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NATSO APPLAUDS NCWM DECISION TO REMOVE ATC FROM ITS AGENDA

ALEXANDRIA, VA. – NATSO, the trade association representing the nation’s truck stop and travel plaza industry, today congratulated the National Conference on Weights and Measures for its decision to remove automatic temperature compensation for retail fuel pumps as a method of sale from its agenda.

The Conference, which sets the standards for consumer products, voted to remove consideration of both voluntary and mandatory standards for selling fuel using a standard benchmark of 60 degrees. Under the current system, fuel is sold based on the more uniform standard of volume.

NATSO said the decision maintains a level playing field for consumers, who would have incurred the cost of implementing the new standard with no real benefit.

“We’re pleased that the National Conference on Weight and Measures voted to keep fairness and transparency in fuel pricing and delivery,” said NATSO CEO Lisa Mullings. “The current system yields the most benefits for consumers, who ultimately would have paid the price for changing requirements.”

In its remarks, the NCWM cited consensus against ATC as well as economic cost factors, lack of consumer benefit and absence of uniformity in the marketplace as reasons for its decision. Consumers also would have had to bear the costs associated with implementing ATC as states struggle against limited financial resources and the economic downturn, NCWM said.

NATSO has long-supported the sale of retail fuel based on volume because studies show ATC would hurt consumers and cost businesses thousands to implement. In addition, market conditions already compensate for fuel temperature changes, contrary to a series of inaccurate media reports.

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NATSO is the professional association of America’s travel plaza and truckstop industry. Founded in 1960, NATSO represents the industry on legislative and regulatory matters; serves as the official source of information on the diverse travel plaza and truckstop industry; provides education to its members; conducts an annual convention and trade show; and supports efforts to generally improve the business climate in which its members operate.