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DLCA SERVES SUBPOENAS ON FUEL STATIONS

(U.S. Virgin Islands) – Fuel prices continue a downward spiral as children throughout the Territory return to school. Last week, the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA) served all fuel retailers in the United States Virgin Islands (USVI) with a subpoena requesting copies of certain documents to provide a clearer picture on the great disparity in prices between the District of St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix. DLCA wants to ensure that the consumers receive the fairest price possible at the pump. The public is crying for help and DLCA is addressing the issue as we continue to serve businesses and assist, educate, and protect consumers.

"I am urging consumers to use the information provided in this press release to make financially sound decisions," stated Commissioner Richard T. Evangelista.

Currently through August 14, 2022, the wholesale prices in the District of St. Croix are as follows: $3.15 per gallon for regular, $3.38 per gallon for premium and $3.75 per gallon for diesel. These rates include the USVI fuel tax but not the delivery fees.

In the District of St. Thomas and St. John, retailers continue to purchase fuel from Puerto Rico where the wholesale prices continue to fall but not as quickly as the wholesale prices on St. Croix. As of August 17, 2022, the average wholesale price in Puerto Rico for regular fuel is approximately $3.52 per gallon, for premium fuel $4.14 per gallon and for diesel fuel $4.16 per gallon. Not included in the prices are the USVI fuel tax and delivery fees.

As of August 17, 2022, the average cost of fuel on all three islands dropped. On the island of St. Croix, the cost of fuel was $4.36 for regular down $.05 per gallon, $4.93 for premium down $.09 per gallon and $5.02 for diesel down $.09 per gallon. On the island of St. Thomas, as of August 17, 2022, the average cost of fuel was $5.53 for regular down $.011 per gallon, $5.86 for premium down $.14 per gallon and $6.13 for diesel down $.09 per gallon. On the island of St. John, the cost of fuel was $5.93 for regular down $.10 per gallon, $6.33 for premium down $.00 and $7.26 for diesel down $.12 per gallon.

On St. Croix, the lowest price for regular fuel was found at Five Corners Service Station for $4.13 per gallon and the highest price was found at One Love Service Station-Hannah's Rest for $4.87 per gallon. The lowest price for premium fuel was found at Five Corners Service Station for $4.45 per gallon and the highest price was found at One Love Station Hannah's Rest for $5.99 per gallon.

The lowest price for diesel was found at Titan Service Station for $3.99 per gallon and the highest price was found at Budget Gas Station at $5.49 per gallon.

On St. Thomas, the lowest price for regular fuel was found at 1st Stop, 1st Stop Frydenhoj, Gas Works, Giant Gas, Home Town, Ali Baba, Petrus Polyberg, Race Track and Race Track East for $5.29 per gallon and the highest price was found at Total Frenchtown for $6.39 per gallon. The lowest price for premium fuel was found at 1st Stop, 1st Stop Frydenhoj, Giant Gas, Hometown, Ali Baba, Race Track for $5.49 per gallon and the highest price was found at Total Frenchtown for $6.89 per gallon. The lowest price for diesel was found at 1st Stop, 1st Stop Frydenhoj, Gas Works, and Giant Gas for $5.99 per gallon and the highest price was found at Total Gottlieb and Total Mandel Union at $6.59 per gallon.

On St. John the lowest price for regular fuel was found at E-C Gas Station for $5.86 per gallon and the highest price was found at All Around Maintenance for $6.32 per gallon. The lowest price for premium fuel was found at Race Track for $6.29 per gallon and the highest price was found at All Around Maintenance for $6.47 per gallon. The lowest price for diesel was found at E-C Gas Stations for $6.84 per gallon and the highest price was found at All Around Maintenance for $7.95 per gallon.

For the latest and past fuel survey results as well as rack rate prices, visit our website at www.dlca.vi.gov under news/surveys. For consumer-related issues, you may email us at consumerawareness@dlca.vi.gov or call us at 340.713.3522 on St. Croix, 340.714.3522 on St. Thomas, or St. John at 340.693.8036. Follow us on Facebook at @dlcausvi.

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