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## **PGW UNVEILS NATURAL GAS VEHICLES, SUPPORTS EXPANSION OF PHILADELPHIA NATURAL GAS VEHICLES MARKET**

*Secretary of Environmental Protection in attendance as PGW hosts first-look at its CNG-powered sedans*

**(Philadelphia, Pa. – June 18, 2014)** – Philadelphia Gas Works' (PGW), along with Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary E. Christopher Abruzzo, introduced its new fleet of natural gas powered sedans, today. At the event, PGW was joined by energy and fleet operations experts, customers and leaders in the drive to develop Philadelphia's Natural Gas Vehicles (NGVs) market.

About Philadelphia Gas Works' fleet of NGVs:

- PGW has purchased 24 NGVs;
- The cars are Honda Civic sedans, designed and built to run solely on natural gas;
- The fleet will use Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) as its fuel;
- CNG-powered vehicles reduce emissions of the most harmful pollutants, as well as of carbon monoxide, by more than 90%;
- Natural gas vehicle fuel also emits 13 to 21 percent fewer greenhouse gases than comparable gasoline and diesel vehicles;
- Natural gas costs \$1.50 to \$2 less per gasoline gallon equivalent, so it's cheaper at the pump.

"I would like to congratulate PGW for making this decision to use compressed natural gas, an abundant, affordable, clean-burning, domestic fuel that is helping to put Pennsylvania and this country on a path to energy independence," Department of Environmental Protection Secretary E. Christopher Abruzzo said.

As a natural gas distributor and a fleet operator, PGW is committed to supporting the introduction of natural gas technologies that benefit customers and the City. With CNG-powered vehicles, those benefits include savings by using cheaper natural gas, reducing harmful emissions by switching to a greener fuel and increasing fuel independence by harnessing domestic sources. These compelling benefits are why NGVs are increasingly seen as an important market opportunity, and why Philadelphia will soon host southeastern Pennsylvania's eleventh CNG fueling station.

"PGW has a responsibility to bring energy efficient solutions to the City of Philadelphia," said PGW President & CEO Craig White. "Investing in Natural Gas Vehicles demonstrates our commitment to growing the natural gas market for Philadelphia. A vibrant NGV market not only increases savings for PGW and its customers, it also has the potential to bring new jobs to the region and more revenue to the City, while reducing harmful emissions and urban smog."

In 2013, the DEP awarded \$10 million in grants through its Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant (AFIG) program. PGW received \$240,000 from the AFIG program.

Today, there are nearly 142,000 NGVs traveling America's roadways. Fleet operators and municipalities stand to benefit from the abundant domestic supply of natural gas (forecasted to last for more than 100 years), a well-established and extensive natural gas infrastructure (300,000 miles of pipeline), and a variety of available NGV grants.

Learn more about PGW's commitment to expanding the NGV market, available grants and technology at [www.pgworks.com](http://www.pgworks.com).

*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 non-profit corporation, the Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation (PFMC). More information about the company is available at [www.pgworks.com](http://www.pgworks.com).*

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