

Mr. Jim Logan:

I wanted to follow up on a phone call I made to your office voice mail to ensure that you are aware of my concerns and criticisms of the new **Natural Gas increase** for automobiles of 188%.

First, in this time of crisis where foreign oil has become an issue to fight wars over and debilitate countries economically, it seems to be almost un-American to sabotage the internal efforts of Americans to find alternative sources of fuel to lessen our dependency on people, for the most part, that wish us dead. We have an abundance of natural gas in North America and it seems to be the best alternative at present. It takes little to retrofit cars and trucks to run on this fuel and it is safe for the environment.

Secondly, we (America) should be looking to the future not only to lessen our opportunities to be self-sufficient when it comes to finding, processing, and distributing fuel. Again, Natural Gas seems to be the best immediate alternative. It is clean burning and gives off fewer pollutants, which in turn assists with global warming issues as well as pollution.

Third, we have recently witnessed the greed of American business to the point that we are now all suffering for the few that have taken advantage of others for their own personal need. I spoke to several Questar Gas employees and have been told they are trying to sell off the automotive gas section of the company, as it isn't as profitable for them. They are not expanding their gas facilities and the ones they have are down a great percentage of the time. I hate to see the greed of yet another company derail what could be an alternative to better environmental concerns and lessen the dependency on foreign fuel.

Lastly, I am a City Councilman for the City of Elk Ridge, Utah. The Mayor, City Works and I have been discussing the idea of replacing part of our fleet with natural gas trucks and cars. We also are researching the idea of putting a natural gas pump at our city facility to maintain the fleet. With this increase, I can assure you that because of shortfalls in local governmental funds, it won't happen.

In conclusion, I hope that you will give this more thought and not allow another increase to natural gas, as they received an increase less than a year ago, from 59 cent a gallon to 80 cent a gallon or a 33% increase. As a Public Service Commission, please protect the **public**. I know this is a small matter in the scheme of things, but isn't that how all this economy mess started. A little here and a little there until you and I had to bail out big business. Take a look at the salaries and bonuses of the Questar Gas Executives, believe me they aren't hurting. There has been enough corruption in government and big business to satisfy us all for the rest of our lives. Do consider the longer ramifications of this 188% increase on your grandchildren, the economy and the general public you are suppose to protect. At this time a 188% increase in anything is obscene.

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