

# Important News

## About The New CNG Fueling Station



### **A Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station will open soon in Middleborough.**

A new type of “gas” station will be opening soon in Middleborough. This station will provide Compressed Natural Gas for CNG powered vehicles in use in southeastern Massachusetts. CNG is the latest type of fuel being promoted for automotive engines as a clean-burning domestic alternative fuel. This fueling station, nearing completion on Route 44, is being built and will be operated by AVSG, Inc and the fuel source – natural gas, the same fuel used to heat homes and cook dinner – will be provided by MG&E. It is scheduled to be operational in May.

### **Location, Location, Location!**

This is the first CNG station open for general use in this part of the state. It fills a gaping void in the network of fueling stations needed to serve the growing fleet of CNG cars and trucks at work for various state and local agencies. When it opens, state police, Mass highway and Environmental Management personnel no longer have to drive to South Yarmouth or Newton – the two closest stations – to fill up. This lack of access to CNG has stymied the use of this important new technology in our part of the state but now that will change.

For more on AVSG & current fueling locations see: [www.avsglp.com](http://www.avsglp.com)

### **It's the Law – Executive Order 388**

In 1996, the Mass. State legislature passed Executive Order 388, requiring that in 2001 and thereafter, 75% of all new light duty vehicles bought by the commonwealth use an alternative fuel. In our area, that would include small trucks, vans and sedans used by the Highway Department, Environmental Police and Management, and State Police. As a public utility, MG&E is also required to use Alternatively Fueled Vehicles such as CNG under Federal Department of Transportation law. Other local government fleets as well as federal fleets, like the Post Office, are also mandated to buy AFVs.

For more on this law see [www.fleets.doe.gov](http://www.fleets.doe.gov) (and choose Massachusetts)

For more on Federal Law see [www.ott.doe.gov/epact](http://www.ott.doe.gov/epact)

### **The MG&E Connection**

As early as 1998, our managers began searching for a suitable location for a CNG fueling station to supply not only our own future fleet, but, to be more cost effective, those of state agencies common in our service area. We soon met the owners of AVSG, who were operating a number of successful fueling stations already and found that they were actively looking for a new site in this region of the state. We developed a working partnership with AVSG and helped negotiate a lease agreement with the Town for use of property on Route 44, a highly visible and traveled road serving multiple communities in close proximity to a major state highway (Route 495). This partnership allows us to supply the fuel – expanding our core natural gas business – while the station ownership and operation will be handled by qualified experts.

### **MG&E CNG Vehicles**

MG&E currently has a 2001 Crown Victoria sedan. It is operated by the Gas Division Manager for routine trips throughout the service area including visits to customers, travel to off-site meetings and trips between Department offices. They also have a 2000 Ford 150 Pickup truck that is a hybrid – using both CNG and regular gasoline used for routine maintenance & service trips. The Department recently purchased a CNG van – a 2003 Ford Econoline E250 – for service calls in our gas service territory. It is a dedicated CNG vehicle, using only CNG as a fuel. More are planned in the future.

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