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RE: Docket 07-053-13

Dear Sirs:

Please do not adopt the proposals detailed under the above noted docket.

As a new owner of a CNG vehicle (October 2008), I am not aware of the regulatory and legislative history that led to Utah having the lowest CNG rates for autos in the nation. I only know the results that policy and/or practice produced – the strongest CNG for autos infrastructure in the nation. The incredible demand for CNG autos in Utah prior to the PSC proposing that CNG prices be based on “market” rates absolutely guaranteed an improvement in Utah’s air quality as a ratio of autos on the road. Demand for CNG autos immediately tanked following the announcement. If this change is implemented, air quality in Utah will suffer.

It is immaterial how the low-priced auto CNG in Utah came about. The fact is that at this time low, stable-priced CNG for autos in Utah is public policy. As public policy, it should not be within the power of regulators or bureaucrats to make this dramatic change; rather, elected officials have the responsibility and right to set public policy, particularly policy so important to the health of every citizen.

Sincerely,



Paul O. Richins