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Below is an inquiry which was received by the Governor's Office of Constituent Services on 01/08/2009. Please respond directly to the constituent and reply to this email with a copy of your response by 1/22/2009.

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Bret Travis Lott

Email

SUBJECT:  
Dear Governor

I am very upset and surprised with the proposed rate hike on motor vehicle use of natural gas, (Docket 07-057-13). I cannot believe that the PSC have justified this decision based on the fact that Natural gas cars are not included in the "Traditional user category". I am also very angry that this ruling was put in place without the knowledge of the Utah Public. We had no time to express our opinions on the matter. We were simply blind sided by this ruling. The fact is this will diminish our ability to combat the periodic lethal air along the Wasatch Front. By raising the prices 180% they will surely be killing the growth of CNG in the state. It is not worth the hassle to drive an alternative fuel vehicle in the state at those prices. As a state agency, they should be trying to use every available tool to reduce smog and protect the Public that they claim to service.

I would also like to see some real legitimate explanation on what they plan to do with the money that they will be gouging the Utah public out of. Are we going to see some significant infrastructure improvements? Is the money going to go to State Roads and Highways? Will the state of Utah also be paying these rate hikes for their vehicles as well, or is it just for us taxpayers? What's going on? Who is going to profit from this ruling? I have lived in Utah all my life and I feel that by buying gas for my home I have certainly paid my fare share to develop those Wexpro gas reserves. I am not against some form of rate hike if it is justified and needed to improve our current situation. However, I don't agree that the CNG prices should go up and down with gasoline prices. This is simply not justified.

Also I believe no thought has been made in how the vehicles using natural gas reduce pricing demand for gasoline and lead us away from dependency on foreign oil. I would think that after last summer the Utah politicians we voted in would be more concerned with cleaning up our air and lowering our dependency on foreign oil. Looks like we will need to be more aware of who we elect into public office in the future. I know I will try harder to elect those with the Utah public in mind and not someone trying to profit with their own agenda.

I am extremely disappointed at this decision and would ask that you re-open Docket 07-057-13 for public comment. Also, that the "Wexpro" gas resources continue to be included in NGV rate calculations.

Sincerely,

Bret Lott