CLAIMS:

1. The use of a polyalkylene glycol of general formula I

$$HO\text{-}(A\text{-}O)_p\text{-}(CH_2CH_2\text{-}O)_m\text{-}(A\text{-}O)_q\text{-}H \qquad (I)$$

wherein A is a C_3- to C_{20}-alkylene group or a mixture of such alkylene groups, m is a number of from 2 to 100 and p and q are each numbers of from 1 to 100,

as an additive in a fuel for reducing fuel consumption in the operation of an internal combustion engine with this fuel.

2. The use according to claim 1, wherein A in general formula I is a mixture of two different typs of alkylene groups A^1 and A^2 with A^1 designating one or more C_3- to C_7 alkylene groups and A^2 designating one or more C_8- to C_{20}-alkylene groups, A^1 and A^2 being arranged randomly or blockwise.

3. The use according to claim 1 or 2, wherein A in general formula I is a C_8- to C_{20}-alkylene group (A^2) or a mixture of C_8- to C_{20}-alkylene groups (A^2) arranged randomly.

4. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 2 of a polyalkylene glycol obtained by alkoxylation of polyethylene glycols of general formula II

$$HO\text{-}(CH_2CH_2\text{-}O)_m\text{-}H \qquad (II)$$

wherein m is a number of from 2 to 100,

with 2 to 200 moles of a C_3- to C_{20}-alkylene oxide or a mixture of such alkylene oxides per mole of polyethylene glycol II, the alkoxylation product being arranged randomly or blockwise.

5. The use according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the fuel is a gasoline fuel and amount of this at least one polyalkylene glycol in the gasoline fuel is 10 to 5000 ppm by weight.

6. The use according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the fuel is a Eurosuper base fuel according to EN 228.

7. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the fuel is an ethanol containing gasoline fuel.

8. The use according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the fuel further comprises at least one fuel additive which is different from the said polyalkylene glycols and has detergent action.

9. The use according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the fuel comprises the at least one complex ester and at least one carrier oil.

10. The use according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the fuel comprises the at least one complex ester and at least one corrosion inhibitor.