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Hello Don,

As you know, at the upcoming National Conference of Weights and Measures (NCWM) annual meeting you will be considering a position to support the diesel gallon equivalent (DGE) approach for liquefied natural gas (LNG).

NCWM has considered this issue several times over the past several years. The latest such consideration came at the 2014 Annual Meeting held in Detroit, Michigan. At that meeting, a DGE proposal was voted on and received 29 votes in support and 9 against in the House of Representatives. Unfortunately, the votes in support of the measure in the House of Delegates were not sufficient to gain passage, hence the reason why the issue will be considered this year.

It has been twenty years since the NCWM first adopted the gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE) standard for compressed natural gas (CNG), often used in light duty vehicles. That standard has benefited consumers and industry alike because it provides consumers with a ready means of comparing the value of CNG purchases with gasoline. All retail CNG dispensing pumps used today in the U.S. dispense CNG in GGE units and all retail stations display the price of CNG in GGE units.

LNG is used in medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and is intended to displace diesel fuel. A DGE standard provides immediate clarity to consumers and fleet participants with regards to the amount of energy purchased who are accustomed to purchasing diesel fuel. It provides a standard benchmark for and consistency with taxation methods and creates efficiencies associated with accounting and record keeping requirements. Many states have recently adopted a DGE standard and we are hopeful more states will move in this direction, however, adoption of the DGE standard by NCWM will pave the way for adoption across the country and will avoid having a patchwork of different standards.

It is important to establish a vibrant marketplace for alternate transportation fuels. Passage would help require a transparent, simple, and understandable system for consumers to make educated and informed choices.

Please let me know if you have immediate questions. Thank you for considering our views and please vote aye on the proposed DGE policy.

Thank you,

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