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NJGCA Lauds New Jersey's Decision to Purchase Emergency Generators

*State's cache will be available to gasoline retailers around the state;
Small business owners and consumers benefit from the State's generator grant program*

Sal Risalvato, Executive Director of the New Jersey Gasoline, Convenience Store, and Automotive Association (NJGCA), released the following statement today in response to the news that New Jersey plans to purchase 52 portable emergency generators with a recently-announced \$2.5 million FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant:

"I continue to be pleased by the State of New Jersey's efforts to create and implement a generator grant program which will benefit both the small business owners and citizens of New Jersey. I have promoted this program among my membership since it was first announced in October 2013, and I am confident that the State's decision to purchase 52 emergency portable generators for use at gasoline service stations, in conjunction with the Retail Fuel Station Energy Resiliency Program, will be much appreciated by station owners across the State."

"New Jersey's Retail Fuel Station Energy Resiliency Program currently offers two kinds of grants to qualifying gasoline stations (based on station location and underground fuel storage capacity): up to \$65,000 for the installation of a permanent back-up generator; or up to \$15,000 to install quick connect technology, which will allow the station owner to hook up a portable emergency generator, exactly like the ones that the State has just purchased," Risalvato continued.

"Absent the State pool of generators being made available to grant recipients, a station owner's only option is to make arrangements with a private generator company to have a generator arrive on-site during an emergency, when the demand for generators is at

chaotic levels. Now, there is another option. If a station owner chooses to install quick connect technology with a hook-up compatible with the generators being purchased by the State, then the station owner can arrange for the delivery of a back up generator when an emergency occurs, thereby circumventing the chaotic rental market, and guaranteeing that a generator will be on site," Risalvato said.

"For the past 10 months, the State has been diligently working to create a program that would eliminate the long gas lines that we experienced during Superstorm Sandy. This includes back-up generators at gas stations, as well as efforts to make New Jersey's fuel supply and distribution systems more resilient, ensuring a more reliable source of fuel when needed. This purchase of 52 portable emergency generators is just the most recent example of the State's commitment to finding the best solution to ensure that New Jersey motorists can fill up with gas in an emergency. I look forward to continuing to work with the State on this project, to further ensure that New Jersey motorists and small businesses are better prepared in case of another storm like Sandy," Risalvato concluded.

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