

Utah Public Service Commission
Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Commission members:

I am writing because of my concern about raising the price of CNG for alternative fuel vehicles.

I own two CNG vehicles, and have ordered a new Honda Civic GX from Ken Garff Honda in Salt Lake City. CNG vehicles are initially expensive to purchase, and thereafter are costly to maintain and repair. The low price of CNG has helped offset a portion of these costs. But the proposed increases tied to a volatile national market will make it difficult to remain committed to CNG.

I believe the PSC should encourage the use of CNG by maintaining a price structure based on the locally produced costs incurred by Questar and Wexpro.

CNG owners must endure limited fueling stations with marginal pressure and capacity. The vehicles themselves have limited range because of tank size.

CNG as an alternative to gasoline contributes to cleaner air for the entire state of Utah, and helps limit our dependence on foreign oil imports.

In our small subdivision in Sandy, Utah, there are 13 CNG powered vehicles. The list of owners includes 3 teachers, 1 salesman, 4 college students, 1 chemical engineer, 1 mechanical engineer, 1 federal highway transportation engineer, 1 CPA auditor for Rocky Mountain Power, and 1 executive for Rio Tinto. All of us will be hurt by the proposed price increases. We are proud to be doing our small part to reduce our petroleum carbon footprint. There are thousands of people in Utah just like us. Please reconsider your decision, and help maintain cleaner air for our state, and encourage the continued growth of CNG as a viable alternative to costly foreign oil.

Thank you for your time in reading and addressing our concerns.


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