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Public-Access Toms River Station First of Three for New Jersey Natural Gas

Trenton, NJ – Acting Governor Kim Guadagno today joined members of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) to celebrate the opening of a new compressed natural gas (CNG) refueling station at the Waste Management, Inc. facilities in Toms River. The station will serve as a refueling base for NJNG’s fleet of CNG vehicles but will also be open for public use.

“New Jersey is a leader in supporting energy and environmental initiatives that save money, stimulate the economy and create jobs,” said Acting Governor Guadagno. “This refueling station expands the network needed to help New Jersey drivers convert to a cleaner and more economic fuel. NJNG and Waste Management are great partners in these efforts, and I urge them to continue to support clean energy through their investment in accessible CNG technology.”

The Toms River station is the 9th CNG fueling station open to the public in New Jersey. It is the first station to become operational under the “NGV Advantage” pilot program, in which NJNG invested \$10 million to build, own and maintain the infrastructure for three public CNG fueling stations in its service territory. NJNG operates and maintains more than 7,300 miles of natural gas transportation and distribution infrastructure to serve more than half a million customers in Monmouth, Ocean, Morris and Middlesex counties.

“Throughout our history, NJNG has celebrated many milestones, but to be part of bringing the first public CNG fueling station to Ocean County is truly exciting,” said Laurence M. Downes, chairman and CEO of NJNG. “We appreciate the opportunity to work with Waste Management to help stimulate the state’s market for CNG vehicles and the benefits they provide. CNG vehicles are a proven, energy-efficient alternative to gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles, help to improve air quality in our communities and support the country’s goal of energy independence.”

With abundant supplies of natural gas in the United States available at competitive prices, CNG can reduce costs between 30 and 40 percent, when compared to diesel and other petroleum-based fuels. Additionally, CNG offers life cycle greenhouse gas emissions benefits over conventional fuels and can produce between 20 and 30 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions than those powered by diesel.

Waste Management, whose facility is the site of the new station, currently has CNG collection fleets in Camden, Toms River, Trenton, and Vineland in New Jersey.

“Waste Management’s natural gas conversion has allowed us to achieve important environmental goals of reducing our fleet’s emissions by 15 percent and improving efficiency by 15 percent,” Waste Management Senior District Manager Carmen Perez said. “These ambitious goals were announced in 2007 and the natural gas conversion allowed us to reach these milestones well before our 2020 deadline; and we have many more trucks to convert. Waste Management is thankful for NJNG, and all of their work that has made this project possible. NJNG has enabled us to operate and service our customers more cleanly and quietly, and will enable those who live in and enjoy Ocean County the opportunity to consider this affordable and environmentally friendly transportation fuel.”

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