



Former U.S. Energy Dept. Head Asserts that Clean, Cheap, Domestic Natural Gas Plays a Critical Role in a Balanced Alternative Fuel Solution for California

-Clean Energy Board Member John Herrington Speaks At Unveiling of CalSTEP California Action Plan-

Sacramento, CA (January 31, 2007) At State Capitol ceremonies held today to unveil a new CalSTEP alternative transportation fuel California Action Plan, Clean Energy Board of Directors Member John Herrington stressed the key contribution that natural gas makes to California's current and future alternative fuel solution.

"Natural gas is an extremely low carbon fuel that is domestically produced," Herrington said. "It provides proven near-zero emission benefits unlike diesel or gasoline-powered vehicles, and is competitively priced at about \$1.85 per gallon at our Clean Energy fuel stations." Clean Energy, a member/partner in the CalSTEP organization, is North America's leading natural gas transportation fuel provider.

Across California there are several hundred operational private and municipal fleets - transit, refuse, airport, shuttle, taxi and light duty - that include thousands of natural gas-powered vehicles, Herrington explained.

"At Clean Energy, we fully understand the tremendous challenges that alternative fuel providers face when they attempt to penetrate today's petroleum-dominated market."

The former head of the U.S. Department of Energy added, "Proactive steps like those outlined in the new California Action Plan from the CalSTEP organization can help empower and grow the state's clean transportation industry."

"It's increasingly obvious that globally, our livelihood, our world economies, and our global environment all depend on upon a delicate balance of oil production and supply," he said.

"Clean Energy, like the other clean transportation companies involved in the CalSTEP Partnership, believes that the growth of California's clean transportation sector will require enduring legislative leadership and substantially more forward-thinking persistent public policy and commitments."

Clean Energy is the leading provider of vehicular natural gas (CNG and LNG) and related services in the United States. It has a broad customer base in the refuse, transit, shuttle, taxi, police, trucking, airport and municipal fleet markets with tens of thousands of vehicles fueling at strategic locations across the U.S. and Canada.

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