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Re: Senator Greg Bell's Support for Questar Gas Company's Application for a Conservation Enabling Tariff

Dear Commissioners:

I write expressing my support for the proposal known as the Conservation-Enabling Tariff that is now before the Public Service Commission of Utah.

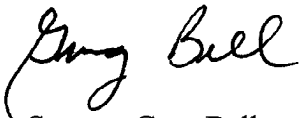
At the recent Energy Policy Summit held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures, the states were strongly encouraged to adopt energy efficiency measures and specifically to "de-couple" utilities' earnings from the sale of their commodity. You, of course, recognize the disconnect between encouraging conservation on the one hand and tying a utility company's profit to supply.

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Of course, such measures must work for the best interests of residential and business consumers as well. Likewise, utilities should do all they can to educate consumers about energy efficiency. As state leaders, we need to promote programs that will lead to construction of more affordable housing, cleaner air, better resource management, and, ultimately, lower energy prices.

I urge the PSC to approve the proposal and encourage the gas company to quickly introduce programs that promote energy efficiency.

Sincerely,



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