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Docket Number: 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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Wasatch Clean Air Coalition gratefully endorses the comments submitted by Utah Clean Energy and Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, and wishes to add this nontechnical comments.

The emissions analysis represented in Tables 1 –3 is a very informative comparison of light duty vehicle emissions.

As you may know, In the 2013 Session, HB 96, Cleaner Burning Fuels Tax Credits, the provision that extends the tax credit to used alternative fuel vehicles was retained. Older NG fueled vehicles can be higher emitting than new gasoline vehicles.

Staff at DAQ, specifically Mat Carlile at 801-536-4136 or Glade Sowards at 801-536-4136 are able to quantify light duty vehicle emissions. Last Session DAQ calculated that in 2011 the current program yielded about 1 ton of direct PM2.5 & precursor pollution for each \$1 M spent in tax credits. It was explained that applying the incentive to used, high emitting NG vehicles is a main contributor to the low air quality benefit of the current program. When the Commission makes its report to the Legislature, it would be well to recommend that used AFV's not receive tax incentives.

Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Peace,
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