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**To:** Livingston, Merilee  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Re:Inquiry from Greg Richardson

UTAH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Here is another. Thanks. JPO

>>> Constituent Services <constituentservices@utah.gov> 1/6/2009 1:08 PM >>>

Below is an inquiry which was received by the Governor's Office of Constituent Services on 01/06/2009. Please respond directly to the constituent and reply to this email with a copy of your response by 1/20/2009

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Greg R Richardson

SUBJECT:  
05 January, 2009

The Honorable Jon M. Huntsman  
Governor, State of Utah  
Utah State Capitol Complex  
350 North State Street, Suite 200  
PO Box 142220  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-2220

Dear Governor Huntsman,

My family is writing in regard to the recent decision by the Utah PSC to treat natural gas sold for the use in vehicles as an unregulated commodity.

In 2008, the State of Utah spent millions of dollars in the form of tax incentives to bring CNG (compressed natural gas) vehicles into the state. Also, citizens have spent much time, energy, and expense to bring as many CNG vehicles into the state as possible. Utah probably has the highest number of privately operated CNG vehicles of any state in the nation, in large part due to the tax incentives, price, and reasonable availability of CNG. Use of these vehicles instead of gasoline vehicles has a positive impact on Utah's air quality as well as reducing foreign oil imports.

Our family currently uses three CNG powered vehicles (one 1999 Crown Victoria and two Ford trucks) and our 17 year old son has been driving for a year exclusively on CNG. It is already difficult enough to go out of our way to find a working CNG pump. Any further disincentives (i.e., prices higher than gasoline) will cause us to abandon our clean driving.

Please don't allow Questar's lack of desire to provide CNG for vehicles to undo all that the State has tried to accomplish over the last year. As tax incentives disappear in Utah, and the price of CNG increases beyond the price of gasoline, these CNG vehicles will be abandoned or find homes at other states or municipalities that ARE willing to make clean air and the reduced dependence on foreign oil a priority.

Utah needs to be a nationwide leader in developing alternative energy sources. We cannot be so shortsighted as to believe that \$4.00/gallon gas will not happen again in the near future. While we believe in market forces, without help from the government (tax incentives, cheaper fuel, etc.) this country will continue to be addicted to foreign oil. Don't let the State of Utah fall victim to pressure from Questar because they are unwilling to provide CNG for vehicles.

Please remain committed to the pursuit of alternative energy forms including natural gas for vehicles.

Sincerely,

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Greg Richardson

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Kim Richardson

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