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DIVISION OF REGIONAL OFFICES  
BINGHAMTON REGIONAL OFFICE

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Dear Station Owner or Manager:

The Attorney General's office has received complaints from consumers about the sharp and sudden increase in the price of gasoline, and has collected information suggesting that your station is charging prices above the local average. The Attorney General is authorized by Section 396-r of the General Business Law to enforce the law prohibiting price gouging. This office is also authorized by Executive Law, Section 63 (12) to investigate allegations of fraud perpetrated by businesses on consumers and by General Business Law, Section 349 to redress deceptive business practices.

Therefore, pursuant to the above authority, we are requesting that you provide to us the following information:

1. The price(s) at which you sold your lowest priced grade of gas on every day between February 10, 2011, and the date of this letter. If this gas was sold at more than one price on a single day, please indicate the time periods during which each price was in effect.
2. The price(s) you paid for the lowest priced gas you sell for all gas purchased between January 1, 2011, and the date of this letter. For each purchase, indicate the date and time of the purchase, the volume of gas purchased, and the price per gallon you paid for it.
3. Copies of all invoices for gas you purchased between January 1, 2011, and the date of this letter.

Please be assured that the purpose of this request is to assist us in investigating allegations. The Attorney General's office is not accusing you of any wrongdoing. Please feel free to provide this office with any other information that you believe may help us understand the reasons for your price increases or that may justify them under the terms of the New York State price gouging statute.

Please provide the requested information to me at the address listed above on or before 5:00 P.M. on April 20, 2011. I can arrange to have the material picked up from your station location if needed. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 721-8771.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,



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