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**Idaho Gas Prices Plummet as Convenience Stores Work to Stay Open
to Support Idahoans and Essential Businesses**

BOISE, Idaho – While most Idahoans are working from home, and schools around the state are closed as part of Governor Brad Little’s shelter-in-place executive order, essential employees and businesses are seeing a break at the gas pump. According to GasBuddy.com the average price per gallon in Idaho is roughly \$2.11 with some parts of the state seeing prices under \$2.00.

“The demand is low right now and we are adjusting accordingly. This is not an easy time for anyone and we as a community are working together. The price of crude oil has gone down, and the good news is we are able to lower prices because of it,” said Matt Berry, Idaho Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association President. “While ensuring the gas market adjusts accordingly, our number one priority is to guarantee that our local gas stations and convenience stores are able to keep their doors open. We appreciate Idahoans who are using local convenience stores as a safe place to buy essentials and daily needs.”

With fewer people buying gas, less is being spent inside the stores as well. Many local owners are worried about their ability to make payroll or even keeping their doors open. In the meantime, employees are taking extra precautions to help flatten the curve. Additional cleaning safeguards have been implemented and employees are encouraged to wear gloves and wash their hands even more regularly than before.

“All our employees are coming face-to-face with new people each day and we know they would rather be in the safety of their homes and with their families, but their services are essential to keeping the economy moving forward and ensuring other essential businesses can continue to operate,” said Berry. “We sympathize with the businesses who have had to temporarily close. While we can’t do that, we are working with the same team but with minimal impact. This is a difficult time and we are grateful for those who support our businesses; we are all in this together.”

About IPM&CSA

The Idaho Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association (IPM&CSA) is a non-profit trade association of members with direct retail and wholesale marketing operations throughout the state of Idaho.