

To whom it may concern,

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I am requesting that the commission re-open Docket 07-057-13 for comment. I am surprised that such a significant decision was made without more investigation and public involvement. There are thousands of businesses and individuals that are impacted by the commission's decision, and the impact of those decisions are realized so quickly.

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Utah has shown some strength in our national economy, one reason has been because business have leaned heavily on the stable pricing of CNG in Utah. Why would we want to disrupt this stability right now when we are in the throws of recovery? It does not make any sense and seems irresponsible as we face this heavy recessionary period.

I am also of a very strong opinion that CNG prices should continue to have local government oversight and that low pricing continue to benefit the Utah community. A great example of a community benefiting from its natural resources is Alaska. Alaska receives a huge dividend each year for each resident by producing so much oil for others. Why wouldn't we want to provide Utah residents with a similar benefit, low priced CNG. Being a resident of such a wonderful, resource-rich state should be celebrated and rewarded. Lets not take that away for purely corporate interests.

Furthermore, the events of the last year show the dangers of subjecting our economic lifeblood (fuel) to pure market forces. What a wonderful beacon to our society that Utah has provided some oversight on the fuel it provides to its citizens. We have had dramatic stability in the past year with respect to CNG pricing when compared to the rest of the nation. Thanks to our current policies the government has for once DONE ITS JOB, and protected the helpless citizen against panic in a critical commodities market. Why would we want to give up that oversight? It has been a wonderful ray of light in these dismal times that UTAH has provided its citizens what so many other states failed to do.

Finally, those that run our community should not ignore the benefit to all of society that clean air vehicles provide to everyone. There is only ONE reason that CNG has taken off in Utah in the last year, PRICE. You can look across the country and you realize that market-driven CNG is not enough of an incentive to get people to switch, even though it is in the best interest of the people (because of the clean air aspect) as a whole. To take away the significant price benefits of running CNG will kill the dramatic trend to CNG in Utah that we have seen in the past year, putting the end to many clean-air hopes for now.

A properly engineered CNG vehicle is incredibly low in emissions and gets California highest rating for clean vehicles. See this article for validation:
<http://www.sdearthtimes.com/et0401/et0401s13.html>

Lets keep clean air a clear agenda for all of Utah citizens, lets protect our struggling economy, lets share the benefit of our natural gas with all Utah residents. Please reopen Docket 07-057-13 and then lets keep what is best for our community and our citizens in focus.

Regards,

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