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Dear Commissioners,

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I am amazed and angered with your rate hike on motor vehicle use of natural gas. The biggest sin of this order is how it will diminish the ability to fight the periodic lethal air along the Wasatch Front. As a state agency, you should be trying to use every available tool to reduce smog. But I assume none of you are doctors or have relatives who have lung or heart-related illnesses which are aggravated by the smog. Medical professionals state that the death rate in the Salt Lake Valley is much higher due to the deadly air.

I am also feeling stupid that I trusted state agencies to provide stable pricing for motor vehicle use of natural gas. If I knew you were going to jack the rate up 200 or 300 percent, I would have not gone to the trouble to pay for the expensive equipment to burn natural gas in my car. Certainly the state tax credit did not cover the expense. I would not have gone out of my way to frequently gas up with natural gas. I would image many of the commercial delivery operators will also soon cycle out of using natural gas.

Please also note that my family came to Utah in the 1850s and 1880s, we have certainly paid our share to develop those Wexpro gas reserves.

Also I believe no thought has been made in how the vehicles using natural gas reduce pricing demand for gasoline.

I am extremely disappointed at your growing concern for the large monopoly suppliers while ignoring the financial and health needs of the average Utahn. You should look at the state government of Alaska, they actually give their residents something for the energy reserves that are pumped out of the ground and sent out of the state.

Sincerely,



Anthony Arnason