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Lewis County to be Part of Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Corridor

Jane Lew, W. Va. – Today, Governor Earl Ray Tomblin announced that IGS Energy CNG Services will be constructing a \$10 Million Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Corridor along Interstate 79 from Charleston to Pittsburgh. This announcement comes at a time when Natural Gas prices are at an increasingly low prices and energy efficiency is at the forefront of the consumer's mind.

Jane Lew, in Lewis County, will be one of the first locations to be a part of the refueling Corridor as it is to be included in the Phase One station locations. Other locations in Phase One will be in Bridgeport and Charleston in West Virginia and Mountain Morris, Pennsylvania. The development of the Corridor is to begin in the first quarter of 2013.

"This is good news for our community and county," said Greg Stark, President of the Lewis County Economic Development Authority. "Natural gas is the clean energy for the future and is our path to energy independence."

Chesapeake, a leading company in the growth of the Natural Gas industry in Lewis County, is one of the several companies committed to fuel their natural gas vehicles on the Corridor. Others will include Antero and EQT.

Development Authority officials in Lewis County look forward to the fueling station as it will use locally produced natural gas instead of foreign oil and be cheaper for local residents. Currently, the United States imports more than \$1 Billion every day of foreign oil, adding to conflicts in the Middle East. Domestic natural gas should cost approximately \$2.00 at the pump per gasoline gallon equivalent.

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