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Subject: Natural Gas pricing raise

I am writing because I have recently found out that that the Utah Public Service Commission is about to raise the price on Natural Gas by almost a dollar. That will put it well above the price of regular gasoline.

I own a natural gas car. I bought it because of the high cost of gasoline and the tax credit incentive offered made the purchase affordable. I assumed that because the State of Utah was regulating the natural gas pricing and also providing the tax credit for natural gas car purchases, that they were doing so to provide incentive for us to drive cleaner fuel cars and that they would continue to support this is the future. That is why this rate hike does not make any sense to me.

If this goes through, I will be unable to afford to drive on Natural Gas. My car is bi-fuel and at least I have the option to go back to gasoline, which I will have to do. It will be worse for those who have gone to the expense to purchase a dedicated Natural Gas vehicle. They will have no choice but to pay the higher prices. That's a dirty trick to provide the incentives and then yank the rug right out from under us like that. Not only that but it's being done without allowing us any say in the matter.

Sincerely,

An unhappy tax payer
Jana Marcum

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