



RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

April 22, 2014

Mahesh Albuquerque, Chair
Natural Gas Steering Committee
National Conference on Weights and Measures
c/o CDLE—Oil and Public Safety
633 17th Street, Suite 500
Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: Diesel Gallon Equivalent Standard for Natural Gas Engine Fuel

Dear Mr. Albuquerque:

This letter is to express the Railroad Commission of Texas' support for the Natural Gas Steering Committee's proposal to establish a diesel gallon equivalent (DGE) standard for the sale of natural gas engine fuel, which NCWM will consider adopting on July 13.

The Railroad Commission is Texas' chief energy agency. In addition to regulating the state's oil and gas industry, the Commission is charged by statute with promoting uses of natural gas and other alternative fuels that provide economic, air-quality and energy-security benefits.

Consistent with that responsibility, the Commission believes that the proposed DGE standard, which mirrors existing Texas law, will benefit both consumers and natural gas suppliers by providing a fair, easily understandable yardstick for comparing the prices of natural gas and diesel fuel, as NCWM's gasoline gallon equivalent standard has done for natural gas and gasoline since 1994.

Sincerely,

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Barry T. Smitherman
Chairman

Handwritten signature of David Porter in black ink.

David Porter
Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Christi Craddick in black ink.

Christi Craddick
Commissioner

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c: John Gaccione, Chair, NCWM Board of Directors
Don Onweiler, Executive Director, NCWM
Todd Staples, Texas Agriculture Commissioner