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## **F.L. Roberts Buys Back Service Stations and Car Washes Sold 17-years ago**

**(Springfield, MA)** – F. L. Roberts & Company bought back 12 Sunoco-branded service station properties, including 7 car washes, it originally sold to Sunoco, Inc. nearly two decades ago.

The 19 acquired business operations in Western Massachusetts include 8 Sunoco, Inc. company operated service stations with 4 F.L. Roberts-operated Golden Nozzle car washes on-site and 4 F.L. Roberts presently operated service stations with 3 F.L. Roberts-operated Golden Nozzle car washes on-site.

All sites will officially open under the local company's ownership Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

“It is extremely exciting for me personally to repurchase these properties, most of which our family bought and developed over the past 30 years. We are also looking forward to expanding our relationship with Sunoco, Inc., while at the same time offering F.L. Roberts and Sunoco brand gasoline customers more opportunities to benefit from our new customer rewards program as well as our partnership with Big Y” said Steven M. Roberts, President.

The 4th generation, 90-year-old family company has recently closed and/or sold six locations, but with the addition of the new Sunoco stations, its holdings in the gas and convenience business have held strong at approximately 30 locations. In total, F.L. Roberts operates 34 stations in Western Massachusetts and Connecticut, in addition to its other businesses, which include truck refueling facilities, Golden Nozzle Car Washes, Jiffy Lube service centers and the Whately Diner.

The majority of the gas and convenience locations in the F.L. Roberts network of automotive services are branded Sunoco, Mobil, or Valero. In addition, five of the Roberts gas stations bear the company's name and sell F. L. Roberts brand gasoline.

The newly purchased locations, which will remain under the Sunoco brand, will be part of the company's new customer rewards program launched earlier this year. The F.L. Roberts RewardsPLUS card allows customers to earn points at F.L. Roberts'

businesses that can be redeemed for discounts on gas. The company has also partnered with grocery chain Big Y and accepts their “coins” for additional savings at the pump.

The 12 service station and 7 car wash properties F.L. Roberts purchased from Sunoco, Inc. include:

Chicopee Sunoco	502 Montgomery Street, Chicopee (car wash on-site)
East Longmeadow Sunoco	204 N. Main Street, East Longmeadow (car wash on-site)
Feeding Hills Sunoco	2 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills
Ludlow Sunoco	425 Center Street, Ludlow
Sumner Ave Sunoco	730 Sumner Ave, Springfield
Breckwood Sunoco	1200 Wilbraham Road, Springfield
Boston Road Sunoco	1313 Boston Road, Springfield (car wash on-site)
Armory Street Sunoco	140 Armory Street, Springfield (car wash on-site)
Longhill Sunoco	487 E. Columbus Ave, Springfield (car wash on-site)
Westfield Sunoco	88 S. Maple Street, Westfield (car wash on-site)
Westfield Street Sunoco	2667 Westfield Street, West Springfield (car wash on-site)
West Springfield Sunoco	735 Westfield Street, West Springfield

Since 1920, F.L. Roberts has done business in Western Massachusetts and in 90 years has expanded to over 500 employees and 60 sites. In 2010, F.L. Roberts launched their RewardsPLUS customer rewards program as a way to help consumers save at the pump for gas, convenience store, and automotive services.

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