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Secretary of State

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ORDER

To establish the price of the half (1/2) gallon of gasoline as transitory measure and that the litter should be the final metric measure for the sale of gasoline in Puerto Rico.

WHEREAS : During the last decades, gasoline as an energetic means for the social and economic development of Puerto Rico, has become a fundamental and indispensable element of our economy.

WHEREAS : The normal functioning of Puerto Rico's society depends upon the availability of gasoline.

WHEREAS : The continuously varying and increasing price of gasoline throughout the whole island and the impossibility of gasoline pumps in the service stations to show and compute a price higher than 99.9 cents per gallon, makes it indispensable to establish a uniform system in the whole island for the computation of the sales from these gasoline pumps.

WHEREAS : A system for the distribution of gasoline based on a measure to which all the gas pumps already in used can be adapted should be established. This measure should be at the lowest possible cost for the distributing companies and providing the greatest security to the consumer.

WHEREAS : The short and long terms measures that can be adapted with the lowest posible cost are the computation of gasoline prices in the gas pumps based on the price of the half (1/2) gallon and to use the metric

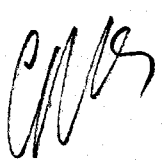
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measure of the liter for the sale and price computation of gasoline.

WHEREAS : The Consumer Affairs Department has, among its commitments, to administer Law Number 145 of June 27, 1968 (Weights and Measurement Law of Puerto Rico). Such a law establishes that the English and Metric Systems are legal in Puerto Rico for use of commerce, industry and for the whole island.

WHEREAS : Article 8, clause B, of Law Number 5, of April 23, 1973, as amended, empowers the Secretary of the Consumer Affairs Department, in cases that require immediate action, to avoid serious damages to the consumer and with the approval of the Honorable Governor of Puerto Rico, to adopt any order or regulation without holding public hearings.

WHEREAS : The United States Congress approved Public Law Number 94-168, which established a public policy with the purpose of changing to metric in the United States of America in order to unify the system of weights and measures of that nation with all the nation of the world that use the Metric System.

 WHEREAS : The public policy established by Law Number 94-168, supra, has been favorably accepted by all the public and private sectors of the United States of America.

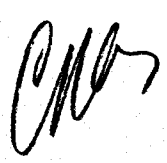
WHEREAS : As a consequence of said law all the manufacturers of gasoline pumps has been preparing adequately for this change and modern mechanic measures can be adapted conveniently to the Metric Systems for reasonable costs.

WHEREAS : Law Number 73 of June 23, 1978, in its Article 2, declares the gasoline industry as one invested with public interest in all its aspects.

WHEREAS : It is necessary to establish in Puerto Rico methods which at short and long terms solve effectively, economically and rapidly the difficulty of supplying gasoline using the pumps as they are, at this moment when gasoline prices have reached one dollar (\$1.00) or more per gallon.

WHEREAS : I, Carmen T. Pesquera de Busquets, Secretary of the Consumer Affairs Department, consider that, as a long term measure, the price of gasoline should be computed by Liters, which is a metric measurement unit, and as a short term measure to adopt the system by which for each gallon of gasoline sold to a consumer the price in the pump will show the price of a half gallon, having the consumer pay double the price shown by the gasoline pump.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Carmen T. Pesquera de Busquets, Secretary of the Department of Consumer Affairs, according to the provisions of Law Number 145 of June 27, 1968, and to the powers conferred to me by Law Number 5 of April 23, 1973, as amended, issue the following:

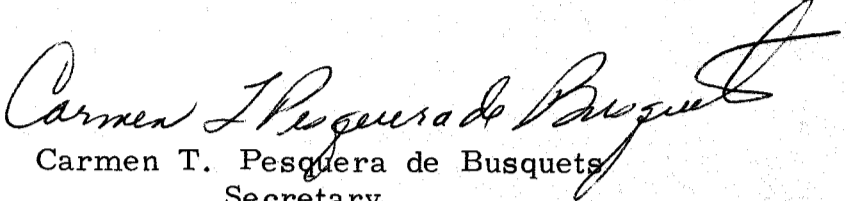


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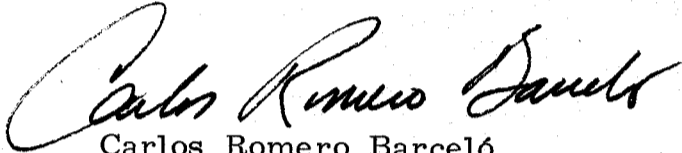
That from June 18, 1979 and up to December 31, 1979, all gasoline pumps in Puerto Rico should compute the price of the gallon of gasoline on the basis of one half (1/2) gallon, having the consumer pay the double of the price shown in the gasoline pump.

That since January 1, 1980, the Metric System should be adopted in Puerto Rico using the Liter as the basic measurement unit for the sale of gasoline.

Issued in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on June 12, 1979.


Carmen T. Pesquera de Busquets
Secretary

Approved in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on June 14, 1979.


Carlos Romero Barceló
Governor of Puerto Rico