

Central Freight Lines To Test Peterbilt Natural Gas Tractors

Evaluation of 15 vehicles under a grant from the Houston-Galveston Area Council is part of an ongoing effort to reduce harmful emissions and support natural gas producers

Waco, Texas – February 15, 2012– Central Freight Lines (CFL), a leading less-than-truckload (LTL) for-hire common carrier, today announced its intention to test 15 new clean air tractors under a grant from the HGAC, Houston-Galveston Area Council. The latest in a series of steps the company is taking to help protect the environment and foster the use of domestic fuel sources could lead to an addition of 200 natural gas tractors in CFL's south Texas market.

"The opportunity to test natural gas tractors is part our effort to help improve air quality in the areas where we operate," said Don Orr, president and CEO of Central Freight Lines. "In the past few years, we have been consistently replacing power units with newer emissions compliant engines, and adding other environmentally friendly equipment such as propane-powered forklifts. With the Houston-Galveston Area Council's backing we can fully evaluate how natural gas tractors will help further our goals and help fight air pollution in some of the major metropolitan areas we serve, including Houston, which has higher air pollution levels than most large cities in the country.

"We are firm believers in using domestically produced fuels like natural gas to help reduce consumption of foreign oil," Orr added. "Natural gas powered tractors support U.S. energy producers, including many in our home state of Texas. In addition, many of those companies and their suppliers are our customers."

The new clean air, natural gas tractors joining the CFL fleet will be used for local pick up and deliveries in the Houston-Galveston service area where a natural gas fueling infrastructure is available. The higher up front cost of the engines, Orr noted, will be returned to the company in the significantly lower cost of natural gas. Currently, natural gas prices are about half on a per gallon-equivalent compared to on-highway diesel fuel.

The 15 new tractors that will be added to the CFL fleet are 2013 Peterbilt 384 4X2 Tractors and will be equipped with Agility 75 DGE Back of Cab CNG Fueling System (75 Gallon Diesel Equivalent). Specs for the tractors include an ISL-G 320/2200 engine and Allison 3000 Highway Series Transmission.

About Central Freight Lines

Central Freight Lines is a less-than-truckload (LTL) for-hire common motor carrier of general freight with a rich history in providing transportation to emerging businesses and Fortune 500 industry leaders since 1925. Headquartered in Waco, Texas, the company operates 1,600 tractors and 8,000 trailers from 51 terminals throughout the Southwest. Privately owned and operated, CFL is often recognized for its ongoing accomplishments in service, quality, and safety. For more information call 800-782-5036, or visit www.centraalfreight.com.