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DLCA REMINDS FUEL RETAILERS:
APPROVAL REQUIRED BEFORE ANY FUEL PRICE INCREASES

(U.S. Virgin Islands) The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA) is reminding all fuel wholesalers, retailers, and marine service stations throughout the Territory that the process for requesting fuel price increases remains in effect under the renewed Order issued on April 16, 2024. As part of the Government's ongoing commitment to protecting consumers and ensuring fairness in the marketplace, fuel providers must obtain **written approval from the DLCA before implementing any price increase.**

To request an increase, fuel wholesalers and retailers must submit:

- The Notice to Change Price of Fuel (which can be found at <https://dlca.vi.gov/forms/>) to include the amount of the proposed increase;
- The date of fuel delivery; and
- Supporting documentation, including invoices reflecting the increased cost.

No price change may take effect until approval is granted. DLCA continues to monitor fuel pricing across the Territory and will take enforcement action where necessary to ensure compliance. "Fuel pricing directly impacts every resident and business in our community," said Commissioner Nathalie Hodge. "We understand that businesses face rising costs, but there is a process in place to ensure that any increases are fair, justified, and properly reviewed. We expect all fuel retailers to follow that process." Fuel retailers are reminded that any increase implemented without prior written authorization from the DLCA may result in enforcement action, including administrative penalties as outlined in the Commissioner's Order.

Violations may result in:

- Fines of **\$200.00 per day per violation**; and
- Further action, including the potential revocation of business licenses for continued noncompliance.

Fuel retailers are encouraged to review the attached Order in its entirety and ensure full compliance. The DLCA stands ready to assist fuel wholesalers and retailers with the submission process and encourages entities to ensure all required documentation accompanies their requests.

For additional information or to obtain the Notice to Change Price of Fuel form, contact the DLCA Office of the Commissioner at (340) 725-5129 or the Division of Consumer Affairs at (340) 713-3522.

The DLCA remains committed to maintaining transparency and fairness in fuel pricing across the Territory.



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TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

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RENEWED ORDER
PROCEDURE TO REQUEST INCREASE IN FUEL PRICES

Pursuant to V.I. Code Ann. tit. 11, §§ 1011 and 1012 of the Price Control Act, the Commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, H. Nathalie Hodge, hereby renews the longstanding order setting out the procedure applicable to all **wholesalers and retailers fuel, including but not limited to gasoline, diesel, and propane fuel** in the Territory as a pre-requisite to increasing their fuel prices. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED, that consistent with its continuing regulatory authority of setting out the procedures for increasing prices, **effective April 16, 2024**, all wholesalers of fuel, retailers of fuel and marine service stations in the United States Virgin Islands, shall only be permitted to increase their prices of fuel after submitting a written request to the Department showing the date of delivery, amount of the proposed increase, along with submission of an invoice evidencing the increased prices, and after receiving approval from same; and it is further

ORDERED, that any wholesaler or retailer of fuel wishing to further petition the Department for an increase above the amount authorized, may do so presenting invoices and other evidence justifying the proposed increased amount; and it is further

ORDERED, that additional increases shall not be permitted without the written authorization of the Department; and it is further

ORDERED, that any increase without the written authorization of the Department, shall result in a fine of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per day for such violation, and it is further

ORDERED, that any increase above the amount authorized, shall result in a fine of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per day for such violation; and it is further

ORDERED, that in the case of continued violations, the Department shall use all legal remedies available to it, including the initiation of proceedings for the revocation of the entity's business license(s); and it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall remain in effect until **lifted by order of the Commissioner**.

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs stands ready to assist all wholesalers and retailers of fuel in the United States Virgin Islands in this process. For the Notice to Change Price of Fuel form and more information, Director of Consumer Affairs, Matthew Padgett, can be reached at (340) 713.3522 or you may call the Office of the Commissioner directly at (340) 725.5129.



H. Nathalie Hodge, Commissioner

Dated: April 16, 2024

For more information or service updates, contact the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs at 340.713.3522 on St. Croix, 340.714.3522 on St. Thomas, or 340.727.3303 on St. John; or visit us online at www.dlca.vi.gov.

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