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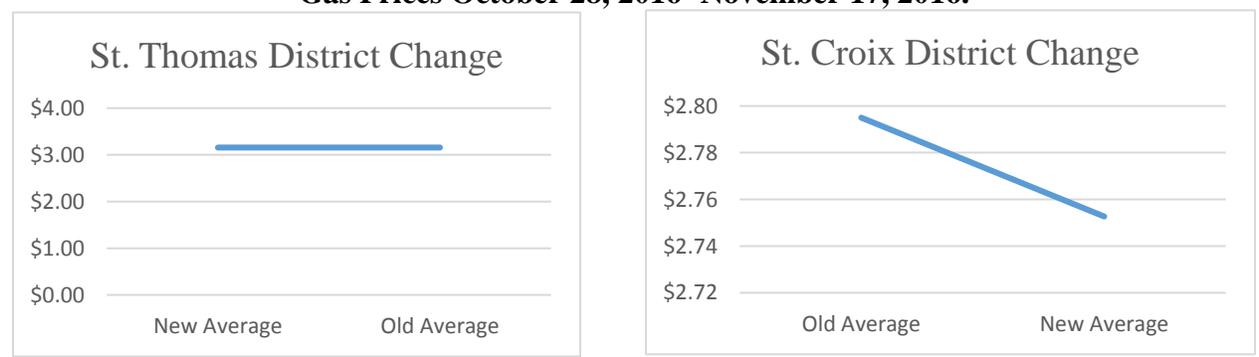
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**DLCA QUESTIONS DISPARITIES FOUND IN INTER-ISLAND FUEL**

(USVI, November 22, 2016) In what has been observed in its weekly compiled gas surveys and the soon to be completed study on fuel costs and accessibility in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Commissioner Devin Carrington of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs has noted the second week of low gas prices is St. Croix, as low as \$1.89 per gallon. At the same time, the commissioner continues to be alarmed by St. Thomas gas surveys that reveal little to no change in gas prices for months. (See below comparison of changes per district.) “DLCA is here to monitor and carry out a comprehensive analysis to find out the true cost of fuel, its impact on consumers and to ensure essential product security and market price fairness.”

“However,” Commissioner Carrington stated, “There are some things that do not require much analysis as they are plain to see. Now that we have obtained listings of the wholesalers and retailers and information on their prices, including overhead costs associated with doing business in the industry; DLCA has come to a firmer understanding of how evident and unreasonable the inter-island disparity is. The problem is clearly evident in the St. Thomas/St. John district where shipping costs do not justify such a disparity and where high prices remain, even as prices nationwide have diminished,” said Commissioner Carrington. “DLCA has issued an order that limits unsubstantiated price increases. Retailers and wholesalers have the responsibility to assure that essential commodities, like gas, are made accessible to the consumer at reasonable prices and should not seek to profit excessively. Businesses have the ethical responsibility to treat the consumer fairly.”

**Gas Prices October 28, 2016 -November 17, 2016.**



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The line charts show the average change in gas prices per district over a four week period. In St. Thomas, the line is constant and flat to indicate no change. In St. Croix, there is a steady decline that indicates a gradual decrease in price over time.

For more information on the fuel study email [info@dlca.vi.gov](mailto:info@dlca.vi.gov) or call (340)713-3522 on St. Croix and 340-714-3522 on St. Thomas. Visit the Department of Licensing Consumer Affairs Facebook page for the latest information in consumer news and business updates, @DLCAVI.

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