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## SECOND PUBLIC COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS STATION SET TO OPEN IN WELD COUNTY NEXT THRUSDAY

WELD COUNTY, CO – A new public Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station is scheduled to open on Thursday, October 18, in Greeley. The SkyBlu CNG fueling station opening celebration begins at 2:00 p.m. at their new fueling site located in the Agfinity station, 1607 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (16<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 85 Bypass).



The Grand Opening of SkyBlu's second public CNG fueling station will take place on October 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Agfinity station located at 1607 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. in Greeley.

Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, seen here speaking at the Weld County Fleet Event held last June prior to the first public CNG station opening in Weld County, will speak at the October 18<sup>th</sup> opening in Greeley.

The Greeley SkyBlu station is the second public CNG station to open in Weld County this year. On June 29, SkyBlu opened the first Weld County public CNG station in Firestone near the Highway 119 and I-25 intersection.

"We are excited about the Greeley CNG fueling station," said Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, who formed the Weld County Natural Gas Coalition – a group of government and industry officials working to create an alternative fuel corridor between Colorado and Wyoming. "The more CNG stations that are open to the public, the better. When people know CNG fuel is available in their area, CNG vehicles become a real option for their consideration whether they are looking to convert an existing vehicle to CNG or purchase a CNG vehicle off the lot."

Two additional CNG stations are scheduled to open by the end of the year – one in Fort Lupton and one in Kersey – which will bring the total public CNG stations in Weld County to four.

In addition to promoting CNG for public use, Weld County is in the process of converting its own vehicle fleet to CNG and, in some cases, LNG (liquefied natural gas) for heavy duty trucks.

"The cost savings for CNG and LNG fuel is significant," said Kirkmeyer. "That's why the county is moving forward with its own fleet conversion."

For this project, federal transportation funds, along with matching funds from Anadarko, Noble and Encana, were used to purchase the equipment. "This project exemplifies public-private partnerships," Kirkmeyer said.

To learn more about the Weld County Natural Gas Coalition, or to read the Weld County Smart Energy: Alternative Fuel Corridor Plan, please visit <a href="https://www.weldsmartenergy.org">www.weldsmartenergy.org</a>.