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Subject: Fwd: Re:Inquiry from M. Ashcroft

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CC: Anderson, Cheralyn; Cohen, Lis; Constituent Services
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Attached for your action is an email that was received by the Governor's Office on a recent PSC decision on the pricing of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for motor fuels.

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Thank you.

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>>> Constituent Services <constituentservices@utah.gov> 12/24/2008 12:10 PM >>>

Below is an inquiry which was received by the Governor's Office of Constituent Services on 12/24/2008. Please respond directly to the constituent and reply to this email with a copy of your response by 1/7/2009. Thank you.

M. Ian Ashcroft

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SUBJECT:

RE: "DOCKET NO. 07-057-13 â€" In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to Increase Distribution Non-Gas Rates and Charges to Make Tariff Modifications. As Filed by the Commission on Monday, December 22, 2008
Governor Huntsman,

My family and I have made the commitment to purchase a Natural Gas Vehicle for two main reasons. First we have come to rely upon the low cost natural gas that the Mountain West enjoys because it's a local resource. Second, to do our small part in reducing the amount of pollution we would otherwise be responsible for. The rate hike this ruling will cause will be a major blow to the viability of natural gas as a clean alternative fuel and it will increase our dependence on foreign oil. Questar is my only source for the only fuel my car runs on. There is no competition to keep the prices fair.

When I purchased my NGV I did it thinking that prices would remain low in order to save money and reduce my personal dependency on oil, with this new ruling it no longer promotes clean gas, in fact it discourages it with the rate of falling oil prices. This is the wrong course of action in tough economic times when the Natural Gas Vehicle community relies upon and I personally need a low cost alternative to gasoline (I make less than 30k a year which I use to feed my family of four and try to be as frugal as I can with what I have been given. My cheap fuel was saving me from severe financial difficulty that would have been caused by unmatched high oil prices). Please help us to reconsider the ruling on CNG for vehicles, if not NGV and other alternative fuels are no longer a benefit in any way if taxes discourage their use and or promotion. I have kept this message brief and I look forward to a more detailed dialog on this issue.

Respectfully submitted

Ian Ashcroft