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NGV Industry Rallies to Support the Adoption of the DGE Standard in Detroit

WASHINGTON, D.C. – NGV America, the NGV industry and its advocates rally in support of the adoption of the diesel gallon equivalent (DGE) standard that will be voted on at the National Conference of Weights and Measures (NCWM) meeting to be held July 13–17 in Detroit, Michigan. The adoption of the DGE standard is a critical issue that will have lasting effects on the future of the industry.

To bring the DGE standard issue to Detroit, NGV America was joined by natural gas industry leaders, including the American Gas Association (AGA), the American Public Gas Association (APGA) and America's Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA). Trade allies representing motor fuel retailers and users—the American Trucking Association, National Association for Convenience Stores (NACS), Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America (SIGMA) and Truck Renting and Leasing Association (TRALA)—have expressed their support for the DGE approach as a sensible and necessary way to dispense, market and sell natural gas.

In addition, public policy makers from across the country support the DGE proposal. The Governors of Colorado and Oklahoma issued a joint letter expressing support. The Governors of Pennsylvania and Utah likewise issued individual letters supporting the continued use of the GGE standard and adoption of a DGE standard for liquefied natural gas (LNG). Finally, fifty-four members of the U.S. House of Representatives have joined together to sign onto a letter expressing their support.

“When people make business decisions, they want an easy way to make comparisons,” said Amy Farrell, a vice president of America's Natural Gas Alliance. “This is a good, common-sense direction that is consistent and understandable.”

In 1994, the natural gas industry worked with NCWM to develop a standard that paved the way for compressed natural gas (CNG) to be sold in gasoline gallon equivalents (GGE). That standard has benefited consumers and industry alike because it provides a common unit for comparing the cost

of CNG and gasoline. Now the natural gas industry has asked NCWM to work with it to develop a DGE standard. This new standard is needed because current rules do not address LNG, and increasingly CNG and LNG are being used in heavy-duty applications where diesel fuel is the dominant fuel. The DGE standard is universally supported by industry and would allow for the ready comparison of CNG and LNG with diesel.

In addition to providing a common-sense unit of sale for fuel retailers and users, the DGE standard provides the benchmark for consistency with taxation methods and creates efficiencies associated with accounting and record keeping requirements. Fourteen states have already adopted taxation changes so that LNG is taxed based on the DGE standard and more states are moving in this direction.

“NGVAmerica thanks our members, industry allies and public officials for their tireless efforts that have resulted in getting the DGE standard to the point where it is a voting issue at the NCWM Annual Meeting,” said NGVAmerica President Richard Kolodziej. “The adoption of the DGE standard would provide greater uniformity and clarity for the continued use of natural gas as a transportation fuel.”

For more information on this issue and the upcoming NCWM meeting, visit the NGVAmerica Call to Action at ngvamerica.org/gov_policy/fed_regs/fed_DGE_equivalent.html.

About NGVAmerica

NGVAmerica is a national organization dedicated to the development of a growing, profitable, and sustainable market for vehicles powered by natural gas or biomethane. NGVAmerica represents more than 200 companies, environmental groups, and government organizations interested in the promotion and use of natural gas and biomethane as transportation fuels. Our member companies are those that produce, distribute, and market natural gas and biomethane across the country; manufacture and service natural gas vehicles, engines, and equipment; and operate fleets powered by clean-burning gaseous fuels. For more information about NGVAmerica, visit www.ngvamerica.org.