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WELD COUNTY'S FIRST PUBLIC CNG STATION TO OPEN JUNE 29 IN FIRESTONE

WELD COUNTY, CO – On Friday June 29, the first public Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station in Weld County will open – the first of four public CNG stations scheduled to open in Weld County this year. The SkyBlu station, operated by Mansfield Energy Corporation, will be located at the I-25 and SH 119 intersection in Firestone; ribbon cutting and fueling demonstrations will begin at 12:30 p.m.

“This is a milestone for the Weld County Natural Gas Coalition,” said Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer who formed the Coalition in 2009. “The Board of Commissioners set a goal, through the Coalition, to create an alternative fuel corridor between Colorado and Wyoming, and today marks the first step toward making that goal a reality.”

The Weld County Natural Gas Coalition is a collaboration of county government, municipalities and public and private sector entities dedicated to promoting natural gas as an affordable, abundant and local energy source. In addition to building the alternative fuel corridor and providing public education regarding CNG, the Coalition also works with municipalities, school districts and fire districts to use Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to purchase CNG vehicles as part of their individual fleet replacement programs.

“Weld County has already replaced 11 of its own fleet vehicles with CNG vehicles, and we recently approved the purchase of a heavy-duty liquefied natural gas truck for the County Public Works department,” said Kirkmeyer.

In addition to Weld County vehicles, the Coalition has utilized CMAQ funds to help purchase four CNG vehicles for the city of Evans and a one-ton CNG truck for the LaSalle Fire Protection District. Funding for additional CNG vehicles is being applied for and, if received, will be used to help purchase up to eight additional CNG vehicles for two more towns and three fire protection districts.

“We are proud of the work this Coalition has done to bring CNG to Weld County,” Kirkmeyer said. “The economic and environmental benefits of natural gas are substantial and now both the private and the public sector will be able to utilize natural gas as a fuel source if they choose.”

Speakers at the June 29th station opening include Kirkmeyer, Firestone Mayor Chad Auer, Alex Schroeder from Colorado’s Energy Office and Mansfield Energy Corporation President J. Alexander.

“Mansfield is proud to partner with Weld County to develop the CNG infrastructure in Colorado,” said Alexander. “Our two sites opening this summer in Weld County will offer local businesses and residents access to a clean, domestic transportation fuel at a lower price than diesel.”

A CNG fueling demonstration and vehicle showcase will follow the ribbon cutting. The location of the SkyBlu CNG station, is 11099 E. I-25 Frontage Road, exit 420 (Shell Station, behind Del Taco).

To learn more about the Weld County Natural Gas Coalition, or to read the Weld County Smart Energy: Alternative Fuel Corridor Plan, please visit www.weldsmartenergy.org.

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