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As with many gas stations around Greenville, gas prices at the QT at Verdae Boulevard and Woodruff Road are under $2.

Gas prices could fall 10 to 15 cents more per gallon in SC

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With Christmas travel gas prices already at the lowest levels in more than five years, South Carolina motorists can look forward to another gift as 2015 approaches.

Prices at the pump are expected to drop another 10 or 15 cents per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline as the New Year rings in, said Tiffany Wright, spokeswoman for AAA Carolinas.

At $2.06 per gallon, the Greenville metro area ranks as the state's lowest average price, while Columbia, at $2.23 per gallon is the highest.

The continued decline locally and nationwide is a product of a domestic supply that outweighs demand and the winter gasoline mix, less expensive than the formulas used in hotter months.

More South Carolinians are also taking to the road this holiday travel season than another other, Wright said. About 1,375,000 South Carolinians will travel at least 50 miles away from home for the Christmas and New Year's holiday, up by more than 50,000 residents over last year.

Travel has been bolstered by a stronger economy, consumer confidence and those low gas prices, Wright said.

"Nothing good lasts forever," she said. "That's why we say at AAA, 'Enjoy it while you can.' "

But the downward trend in gas prices has lasted a long time. A year ago, a gallon cost 95 cents more. And from Tuesday to Wednesday, the price fell by two cents.

"What you're seeing is more people taking those close to home trips they normally wouldn't take," Wright said. "People might go to Myrtle Beach, and if I'm saving $10 to $20 on a tank, depending on the make of the car, that's going to give people more disposable income. They'll be able to extend their stay. The same can't be said with air travel."

Airlines have not dropped ticket prices as fuel prices have fallen off, so travelers commuting by air have not reaped similar savings.