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EAST TENNESSEE UP TO ELEVEN E85 STATIONS Northeast Tennesseans Now Have Plethora of Choices with Nine Locations

Knoxville TN - In early 2008, there were two E85 stations in East Tennessee, and both were in Knoxville. Those two stations are still going strong, but another part of East Tennessee has burst on to the scene by adding E85 stations over the last six months. Within now three counties in the Tri-Cities area—Washington, Sullivan and Greene—there are nine E85 stations.

Two companies, Appalachian Oil Company (Appco) and Mountain Empire Oil Company, have led this charge. Mountain Empire, who operates the Roadrunner Markets locally, has opened four stations so far this year in Kingsport (2), Bristol and Jonesborough. Appco has opened five so far in Piney Flats, Bristol, Blountville, Johnson City and Greeneville. Now each of the larger four cities in northeast Tennessee each has at least one with Kingsport and Bristol having two each.

Appco's Vice President of Supply Randall Tankersley says of their adding new availability of E85, "We've been working on this for some time and it's just now starting to roll out. We are hoping that the market is really ready to embrace this American fuel because it's time we went in a different direction for our country. If all goes well, we might have another two pumps open at different stations in the area before the end of the year."

Mountain Empire's Vice President of Operations John Kelly adds the following. "We are excited to be able to make this available to our customers in Northeast Tennessee and want to 'test the water' so to speak to see how much demand is out there. We believe that with American acceptance and continued affordable supply of ethanol from traditional and advanced sources like switchgrass, we can all partner to make real change for our country and each other."

Jonathan Overly, executive director of the East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition says, "Tri-Citians now have the opportunity to burn something different in their vehicles. If you have a flex-fuel vehicle (FFV) then go fill-up! If you need one then shop in your local market for new or used FFVs. There's more than you know in the local market. But you now have an option that helps on multiple fronts—like using American energy and reducing our carbon footprints—so it's up to the community now to help drive consumption of this decidedly more American fuel."



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There are now 22 E85 stations across Tennessee, and the number should grow still larger before the end of the year. The number of E85 stations in the U.S. is now over 1,700 and growing by leaps and bounds each year.

E85 is a cleaner-burning, renewable, American-made fuel that can be used in any FFV, of which there are approximately 8 million on the road in the U.S. today. For every unit of fossil energy used to produce ethanol across its life cycle, 1.4 units of energy are derived as fuel ethanol. That's better than a 1:1 ratio! On the other hand, for

every unit of fossil energy used to produce gasoline, only 0.82 units of energy as gasoline are derived. The transition to cellulosic ethanol in Tennessee, compliments of Governor Phil Bredesen and the University of Tennessee Biofuels Initiative through the Genera Energy and DuPont Danisco partnership, is projected to triple that life cycle efficiency (that is, for every one unit of fossil energy input to the cellulosic production process, 5-8 units of energy as cellulosic ethanol will be derived). The expanded availability and use of E85 by individuals and public and private vehicle fleets is reducing our nation's dependence on petroleum, including that sourced from foreign countries, and improving our global and local air quality.

See the map provided below to see where all the stations are that offer E85 or biodiesel blends in the region, and visit our Website, www.ETCleanFuels.org, to find more information like exact location, maps and hours.

ET Public Biofuel Stations Map - August 2008

- Totals as of August: E85 = 11; biodiesel = 14

- 1st B20 pump - April 4, '04; 1st E85 pump - June 6, '07

