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Two types of dispensing devices are typically used for natural gas vehicle refueling; An electronic CNG fueling dispenser which looks like a conventional gasoline dispenser and is designed to refuel a vehicle in a few minutes, and a timefill post, which is basically a fill hose and nozzle alone - no electronic dispenser, dispenser cabinet, etc. Timefill systems are typically designed to refuel a vehicle over several hours (typically at less than 1/10th the flow rate of an electronic dispenser). Does the timefill post meet the definition of a dispenser?

Yes, regardless of the delivery system. A CNG delivery system from the supply tank to the vehicle is a dispenser. NFPA 52 2002 Edition, defines a dispenser station as a natural gas installation that dispenses CNG from storage containers or a distribution pipeline into fuel supply connectors or portable cylinders by means of a compressor or pressure booster.