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Dear Commissioners,

After having read of the contents of DOCKET NO. 07-057-13 regarding the increase in rates for NGV owners I wish to ask you to reconsider your decision on two grounds:

1. Utah has not yet reached a critical mass necessary to sustain the CNG community if natural gas rates become fully unsubsidized. While the subsidies may seem unfair to other rate payers, they are actually an important investment in the health of all Utahns. In addition these subsidies benefit non-NGV owners by reducing demand (and thereby the price) fossil-based fuels. The subsidies are good public policy and they should stay in place until the quantity of NGV vehicles and the infrastructure to support them have reached a critical self-sustaining mass. That time has not yet arrived. If the subsidies are removed the NGV community will shrink—not grow, and the long-term benefits will be lost.
2. When and if subsidies are reduced or eliminated tying the resource cost to National rates rather than to the local Wexpro rates is unfair and punitive. The only justification I can find for this is that "CNG is available to the general public and is not limited to Questar Gas Company customers". While there may be an occasional out-of-state driver that fills up at a Utah CNG pump, by far the greatest number of CNG users are Utah residents who are natural gas rate payers and who are committed to natural gas as a clean domestic resource. Don't punish such an important group of your constituents because of your misperception about who is buying natural gas.

In short I urge you to reconsider and reverse your decisions regarding the increase in the natural gas rates and indexing the cost to the volatile national rates. These decisions will set back the progress Utah is making in clean air and independence from foreign fuel providers.

Thank you for your attention.

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