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Dear Mr. Boyer,

As you are aware, our online community of some Utah 1,500 natural gas vehicle owners at CNGchat.com is generally not pleased with the PSC's ruling on NGV rates in Docket 07-057-13 and I have asked everyone to write to your office with our thoughts on the matter.

But it seems our letters will not result in any action by the Commission? This is due to my understanding that you are telling some of our community of NGV owners that Questar rate payers are not "aggrieved parties" in that our names are not listed on page iv of the ruling. As a consequence we have no opportunity to ask the PSC to re-open this docket? How is it, then, that one member of the general public – Mr. Roger Ball, a former colleague of yours at the PSC – is presumed to be an "aggrieved party" when other members of the general public who also offered commentary prior to the ruling (such as Ran McDonald) are not? Such cronyism undermines our faith in the oversight your Commission is endeavoring to produce in regulating energy resources.

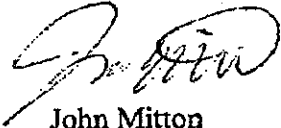
We petition the PSC to re-open Docket 07-057-13 on the following grounds:

1. Inclusion as "aggrieved parties" by individual ratepayers who commented on this matter has been limited to a former PSC employee.
2. No review was provided in the Docket as to the natural monopoly which exists in regions where public CNG refueling is provided elsewhere in the United States. Ran McDonald's valid concern of August 21, 2008 over private enterprise acquiring the Questar refueling infrastructure should have been the most important element in the PSC's NGV rate ruling yet it was dismissed without comment! We are prepared to document how such actions by other rate commissions in the United States have caused unregulated monopolies to exist in place of a regulated ones with concomitant price gouging allegations.
3. The premise for removal of the Wexpro resource from NGV rate calculations is preposterous. It assumes NGV owners are not rate payers and furthermore that the Wexpro resource was only

developed for "traditional" uses of space and water heating. According to this logic, are we to assume the PSC should disallow any benefit enjoyed by ratepayers for investments made into the electrical grid for novel use of electricity in the way of mobile phones – which were not envisioned when the resource was developed? Innovation is at the heart of commerce. The PSC's ruling flies in the face of economic development in the emerging alternative fuel transportation sector.

4. We completely agree with the PSC that *"discussions regarding what role natural gas will play in the future as a fuel source to vehicles and how best to balance the supply demand paradigm needs to be deferred to a much broader policy discussion held outside the context of this rate case docket."* It was unreasonable for the PSC rule on the NGV rate prior to Docket 08-057-21 running its course.

Thank you,



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