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Dear Commissioners,

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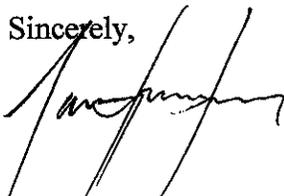
In light of the recent information about natural gas prices, I'd like to write you and ask that this ruling be reversed. Many people will be affected by it, especially myself and my yard care company. 3 years ago we used diesel and gasoline vehicles. Each of which is driven over 20,000 miles a year. Filling up was expensive, even then. So we turned to natural gas, the price of which was not volatile to changes in the gasoline market. By doing this, we were able to save thousands of dollars a month on gas alone! And able to remain much more competitive against our competitors, the most of which continue to use diesel pickups.

If these changes occur, we would be tempted to sell our trucks, only to find out that nobody wants to drive out of their way just to fill up for 30 cents cheaper. See, our trucks are dedicated ngvs. Forcing us to keep them and drive out of our way to get 30 cents cheaper fuel. It is especially not convenient because our trucks only have a 200 mile range. We don't care so much now because of the savings obviously.

The other concept of this ruling I don't understand here is that in a society so centered on alternative fuels, polluting less, and using less foreign fuels, why is the commission so willing to discourage the use of alternative fuels with a similar price to gasoline? It doesn't make any sense. Why not build up the natural gas station network in the 3 valleys before making changes to the price. It is true in LA that the price is closer to gasoline's, but it is also true there are a bunch more stations in a 10 mile radius than here.

So for the sake of all cng customers and their businesses, pollution, and dependence on foreign oil, **DO NOT RAISE THE PRICE SO DRASTICALLY!** The public service commission should be at the service of the public, not on capital and the national "current rate." Again, please reconsider.

Sincerely,



James Israelsen