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Written comments to the Matter of Investigation Required for SB 275, Docket No. 13-057-02

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To whom it may concern:

Provided are my comments to the Matter of Investigation Required for SB 275, Docket No. 12-057-02. My name is Kim Hugie. I am a small business owner of CNG America. I have been in the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) business for about 8 years. I have converted vehicles from gasoline to CNG for 8 years and have been building CNG Stations and selling CNG to the public for 2 years. I have four CNG Stations in Utah which are located on Interstate 15 at Clearfield, Tremonton, Lehi and a new station in Down Town SLC that will be completed in August of this year.

To begin with, I disagree with statements made that Questar Gas Company is keeping business from opening CNG Stations in the State of Utah. I am living proof of that I have four. In fact, without Questar the State of Utah would not be the envy of other states that are trying to get CNG into their States. I believe in the free enterprise system and welcome Questar and anyone else that wants to be in the CNG business. The exception to that is if the State or any other government agency creates an uneven playing field that favors one business over another. For this reason, I am responding to Docket 13-057-02. I believe that giving Questar Gas Company 5 Million Dollars annually to buy and maintain their CNG Station creates an unfair advantage towards my company "CNG America" and anyone else installing Public used CNG Stations. It is disturbing to me that our politicians are using Questar Gas Company to collect tax's for them to be used in the development of CNG Stations. I don't understand how the PSC can allow such an unfair practice.

I understand the need for more CNG infrastructure and how expensive it is. I have done it four times. I believe that more CNG Stations that will result in more CNG Vehicles. Isn't this what we are all trying to achieve.

I believe the solution is that the \$5 Million received by Questar Gas Company be given to any company that qualifies. You have several groups already in place that can administer such a program. They are Clean Cities of Utah who has been administering Federal Grant funds for several years. You also have our own, Division of Air Quality that has been administer State grants and loans. The people and systems to disperse the 5 million dollars per year to qualified companies are already in place.

In Summary, be fair to business and distribute the \$5 Million that Questar Gas Company collects too all business that qualify. Also, use a nonprofit organization to administer grant moneys. This will create good competition and healthy CNG growth into the future.

Thank You

(Kim Hugie

(Owner of CNG America)