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RE: "DOCKET NO. 07-057-13 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

Dear Commissioners:

Pursuant to Utah Code § 63-46b-12, an aggrieved party may file, within 30 days after the date of this Report and Order, a written request for rehearing or reconsideration by the Commission.

I'm an aggrieved party writing to request a rehearing from the PSC for the purpose of re-opening Docket #07-057-13 for public comment in order to remove the NGV rate decision until the broader policy issues of Docket 08-057-21 are decided on.

I'm also a Questar customer who uses natural gas to heat my home, business AND run some of my vehicles. I understand the last use will no longer be considered "traditional" under 08-057-13 and will be charged a rate based on national, not local market prices and if that wasn't bad enough you want to eliminate the benefits of the "Wexpro" gas resource as currently included in NGV rate calculations.

Before finalizing this ruling I strongly ask you to re-consider what I believe you and all NGV owners already know to be the backbone of success for CNG use in our state, both now and in the future.

1. It is the Only Practical Short Term Alternative Fuel to gasoline and probably the best long-term solution to Reduce Our Dependence On Foreign Oil, which is an issue of NATIONAL SECURITY as stated by 3 U.S. presidents and is a concern and benefit to the Utah Rate Payer.

2. It would be ECONOMICALLY UNJUSTIFIED for CNG pricing to fluctuate any more than the seasonal price to home owners. In fact, CNG proliferation would reduce seasonality by higher summer usage, thus offsetting the heating season, thus benefiting the Utah Rate Payer. Even QUESTAR OPPOSES THIS ACTION according to recent news articles.

3. If you continue with this ruling to force natural gas prices to increase you will have reversed all reasons why we purchased our natural gas vehicles to begin with. The main reason people in Utah are switching to natural gas is because its affordable. That revenue from CNG stays in our state and is a strong positive benefit to THE ECONOMY in Utah now and could be in the future. This is NOT only a domestic fuel but a UTAH fuel. In times like these it would seem like economic suicide to throw away such a financial benefit

for the Utah Rate Payer.

4. Governor Huntsman was presented a mandate by the EPA September 2008 to clean the air on the Wasatch Front by September 2012 or risk federal highway funds. Over 75% of that pollution comes from current gasoline vehicles. CNG has 90% less pollutants than gasoline which benefit THE ENVIRONMENT, and particularly the young and the aged Utah Rate Payer.

Conclusion: I'm a Utah Rate Payer! And I implore you as public servants to consider the greater good. Our future, our children's children's future, as it relates to National Security, The Economy and The Environment.

I would suggest that there is no decision that has come before you up to now with more consequence as it relates to our future and that of our children.

All I ask is that more clarity and discussion be allowed, even if it is only to make known and make clear your motivations. Which at this moment seem lacking in their ability to stand up to the light of day!

Respectfully,

Kim D. Hugie

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