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RE: "DOCKET NO. 07-057-13 – In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to Increase Distribution Non-Gas Rates and Charges to Make Tariff Modifications. As Filed by the Commission on Monday, December 22, 2008

Dear Commissioners:

Pursuant to Utah Code § 63-46b-12, an aggrieved party may file, within 30 days after the date of this Report and Order, a written request for rehearing or reconsideration by the Commission.

I am an aggrieved party. I buy the gas that heats my home from Questar. I also buy the gas that runs my Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) from Questar. I have NO alternative. Where else am I going to get it? It is a monopoly. I can't buy it anywhere else. Yet, your ruling says that I now have to pay the highest possible rate for CNG for my car – even though I am a rate payer with Questar. News reports said that "Questar isn't sure how they will use the extra money"! Apparently they didn't even expect this windfall.

You don't charge extra for people who heat large houses! They can use fuel any way they see fit. You don't charge extra for people that have drafty houses! They can have huge drafts coming in under doors or through windows and not pay extra. You don't charge extra if they set their thermostats at 72 degrees all winter long. You don't charge extra if their furnace is so ancient that it is only 52% efficient.

But you penalize me if I decide to run my car or truck on CNG. You charge me a rate that has nothing to do with Questar's actual cost of fuel. You want to charge me the highest possible cost.

You penalize me if I reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Because of your ruling, I don't get the benefit of WEXPRO gas, even though I'm a rate-payer, just because I use some fuel in my NGV.

You penalize me if I spend MY HARD EARNED money to pay extra for a car or truck that has exhaust that is cleaner than the air it sucks in on bad air days.

Every Questar rate payer benefits by the cleaner air I make (or the filth I prevent). Every Questar rate payer gets benefit by reducing our dependence on foreign oil. Every Questar

From: Julie Orchard
To: Livingston, Merilee
Date: 1/6/2009 5:47 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re:Inquiry from Chris Reynolds

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>>> Jennifer Bolton 12/30/2008 11:32 AM >>>
Please forward to Julie Orchard at the Public Service Commission for response.

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>>> Constituent Services <constituentservices@utah.gov> 12/30/2008 6:51 AM >>>
Below is an inquiry which was received by the Governor's Office of Constituent Services on 12/30/2008. Please respond directly to the constituent and reply to this email with a copy of your response by 1/13/2009.

Chris Reynolds

Email

SUBJECT:
RE: "DOCKET NO. 07-057-13" In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to Increase Distribution Non-Gas Rates and Charges to Make Tariff Modifications. As Filed by the Commission on Monday, December 22, 2008
Govenor Huntsman,
My family and I have made the commitment to purchase a Natural Gas Vehicle for two main reasons. First we have come to rely upon the low cost natural gas that the Mountain West enjoys because it's a local resource. Second, to do our small part in reducing the amount of pollution we would otherwise be responsible for. The rate hike this ruling will cause will be a major blow to the viability of natural gas as a clean alternative fuel and it will increase our dependence on foreign oil. Questar is my only source for the only fuel my car runs on. There is no competition to keep the prices fair. This is the wrong course of action in tough economic times when the Natural Gas Vehicle community relies upon and I personally need a low cost alternative to gasoline. I have kept this message brief and I look forward to a more detailed dialog on this issue.
Respectfully submitted
Chris Reynolds