

Fuel Pricing Probe Escalates as Government Sues Midway Gas Over Subpoena Defiance

The GVI has asked the court to compel Midway Gas to produce pricing and cost records after the operator allegedly ignored a subpoena tied to DLCA's fuel pricing study, part of a broader enforcement effort in the St. Thomas–St. John district.

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The Virgin Islands government has escalated its effort to obtain pricing and operational data from fuel retailers in the St. Thomas–St. John district, asking the courts to compel compliance after months of nonresponse to legally issued subpoenas.

In a lawsuit filed Monday, the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs and the Department of Justice said they are seeking a court order requiring the company behind Midway

Gas to turn over records that were formally requested last fall. According to the filing, Zaza Convenient Center, LLC failed to respond to a subpoena issued in late October seeking extensive information related to fuel operations and pricing.

The subpoena requests records covering retail fuel sales, wholesale purchases, transportation and delivery costs, operating expenses and overhead, pricing methodologies, tax records, and compliance and regulatory filings, dating back to May 2020. The deadline for producing the information was November 28, 2025. “To date, Respondent has not produced any of the information,” the civil complaint states.

The legal action follows warnings issued by DLCA officials in November of last year, when the agency told lawmakers that the Department of Justice would assist in enforcing subpoenas against service stations in the St. Thomas–St. John district that had ignored the legally binding requests. At that time, DLCA reported that all gas stations on St. Croix had complied, while only two of the 29 stations in the St. Thomas–St. John district had submitted the required information.

More than two months later, the government has not indicated whether additional stations beyond Midway Gas remain noncompliant, though the lawsuit signals continued enforcement against operators that have failed to respond.

DLCA has said the information is necessary to complete a territory-wide fuel pricing study, intended to analyze how gas prices are set and to better understand the cost factors influencing fuel prices paid by consumers.