

## **Natural Gas Steering Committee Update Report – January 14, 2015**

The NGSC has been working diligently at achieving a compromise proposal regarding the sale of CNG/LNG as an alternative motor fuel. While the group has found success in establishing a consensus opinion in many aspects of the regulations, the group remains divided as to what unit of measure should be used for primary method of sale.

As you all know there has been a proposal submitted urging NCWM to adopt gallon equivalent units (GGE/DGE) as the primary method of sale for natural gas products to be used as an alternative motor fuel. There has been a feeling by many members of NCWM that this would be considered a diversion from the customary units in which commodities are sold in the United States causing concern.

Since a consensus regarding the units used for the primary method of sale for natural gas products was unable to be achieved the NGSC is prepared to submit 2 proposals to the L&R and S&T committees for comment and review. It was agreed by NGSC members that this was the only fair way to represent the group as a whole.

While both proposals have many similarities I would like to summarize the major differences regarding the method of sale as it pertains to each document.

**Volume Equivalent Compromise Version:** CNG/LNG shall be measured in mass and indicated in gallon equivalent units unless the weights & measures official having jurisdiction mandates otherwise through local regulation. This would make GGE/DGE units the only unit of quantity required to be displayed on the dispenser during a retail transaction.

**Mass Compromise Version:** CNG/LNG shall be measured in mass and indicated in mass. The display of supplemental information would also be permitted on the dispenser. This would allow GGE/DGE units to be indicated on the dispenser display face as long as it is stated the GGE/DGE units are for value comparison purposes only.

\*There is a willingness to accept equivalent units for advertising purposes such as street signs.

The NGSC is confident that a compromise will be found with the guidance of the S&T and L&R committees. Along with input coming from the floor during open hearings during the NCWM Interim Meeting a sense of which proposal best represents the body of the National Conference of Weights & Measures may be determined.

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