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Dear Gasoline Retailer,

This letter is to remind you that the application deadline for the Retail Fuel Station (RFS) Energy Resiliency Program (which provides grants to retail fuel stations to allow for faster and more reliable access to back-up power during an emergency), is just a few weeks away. In January, the New Jersey Gasoline-Convenience-Automotive Association (NJGCA) announced the beginning of a new application period for the RFS program, which expanded the eligibility criteria and made many more New Jersey stations, including yours, now eligible to apply.

This \$7 million grant program, which is funded through the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, enables targeted retail fuel stations which meet specific criteria, including yours, to remain operational during electric power outages. This voluntary program was previously limited to those in close proximity to evacuation routes with minimum gasoline storage capacity of 30,000 gallons.

Under the new guidelines, however, all retail stations in New Jersey which sell diesel fuel, and meet minimum gasoline storage criteria, are eligible to apply. Stations with gasoline storage capacity between 18,000 and 35,000 gallons can apply for quick connect grants up to \$15,000, and stations with gasoline storage capacity of greater than 35,000 gallons are eligible for permanent generator grants up to \$65,000.

Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2015, to allow ample time for review, approval and funding by the August 2016 deadline for distribution of program funds. Priority will be provided to stations located at or near a bridge or tunnel and stations that fuel county emergency vehicles.

Please visit www.njeda.com/generators for an online application. For additional information, please contact the New Jersey Business Action Center at 1-866-534-7789 or generators@njeda.com.

We sincerely hope that you will consider this opportunity to ensure uninterrupted service to your customers during future emergencies. Thank you very much.

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