

ASSURANCE OF VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

The Office of the Iowa Attorney General, by the undersigned, hereby accepts this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance in order to resolve a dispute regarding alleged violations of the Iowa Competition Law, Iowa Code Ch. 553 (1997) and the Iowa Consumer Fraud Act, Iowa Code Section 714.16 (1997) and to ensure future compliance with such laws on the part of the parties identified below.

1. Parties: The following parties enter into this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance: Larry Bentler, individually and as president of Jet Gas Corp.; Tony Fedler, individually and as president of Fedler and Company; and Robert Lamm, individually and as manager of Dickey's Prarie Home, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

2. The Iowa Attorney General has alleged that the parties identified herein are engaged in the retail sale of gasoline in the Mt. Pleasant, Iowa market, and have engaged in communications with competitors intended to influence the retail price of gasoline, in violation of the statutes cited above.


3. The parties entering into this Assurance deny any wrongdoing and deny that they, or any of them, have engaged in any anti-competitive activity or otherwise violated any law.

4. Each party agrees to comply with the Iowa Competition Law, Iowa Code Ch. 553 (1997) and the Iowa Consumer Fraud Act, Iowa Code Section 714.16 (1997).

5. Each party agrees that if the Attorney General determines that a party has violated the Iowa Competition Law and/or the Iowa Consumer Fraud Act, the Attorney General may file a lawsuit under the Act or Acts in question based on the alleged violation(s), and, in addition to being entitled upon a proper showing to any and all other relief available under the law for the conduct in question, shall be awarded the maximum civil penalty then available by law under the above-cited Act(s) against each party adjudicated to be in violation. Each party further agrees that, in the event that the Attorney General brings such an action, any cause of action the Attorney General might have against the parties, or any of them, as of the date this Assurance is signed, for violation of either or both of the Acts cited herein, shall not be deemed extinguished by any statute of limitations, and may be pursued in such action.

6. Each party shall pay to the fund created by 1996 Iowa Acts Chapter 1216, §1(3) the sum of \$20,000.00 on or before the signing of this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance.

7. The Office of the Attorney General shall take no further action against these parties regarding alleged violations under the Iowa Competition Law and the Iowa Consumer Fraud Act based on the course of activities known to the Office of the Attorney General as of the execution of this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance.




Larry Bentler, individually
and as President of Jet Gas Corp.

Signed by Larry Bentler before the undersigned Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa on this 8th day of May, 1997.



Notary Public, State of Iowa

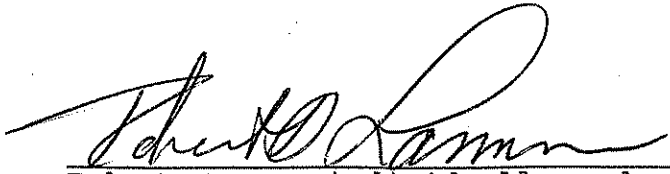


Tony Fedler, individually and as
President of Fedler and Company

Signed by Tony Fedler before the undersigned Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa on this 9th day of May, 1997.

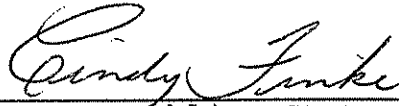


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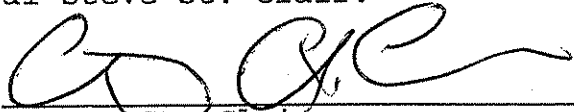
Robert Lamm, individually and as
manager of Dickey's Prarie Home

Signed by Robert Lamm before the undersigned Notary Public in and
for the State of Iowa on this 21st day of May,
1997.



Notary Public, State of Iowa

This Assurance of Voluntary Compliance is accepted on behalf of the
Iowa Department of Justice on this 2nd day of July,
1997 by Assistant Attorney General Steve St. Clair.



Steve St. Clair
Assistant Attorney General