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Re: **PSC Docket No. 13-057-02**

Public Service Commissioners:

The Utah Transit Authority (UTA), by and through its Board of Trustees, hereby respectfully submits the following comments regarding Public Service Commission Docket No. 13-057-02, In the Matter of: The Investigation Required by S.B. 275, Energy Amendments, Addressing Cleaner Air through the Enhanced Use of Alternative Fuel Vehicles.

UTA stands squarely and strongly behind the intent of the Utah Legislature in the creation and implementation of an Interlocal Entity that will help facilitate conversions to alternative fuel vehicles, and facilitate construction, operation and maintenance of facilities for alternative fuel vehicles. UTA continues to actively work on comprehensive, long-term plans and goals for implementing and facilitating the use of alternative fuels within the UTA fleet and facilities, including the increased use of domestic natural gas. UTA strongly supports the prioritization and pursuit of cleaner air through the use of alternative fuel resources.

On June 26, the UTA Board of Trustees approved joining with the Office of Energy Development, to form the Interlocal Entity, and will actively participate in the intent and goals for implementation of alternative fuels, as provided by S.B. 275 and as such goals are further expanded and identified through this process and beyond. Continued and ongoing cooperation between all levels of governmental entities, gas corporations, and private enterprise will maximize the ability of government entities, including UTA, to participate in and facilitate cleaner air in the State of Utah; and will allow entities to make reasonable and cost-effective alternative fuel decisions on a shorter time-line. The importance of this collaboration cannot be overstated -- the role of all parties is integral to achieving clean air goals. Providing a clear path for greatly expanded use of alternative fuels, in a short period of time, will help to provide cleaner air for the citizens of the State of Utah.

UTA thanks you for your consideration of these comments, and look forward to continued participation in the public process.

UTA Board of Trustees

