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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:

I am a Questar residential customer, rental property owner, and user of natural gas to fuel my Natural Gas Vehicle. I am extremely disappointed and angry at the Commission's recent decision to raise the price of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). I also feel that the price calculation methodology, which excludes the local market rate, is flawed and unethical.

While subsidization of CNG can't be expected to go on forever, the timing of this decision is absolutely unbelievable! The Commission's ruling unquestionably sends the wrong message at the wrong time. In a time when the public is actively being encouraged to move away from "traditional," foreign fuels, the Commission delivers the final "death blow" to hope of any significant progress in getting the people of Utah to make the transition to natural gas. By raising the cost of CNG, it will not be worth the investment to purchase a NGV and will discourage any future growth in this area. What are you thinking?

Besides the disastrous timing of making a decision to take a quantum leap in prices, the decision to base rates upon free market prices makes no sense and is certainly not serving the interests of your local constituents. If incentives are not kept in place until a more substantial customer base has made the transition, how could the infrastructure ever be expanded and improved? While I understand that some of the expectation of the Commission is that increased CNG prices will encourage private investment in the infrastructure, that will not occur if there is no market for the product. I support Governor Huntsman's Energy Policy Office recommendation that the CNG rates be increased by no more than 50% of the cost of bringing the product to market..the local market. I urge you to revisit this decision and develop a pricing methodology that is more satisfactory to the needs of Utah!

Sincerely,



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