

From: James Logan  
To: Livingston, Merilee  
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Subject: Fwd: docket number 07-057-13

Merilee: Here's an NGV letter sent to me this morning - Wed, Feb 25, 2009.

>>> "JOHN THATCHER" 2/25/2009 7:53 AM >>>

I am writing in reference to The docket number 07-057-13, relating to Questar's transportation fuel rate increase.

I purchased a NGV last year. Before I made the purchase I researched the projected maintenance and purchase cost. I found a natural gas truck would cost me approximately double the cost of a similar gasoline truck. However because of the lower cost of the natural gas, over time I would save money. I calculated it would take me approximately 4 years to break even, at the time the cost of gas was roughly \$3.50 per gallon. I also thought it would be nice to have a clean air vehicle.

I am glad the cost of regular gas is down, I am still saving some money using my NGV. It will take longer for me to break even, but the cost may still fluctuate. I also enjoy driving a clean air vehicle and I believe it would be beneficial to the state to have clean air vehicles on the roads especially during times of inversion.

Driving an NGV is already inconvenient. Finding locations near where I am traveling, hoping they are working when I get there, waiting in lines, and always having to be aware of my fuel level. Regular gas is much more convenient.

Drastic changes in the cost of natural gas leaves drivers out in the cold. Most people purchased their NGV's based on the cost of the gas. Just as a low price encouraged people to purchase, an increase will push them back. My husband and I were going to purchase a second car for the family, of course that is now on hold. Increasing the cost of natural gas will drive me out of my existing vehicle. I will go back to driving my other truck because the cost of the NGV will no longer be cost effective, the inconvenience will no longer be worth it, and the clean air will be just a nice thought.

I live in Utah and am a Questar customer. I believe the vehicle I drive should also be eligible for the same benefits I get as the gas I use in my home. I am still a Questar customer and I have no other options.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Thatcher

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