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Mr. Livingston,

To echo many others' comments, to you, that have been following and encouraging NG usage.

I am amazed and angered with your rate hike on motor vehicle use of natural gas. I'm afraid that it will diminish the ability to fight the polluted air along in our communities. I fell that you should be trying to use every available tool to reduce smog, as I do. But I assume none of you are doctors or have relatives who have lung or heart-related illnesses which are aggravated by the smog like some of my children and grandchildren do. Medical professionals state that the death rate in the Salt Lake Valley is high due to the deadly air.

I trusted state agencies to provide stable/reasonable pricing for motor vehicle use of natural gas. If I knew you were going to jack the rate up so high, I would have not gone to the trouble to convert or pay for the expensive equipment to burn natural gas in my vehicles, the state tax credit did not cover the expense. I would not have gone out of my way to frequently gas up with natural gas. I would imagine many of the commercial delivery operators will also soon cycle out of using natural gas, it was hard enough to get them to start in the first place.

The only reason I can see to increase the price of CNG, is to improve the CNG infrastructure to increase convenience to CNG users and to simulate it's use but I am appalled that CNG could exceed the price of gasoline, a much more dirtier fuel and more dangerous.

I believe no thought has been made in how the vehicles using natural gas reduce pricing demand for gasoline.

Please take these thoughts into consideration and I urge revisit of these issues.

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