

Prioritizing Initiatives for the Adoption of NGV Technology
Concerns with Senate Bill 275
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This document is submitted by Blu in response to the Utah Public Service Commission's call for public participation and input into an investigative docket concerning the implementation of Utah Senate Bill 275 (SB275).

It is Blu's position that, in Utah, the basic infrastructure for fueling natural gas vehicles is, by and large, already in place. Private-sector players, like Blu, have invested in the development of the NGV fueling infrastructure. While sections of SB 275 that encourage and facilitate the adoption of natural gas vehicles could have a positive impact on Utah's economy and environment, other sections dealing with the construction of fueling stations are not only unnecessary, but could drive the private-sector investors and entrepreneurs out of the market.

Utah, with its 45 public NGV fueling stations, has one of the most developed NGV infrastructures in the country. With this infrastructure in place, getting many more natural gas vehicles on the road is the natural next step in the adoption of cleaner burning, domestically produced natural gas as a primary vehicle fuel. The objective of any legislation or government action should focus on getting NGVs on the road, and leave infrastructure building to private-sector companies already fulfilling current demand and ready to expand to meet future growth in demand.

