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Dear Ms. Wilson & Mr. Logan:

Well it seems that the Utah Public Service Commission has pulled a fast one on consumers again. Just when many Utahns had decided to make a substantial investment in "buying American" by switching to clean burning, American made Natural Gas for Vehicles, the UPSC decides to throw a monkey in the wrench. Why the sudden "doubling" of CNG prices when the actual cost should be around 50 cents a gallon? Could it be that you are "in bed" with BIG OIL? Or, are you just jealous that a few Utahns had made a significant investment in switching to Natural Gas for Vehicles.

Where is the incentive for Natural Gas powered vehicles now. As BILLIONS of dollars flowed out of the country last summer when gasoline was \$4.00 a gallon, some of us decided to sell our gasoline powered cars and invest a substantial amount (\$25,000 in my case) in a "dedicated" Natural Gas Vehicle. I purchased a brand new 2008 American made Honda Civic, not only hoping to save money, but to deal a blow to foreign oil interests. Commercials flooded the airwaves from "T. Boone Pickens" touting the advantages of CNG powered vehicles. America could break it's "addiction" to foreign oil if we would follow the "Pickens Plan". Utah looked like the most forward thinking, progressive state in the nation. CNG vehicle sales soared, and CNG auto dealers opened everywhere. CNG conversions were the "talk of the town".

Now that gasoline is below \$1.30 a gallon and CNG will soon be over \$1.43 a gallon there is NO INCENTIVE to endure the major inconvenience of a Natural Gas Vehicle. Those of us who invested in Natural Gas now look like bone heads. My question is, why didn't you warn us last summer that this was your intent? Are you deliberately trying to sabotage the industry?

Questar Gas was about to make a substantial investment in improving the CNG station infrastructure. Now where is their incentive? As far as I'm concerned you are making a major blunder which will deal the "death blow" to any future talk of alternative fuel vehicles in Utah. Shame on the Utah Public Service Commission for helping to kill the CNG industry in Utah.

Sincerely,
Don Cann

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