating and sheet metal company. He recalls that he wanted a stable job and thought the energy industry would be a great place to work. Today, Dockstader oversees the AePEX Energy division of DLE, which deals with propane supply and distribution logistics.

Looking back, Dockstader says times have certainly changed since he joined the company. “When I first started, they didn’t have computers or cell phones and had to use two-way radios and pagers,” he remembers. “If a driver had to talk to someone he would receive a page and have to get out and use a pay phone!”

Skip Gise, who began working with DLE nearly two decades ago, has seen similar transformations in technology while managing DLE’s truck and rail terminal in Rosamond, supplying Delta Liquid Energy and other companies with propane.

“When I started, we had one transport; now, there are six transports and several rail cars,” Gise says. “We move a lot of gas by rail car and everything is computerized now, with the use of cell phones making the job a lot easier.”

Previously the owner of a limousine service company, Gise had been working as a cross country truck driver when he discovered the propane industry. “I was driving through all of these small towns—often living in a truck for six weeks at a time—and I noticed they all had a propane company,” he recalls.

Gise thought that line of work would be a great change for him. Eighteen years later, Gise says he truly enjoys working at DLE and is very thankful for the Platz family. “The company has taken good care of me and I try to do the same. It’s a great company to work for!”

Fourteen years ago, Tony Silvestre had the same hunch about DLE. He had been running a rail terminal for one of Delta Liquid Energy’s competitors for nine years prior to seeing an advertisement in the paper about



Press Agency AR & Co. PR & Marketing
(805) 239-4443
communications@arandcompany.com
Client Contact: Robert Jacobs
(805) 239-0616
Email: robertj2@deltaliquidenergy.com

the opportunity to work for a local propane business. He began as a bobtail driver for DLE, and was soon transferred to drive transports, hauling loads across the region to the company's nine branches. Silvestre says his job has been made easier by newer and more efficient equipment over the years, but the company culture has always been above par.

"I feel like part of the Delta Liquid Energy family," Silvestre says. "I would like to spend another 15 years with company and retire here."

Delta Liquid Energy/ Aepex Energy is a third-generation, family-owned and operated propane marketer headquartered in Paso Robles, California. The company has been in business since 1936 and operates nine service facilities throughout California. For more information about Delta Liquid Energy or Aepex Energy, please visit www.deltaliquidenergy.com or www.aepexenergy.com. For media inquiries, contact [AR & Company PR & Marketing](#) at (805) 239-4443 or communications@arandcompany.com.

###