



To: The Utah Public Service Commission

From: Ingrid Griffiee, Vice President
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Re: Comments on Addressing Air Quality through Enhanced Use of Alternative Fuel Vehicles
(Docket No. 13-057-02)

While Utah Moms For Clean Air applauds the state of Utah for offering tax incentives to families who purchase and drive alternative fuel vehicles, we find it inexplicable that the state largely ignores the cleanest vehicles on the market, zero-tailpipe emission, all-electric vehicles (EVs). The current tax incentive system, while rewarding drivers of Natural Gas Vehicles (NGVs) \$2500, offers only a \$605 tax incentive to the drivers of EVs, even though EVs far exceed NGVs in emissions tests.

We call upon the state to, at the very minimum, level these tax incentives to reflect the goal of promoting cleaner driving and cleaner air. EVs emit NO tailpipe emissions under our inversion layer. While NGVs run cleaner than older model conventional gas cars, they do still emit noxious gases into our valley, and this is meaningful in an environment in which our own DAQ now deems it necessary to ban certain types of hairspray. Again, families who drive EVs are emitting NO pollution as they drive, and should be rewarded accordingly in the tax incentive scheme.

We beseech the state to align the tax incentives with its goal of cleaning our air by promoting the cleanest technologies available, not by favoring our local gas utility over the businesses in the valley which sell and lease EVs. We must reward and encourage the cleanest possible technologies and businesses. In this case, the benefits of EVs far outweigh the benefits of NGVs.

Sincerely,

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