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Hi,

I am wrtng to inquire about plans to double the cost of natural gas for use in vehicles. All I know about this proposal is what I have read in the newspapers.

We recently purchased a Honda Civic that runs only on natural gas. We bought the car for three reasons: 1) to save money on gasoline (we ordered the car when gasoline was \$4 a gallon), 2) a desire to reduce pollution, and 3) a desire to use US energy and reduce US gasoline dependence. Of these reasons, saving money on gasoline was by far the main reason.

If the price of natural gas is doubled it will greatly reduce the reason to buy a natural gas car. Some people may still want to buy a natural gas car for reasons 2 and 3 above - but not many. If you raise the price it will GREATLY REDUCE THE INCENTIVE TO BUY!!!

I also wanted to note that the current number of stations that sell natural gas is barely adequate and the pressure at the stations is very INADEQUATE. We can rarely fill our tank even at the Questar station (the credit card system at the Questar station also needs fixing) and we are constantly going to fill-up. This is another reason NOT to buy one of these cars, and if the price of natural gas goes up higher than gasoline I CAN SEE NO REASON TO BUY A NATURAL GAS CAR!!!

Please do not raise the price, and if you do raise price please require stations selling gsa to modify the pumps such that the pressure is actually high enough to fill the tank. If the pressure was 4000 it would be easy to fill the tank - unfortunately it is usually about 2500-3000.

If I am complaining to the wrong person, please pass to the right person or let me know who I need to contact. I also plan to contact my legislator.

Last thing, if gas is deregulated it will be a disaster for people with natural gas cars because there is NO COMPETITION!!! Questar is the only source of gas!!! If you deregulate and gas prices skyrocket, our only choices will be: 1) sell the car to some sucker, or 2) pay out several thosand to put in a home filling station. Why should I pay a lot more for gas for my car than I pay to heat my house?

Had I known gasoline prices would drop and gas prices would double I would have NEVER purchased a natural gas car!!!!

The best thing for natural gas car owners would be to leave prices alone and require those to sell it increase pressure at the pump. If you did this more people will buy natural gas cars.

Thanks

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