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PHILADELPHIA TO BENEFIT FROM ACT 13 NATURAL GAS VEHICLE GRANT

Grant to Lehigh Gas Wholesale, LLC is first to support development of a public access Compressed Natural Gas fueling station in Philadelphia Gas Works' market

(Philadelphia, Pa. – September 5, 2013) –The recent award of \$391,445 in Act 13 Natural Gas Vehicle funds within Philadelphia Gas Works' (PGW) operating area will help support a viable natural gas vehicle (NGV) market in the region, company officials stated. The grant by Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) supports the acquisition of 25 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) delivery vans for UPS and 10 CNG vehicles for AAA Mid-Atlantic. The project, led by Lehigh Gas Wholesale, LLC also includes the completion of a publicly accessible CNG fueling station, filling a significant local CNG fueling accessibility gap.

PGW's primary role in the project will be to support the development of a CNG fueling station on East Oregon Avenue in South Philadelphia.

PGW actively promotes CNG technology to its customers, particularly those with fleet operations. The benefits of NGVs include PGW's attractive NGV fuel rate, which currently averages \$1.50 a gallon-equivalent less than gasoline, and the reduced environmental impact of CNG fuel which is particularly important given that Philadelphia is a non-attainment area for air quality (i.e. air pollution levels persistently exceed the national ambient air quality standards). The company also assists its customers with project development by identifying grant opportunities and putting them in touch with other potential resources.

"Many of the conversations we have with customers are about *how* to switch to CNG, not *why*," noted Douglas Oliver, senior vice president of marketing and corporate communications. "The savings, the environmental benefits versus gasoline and diesel and the technology driving today's NGVs bring real and ongoing advantages to our customers."

PGW is also planning to purchase 24 CNG fueled sedans in fiscal year 2014, as part of its commitment to growing the local NGV market.

The Act 13 Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program is part of the Natural Gas Energy Development Program administered by the DEP. This program plans to make a total of \$20 million in grant funds available on a competitive basis to purchase or convert eligible vehicles to natural gas.

Headquartered in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Lehigh Gas Wholesale, LLC is a distributor of branded petroleum products in the Northeast, with a network of branded petroleum and convenience store locations, both company-operated and dealer-leased/owned.

Founded in 1836, Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) is owned by the City of Philadelphia and is the largest municipally owned gas utility in the country. It manages a distribution system of approximately 6,000 miles of gas mains and service pipes supplying approximately 500,000 customers. PGW's operations are managed by a nonprofit corporation, the

Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation (PFMC). More information about the company is available at www.pgworks.com.

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