

CITY OPERATED COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS/E85 FUELING STATION OPENS

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The City of Bossier Cutting opened its first of two alternative fuel stations today during a ribbon cutting ceremony. A number of dignitaries, including Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Scott Angelle, Stephen Waguespack - Chief of Staff for Governor Bobby Jindal and Peggy Hatch - Secretary of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, joined Mayor Lorenz Walker and members of the Bossier City Council in opening the station located at 2580 East Texas Street. The station is first of its kind in the region that's municipally owned and offers compressed natural gas and E85, an ethanol based fuel also known as Flex Fuel, to the public for purchase.

"I'm proud that Bossier City is taking this vital step to reduce emissions by providing access to these cleaner burning fuels", said Mayor Walker. "The city will also utilize these fuels in its own fleet of vehicles demonstrating that together we can make a difference in improving our air quality and environment now and for years to come."

The City of Bossier City will use the station to fuel four CNG converted dump trucks and dozens of other city vehicles that run on E85. In the future, Bossier City will begin replacing city owned vehicles with CNG vehicles as needed.

CNG and E85 not only provide cleaner burning fuel alternatives and reduces the amount of harmful emissions into our environment, they are also are more cost efficient. The fuel savings on the city's CNG dump trucks alone is estimated at \$5,000 a year for each truck versus the cost of diesel fuel. E85 also offers a significant cost reduction compared to gasoline.

The new station offers fuel to the public on a self-service basis via four CNG pumps and four E85 pumps. Purchases can be made with either credit or debit cards.

Construction on the city's second alternative fuel station at 4520 Barksdale Boulevard is expected to begin by the end of this year.

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