

## LNG haul truck co. coming to Wyo.



Early GFS-outfitted Cat Caterpillar 793 at Alpha Coal's Belle Ayr Mine near Gillette. Courtesy photo.

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Gaseous Fuel Systems Corp. (GFS) has been working with coal producers in the Cowboy State to make the switch, and the company announced last week it is converting about a quarter of Arch Coal's Komatsu 930E haul truck fleet with its hybrid system at the massive Black Thunder Mine in Campbell County. The ramp-up comes after Arch piloted the technology by running two converted 830E trucks since early this year.

“We are pleased that Arch Coal is expanding their evaluation program to include their 930E fleet,” said Jason Green, President and CTO of GFS. “Arch Coal is leading the way in the adoption of LNG technologies for electric-drive haul trucks and we are excited to be one of their technical partners.”

Conversion of the trucks should occur before the end of the year.

GFS earlier this year announced it would convert all of Alpha Coal West Inc.'s 16 Caterpillar 793s to use natural gas by this month at its Eagle Butte Mine, and recently told *High Horsepower Insight* that the last of the trucks went into service last week. Four of the trucks were the result of a pilot project that began in 2012 and made Alpha the first company in the world to use LNG for haul truck operations at its Belle Ayr Mine, according to GFS.

The projects are pushing GFS to open a 4,300-square-foot facility in Gillette to service the industry. The company said it anticipates high demand.

“This new facility in Gillette shows our continued commitment to the Powder River Basin,” said Vice President of Operations Kerry Hackney in a release. “We launched our Evo-MT System here and are determined to provide all of our customers in the PRB with superior service and support.”

Watch for more on this in the November print issue of the *Wyoming Business Report*.

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