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Utah Public Service Commission
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Dear Commissioners,

In November of last year, I wrote to you about the decommissioning of consumer-owned propane tanks in anticipation of future expansion of the natural gas infrastructure. I also outlined some of the potential hazards that may occur if tanks are simply abandoned.

After review with the propane industry as well as my inspection staff, I find that my closing statement indicated that I was placing the Commission and the natural gas industry in an untenable situation with regard to possible tank removal.

It is more obvious to me now that the request should have been to simply ask a future natural gas supplier if they would be willing to provide a safety handout or perhaps a web address that would provide relevant safety information about the cessation of the use of their tank.

It should never have been asked that the Commission or any state entity put any financial or other responsibility upon the natural gas industry other than perhaps a request to provide some safety information to a customer who was transitioning from propane to natural gas.

I would like to withdraw my request for any agency action. I apologize for putting the Utah Public Service Commission in such an awkward position.

I thank you for being proactive in having this issue reviewed by legal counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Coy D. Porter".