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Tricia Jackson Treece,

It appears that CNG is the state chosen alternate fuel to replace the diesel engines in Arkansas. There is very little mention of PROPANE to be used. Propane has been in use as engine fuel for many years (since the late 40's) and has been proven to be a clean burning fuel. I personally used propane on trucks in the sixties and seventies before natural gas even had the technology to convert a vehicle. Farmers were using propane tractors to work their fields many years ago. Propane fuel operates on much less pressure than CNG and is a liquid under moderate pressure while CNG is a liquid under tremendous pressure; enabling propane fuel tanks to hold much more fuel with less pressure than the CNG tank.

The propane fuel tanks on a vehicle will enable that vehicle to travel many more miles between fill ups than CNG, eliminating the need for alternate fuel corridors. There are propane dealers in every county that can service the propane vehicles, and offer service 24/7 on call.

School districts and or trucking companies can put propane refilling stations on their property and refill their own vehicles with their own trained personnel and have enough fuel to make round trips to about anywhere in Arkansas on one fill up, eliminating the need for fill ups on the trip. I think the state of Arkansas is doing a great injustice to trucking and fork lift companies plus school districts in our state by not including propane as a chosen alternate fuel rather than an honorable mention.

The propane dealers do not have the funds nor the people to lobby for their interests, and it appears that the natural gas companies have unlimited funds to keep their names in front of all elected officials in order to get their companies in the spotlight.

Thank you for listening. I have copied some representatives that might be interested in leveling the playing field for the propane dealers in Arkansas.

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