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I am writing in regard to the recent ruling by the Utah Public Service Commission about natural gas vehicles. This ruling is contained in DOCKET NO. 07-057-13. The decision to raise the cost of natural gas for natural gas vehicles (NGV) owners is a very poor decision.

Many Utah citizens have paid the huge expense for either converting their car from gasoline to natural gas or bought a NGV. Changing cars is expensive especially when you are making the switch to alternative fuels. We have made the switch to natural gas for many reasons.

1. Reduce dependence on foreign oils. Many of us have heard the call, and made the decision to do our part in this effort to become less addicted to foreign oil. This ruling pushes many during these tough economic times to switch back to foreign oil.
2. Clean up the environment. Salt Lake County has very bad air quality mostly due to the geographic landscape but we all are aware of the need to be clean. If we (NGV owners) are forced back into gasoline vehicles instead of driving near 0 emission vehicles we will increase the bad state of air quality further.
3. Cost. The main reason people in Utah are switching to natural gas is because it's affordable. While it would be great if we could just make the switch because it's the 'right' thing to do; Many cannot afford that luxury. I took a leap of faith to buy a CNG vehicle and do my part for clean air.

We have a local resource with the Wexpro site. Our taxes paid for the building of the site we should continue to benefit from the low cost of fuel there and not be bound to artificially high (national natural gas) price. Please help us continue to have affordable prices for fueling (NGV).

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