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From: Jeff Donovan, Green & Clean Auto, LLC RECEIVED

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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:

Every member of my immediate family, parents, and married son all have invested this past year in and drive daily CNG NGV vehicles. Our family has invested a ton of money and time in switching our entire fleet of cars to cleaner-air CNG vehicles. We are making a difference in air quality, albeit only a little bit. Why should we be singled out and penalized with higher CNG prices while you and the public at large benefit from the cleaner air we are making? Shouldn't we be rewarded for doing the right thing...helping improve cleaner air, reducing dependence on foreign oil, stimulating our economy by keeping spending here, being a better earth steward and setting a better example for future generations? Something is way wrong with this ruling – anyone who does not change and do their part to improve clean air and the other benefits I have listed should be penalized and should subsidize those who are investing for their benefit.

Because of my personal interest and passion for the benefits listed above, I started a specialty business called Green & Clean Auto LLC in Salt Lake City in early 2008. I run my CNG and alternative fuels business through a used car lot in Salt Lake called Value Auto, dealer 3592. Though I support Questar's needs to charge enough to make a reasonable profit. They should make a reasonable profit. However, it's also critical that there is enough financial incentive for consumers and businesses to switch to and invest in CNG NGV's. I would propose that CNG prices increase up to and stay at least 1/2 of gasoline. This provides consumers enough incentive to invest and change. It also encourages entrepreneurs such as me to enter this industry. A decision to raise prices NOW when gas prices are \$1.50 a gallon and \$1.14 to \$1.43 for CNG would destroy all grass roots efforts to make CNG the next fuel of choice and will force me and other businesses like mine to go out of business. Many new jobs have been created as a result of the CNG NGV grass roots movement in Utah this past year. Do you want to destroy and put all of these people out of business and destroy the interest that has been created in making air cleaner in Utah?

I'm writing to request a rehearing from the PSC for the purpose of re-opening Docket #07-057-13 for public comment in order to remove the NGV rate decision until the broader policy issues of Docket 08-057-21 are decided on.

I'm also a Questar customer who uses natural gas to heat my home and businesses I understand the last use will no longer be considered "traditional" under 08-057-13 and will be charged a rate based on national, not local market prices and if that wasn't bad enough you want to eliminate the benefits of the "Wexpro" gas resource as currently included in NGV rate calculations.

Before finalizing this ruling I strongly ask you to re-consider what I believe you and all NGV owners already know to be the backbone of success for CNG use in our state, both now and in the future.

1. It is the Only Practical Short Term Alternative Fuel to gasoline and probably the best long-term solution to **Reduce Our Dependence On Foreign Oil**, which is an issue of **NATIONAL SECURITY** as stated by 3 U.S. presidents and is a concern and benefit to the **Utah Rate Payer**.

2. It would be **ECONOMICALLY UNJUSTIFIED** for CNG pricing to fluctuate any more than the seasonal price to home owners. In fact, CNG proliferation would reduce seasonality by higher summer usage, thus offsetting the heating season, thus benefiting the **Utah Rate Payer**. Even QUESTAR OPPOSES THIS ACTION according to recent news articles.

3. If you continue with this ruling to force natural gas prices to increase you will have reversed all reasons why we purchased our natural gas vehicles to begin with. The main reason people in Utah are switching to natural gas is because its affordable. That revenue from CNG stays in our state and is a strong positive benefit to **THE ECONOMY** in Utah now and could be in the future. This is NOT only a domestic fuel but a UTAH fuel. In times like these it would seem like economic suicide to throw away such a financial benefit for the **Utah Rate Payer**.

4. Governor Huntsman was presented a mandate by the EPA September 2008 to clean the air on the Wasatch Front by September 2012 or risk federal highway funds. Over 75% of that pollution comes from current gasoline vehicles. CNG has 90% less pollutants than gasoline which benefit **THE ENVIRONMENT**, and particularly the young and the aged **Utah Rate Payer**.

Conclusion: I'm a **Utah Rate Payer!** And I implore you as public servants to consider the greater good. Our future, our children's children's future, as it relates to **National Security, The Economy and The Environment**.

I would suggest that there is no decision that has come before you up to now with more consequence as it relates to our future and that of our children.

All I ask is that more clarity and discussion be allowed, even if it is only to make known and make clear your motivations. Which at this moment seem lacking in their ability to stand up to the light of day!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Donovan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Donovan
Green & Clean Auto LLC, Principal