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DLCA CONTINUES TO WORK ON RELIEF AT THE PUMP

(U.S. Virgin Islands) – Fuel prices at the fuel stations throughout the Territory have continued to drop since the Department of Licensing & Consumers Affairs (DLCA) assured consumers on July 8, 2022 to expect relief at the pump. Consumers in the District of St. Croix continue to see prices at the pump drop quicker than consumers in the District of St. Thomas & St. John because the wholesale prices in St. Croix are dropping at a quicker rate than they are in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Currently thru August 14, 2022, the wholesale prices in the District of St. Croix are as follows: $3.15 per gallon for regular, $3.26 per gallon for premium and $3.89 for diesel. Effective August 15, 2022, the wholesale price for regular fuel shall remain unchanged but the price for premium fuel increases to $3.38 per gallon and the price for diesel fuel drops to $3.75 per gallon. 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 11, 2022, the average wholesale price in Puerto Rico for regular fuel is approximately $3.65 per gallon, for premium fuel $4.30 per gallon and for diesel fuel $4.13 per gallon. Not included in the prices are the USVI fuel tax and delivery fees.

On or about August 8, 2022, DLCA, in furtherance of its duty to ensure consumers get as much relief as possible at the fuel pump, started to subpoena documents from fuel retailers throughout the Territory for the time period beginning May 1, 2022, to produce verified copies of all records in its custody and/or possession, regarding costs related to operation and pricing, including Bills of Lading, invoices and/or contracts relating to the operation of the importation of goods, retail, and transportation trucking services of conventional gas (regular and premium) and diesel fuel in the Territory.

"After inspecting the documents submitted by each fuel retailer, DLCA shall determine whether or not it needs to invoke its power to determine fuel prices pursuant to Virgin Islands Code Title 12A Section155a" stated Commissioner Evangelista.

As of August 11, 2022, the average cost of fuel on the island of St. Croix was $4.47 for regular, $5.02 for premium and $5.11 for diesel. The lowest price for regular fuel was found at Pit Stop Service Station and Titan Service Station for $4.19 per gallon and the highest price was found at

Budget Gas Station for $5.29 per gallon. The lowest price for premium fuel was found at Titan Service Station for $4.49 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 One Love Station Hannah's Rest for $4.00 per gallon and the highest price was found at Budget Gas Station at $5.79 per gallon.

As of August 11, 2022, the average cost of fuel on the island of St. Thomas was $5.64 for regular, $6.00 for premium and $6.22 for diesel. The lowest price for regular fuel was found at 1st Stop, 1st Stop Frydenhoj, Gas Works, Ali Baba, Petrus Frenchtown, Petrus Polyberg, Petrus Smith Bay and Race Track for $5.49 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, Hometown, Ali Baba, Race Track for $5.79 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 and 1st Stop Frydenhoj for $5.99 per gallon and the highest price was found at Total Gottlieb and Total Mandel Union at $6.59 per gallon.

As of August 11, 2022, the average cost of fuel on the island of St. John was $6.03 for regular, $6.33 for premium and $7.38 for diesel. The lowest price for regular fuel was found at Race Track for $5.99 per gallon and the highest price was found at E-C Gas Station for $6.06 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 E-C Gas Stations for $6.36 per gallon. The lowest price for diesel was found at Race Track for $6.99 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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