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Subject: DOCKET NO. 07-057-13

Utah Public Service Commission Heber M. Wells Building 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, Utah 84114 Dear Commissioners, I am writing in regard to the recent ruling contained in DOCKET NO. 07-057-13, by the Utah Public Service Commission targeting natural gas vehicles. The decision to single out and raise the cost of natural gas for natural gas vehicle (NGV) owners seems to be the by product of politics, not mature, forward thinking responsible decision making. I am both amazed and angered by this bad decision and the message it sends, both locally and nationally. The repercussions of this decision will diminish the ability to fight the lethal air along the Wasatch Front and drive dependency back to foreign oil. As a state agency, you should be using every available tactic to clean up our air and reduce the oil dependency. You should be rewarding the individuals and families that are doing their part, not penalizing them.

I am also feeling betrayed that I trusted any government agency to represent me to provide stable pricing for motor vehicle use of natural gas. Looking at the state of the nation and the political arena that has taken place over the past years, shame on me for the trust and false hope that I gave to you. If I knew you were going to increase the rate by 200 or 300 percent, I would have reconsidered purchasing a CNG vehicle, which are more costly than their oil using counterparts. Certainly, the state tax credit did not cover the additional expenses. We (the NGV owners) that made this move have done our part in assisting the economy and ecology of our state, nation and planet on many different levels, now it your turn to step up! Utah has a local resource with the Wexpro site and any of us that have lived here for any length of time have assisted in the building of this site with our taxes. Where is our benefit in this? We should be considered shareholders and partners in this and given the benefit of low cost fuel, not political redderick based upon artificial increases, or national perception. I am extremely disappointed at your growing concern for the large monopoly suppliers while ignoring the financial and medical concerns of the average Utahn. I sincerely hope that as the great state of Utah we once were, we can through a joint effort, look at how we are basing our decisions and turn this thing around to be the model for the US like we should be. Then responsibly use this model on numerous other problems we face as a state, nation and planet.

Sincerely,
Doug Knuteson

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