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To: Livingston, Merilee
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Subject: Fwd: Re:Inquiry from Scott Fife

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We need to provide a response. Thanks. JPO

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FYI Julie,

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I will also send this to Ron Daniels in Energy for a response on the fuel monitoring at private residences.

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Thank you,
Nancy Neilson

Scott Fife

SUBJECT:

We had a good thing going with CNG prices where they were. In May I bought a van for \$15000 that is dual fuel, CNG and gas. The state was encouraging and promoting the purchase with a tax rebate to help. Everyone in the nation knew that they could sell a CNG vehicle here for about 150% of the value because the price of fuel, gas around \$3.50 and CNG around \$0.80. Now with gas around \$1.50 and CNG quickly on the way to match it, what is the incentive to buy and use CNG in the state? The fuel pumps in the most populous part of the state are either inconvenient, few, or under pressured. Based on your speech this week you wanted to drive green technologies. This is it and Utah can set a lead. This is not the way. If you want a "Natural Gas Corridor" on I-15, then make it convenient, sufficient, and adequately pressured. If automotive CNG is subsidized by homes, then do we expect to see the home rate drop by the same percentages based on the volumes currently being used? By raising the rates and deterring more automotive CNG use what is this going to do to your air quality? I recommend this bill for raising the rates of automotive CNG get nixed, 86'd, kicked to the curb, repealed. The other big question for you here is relating to those who have hooked up units at their home to pump CNG to their CNG auto, how is the state going to manage this, are you going to put a separate meter on everyone who has already hooked one up at home? Who is going to pay for this? If a home use unit is not going to be increased, then I would install a home unit and not use the Questar facilities around the state for the most part. A response would be appreciated.

Thank You