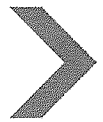




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**RE: NCWM Publication 16 - Proposed DGE Standard for Natural Gas
(Items 232-4, 237-1, and 337-1)**

Chairman Hayes,


I am writing to express the support of Cummins Westport Inc. (CWI) for the proposal to establish a national weights and measures standard for dispensing natural gas in diesel gallon equivalent (DGE) units.

CWI designs, engineers, and markets 6 to 12 litre spark-ignited automotive natural gas engines for commercial transportation applications such as truck and buses. Our dedicated 100% natural gas engines are manufactured by Cummins and available as a factory-direct option from leading truck and bus manufacturers (OEMs).

More than 50,000 Cummins Westport engines are in service worldwide. Designed to meet the most stringent emissions regulations, they provide efficient and reliable service to many of America's biggest private fleets and municipalities alike.

The National Conference of Weights and Measures is currently scheduled to vote on this proposal at its Annual Meeting this month in Philadelphia.

CWI, along with partners within the natural gas vehicle industry, requests that the NCWM adopt the DGE standard for compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) that is sold to truckers and other users who typically use diesel fuel. The DGE standard has been proposed for two primary reasons: 1) there is no standard in place for selling liquefied natural gas; and 2) the DGE unit is more appropriate in the case of CNG and LNG that is sold for use in heavy-duty trucks since the natural gas will displace diesel fuel.



The adoption of the DGE proposal contained in Provision 16 would preserve the continued use of the gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE) standard, while also providing a standard for natural gas that is intended to displace diesel fuel. The DGE standard embraces the practice already implemented by industry in the marketplace and statutory provisions adopted by several state legislatures. Therefore, the adoption of proposals now before NCWM and contained in Publication 16 provide the best opportunity for adoption of a truly uniform standard for selling natural gas as a diesel replacement.

For these reasons, Cummins Westport supports the NCWM adoption of the proposed DGE standard for CNG and LNG.

Sincerely,



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