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Hi,

Wish I had happier news for the upcoming year in Utah.....

Diane Nielson with the governor's staff should be terminated for her part in this!

Please take this issue seriously. Our children's health along the Wasatch Front will be affected for decades.

Don't let the morons amongst us prevail.

Randy Lieber
Citizen Advocate for Clean Air in Utah

From: Kimberly Taylor
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2008 9:16 AM
To: Kimberly Taylor
Subject: Alternative Fuel Views 12-31-08

Good Morning:

Can you catch the whiff of an odiferous scent of the rotten in Denmark variety? Sneaky people do sneaky things while the rest of us are seeking peace, love and understanding during the holidays. Remember last year when Stephen Johnson, Director of the not Environmental Protection Agency announced late on a Friday afternoon before Christmas that he was rejecting California's waiver request? This time it's the good natural gas driving people of Utah who got a big chunk of coal in their stockings from the state's top utility regulators. TMC Net reports on the ruling that will increase the price of natural gas provided by Questar Gas Company by 80 whopping percent. And, even Questar was caught off guard. The arguments made by the Public Service Commission are goofy and you can get a good feel for the debate by perusing John Mitton's CNG Chat Forum. This past summer Utah was all the rage from the New York Times to the Huffington Post for incentivizing the use and purchase of clean natural gas. Free, good publicity. And, next week Utah Governor Huntsman will kick off his second term, according to the Salt Lake Tribune, by calling for natural gas fueling corridors along I-15 and I-80. But, in 30 days if a rehearing isn't granted, a curious (could it be sinister?) decision looks like it will trump the nationally recognized gains Utah has made in advancing natural gas vehicle transportation.

One of the arguments made by regulators in the Utah case is that the natural gas subsidies are unfair. John Mitton addresses that in his Forum by saying after talking with Questar officials, there's no evidence that their natural gas is subsidized. But, the bigger point that people don't talk about is that starting in 1918, oil was subsidized to jumpstart our oil dependence. Many of those subsidies are still in place and add up to, according to Doug Koplou of Earth Track Inc., \$39 billion annually for oil companies. Those subsidies are for production vs. consumption but the end result of both is increased consumption. I'm happy as punch that Exxon made \$40.7 billion in profits in 2007. But, if we are going to pick winners and losers through subsidies, why not support domestic and clean choices? Utah is the latest, greatest example of we the people driving change that will hopefully prevail in spite of regulatory thwarters.

If Michael Fitzsimmons with Seeking Alpha has his way, the federal government needs to play a role in advancing natural gas. Talk about an enthusiastic supporter. Lines like ".all Americans have a vested interest in supporting natural gas transportation" precede his call to implement the common sense natural gas approach. And finally, as wishes for the new year abound, the good people of Detroit remain optimistic as exemplified by columnist David Phillip in the Detroit News.

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man.
-Benjamin Franklin

Happy New Year,

Kimberly

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From: Rocky Anderson
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2008 11:03 AM
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Lee: All hell should be breaking loose.

We would have virtually no air quality problems in this Valley if everyone drove NGVs. The increase in price will destroy the momentum we have achieved in Utah by increasing the number of people driving NGVs. Whether there is or isn't a subsidy for natural gas, a subsidy would make sense. There are virtually no criteria pollutants from natural gas and it is all domestically produced.

To provide all the outrageous subsidies to the oil and gas companies, then to discourage people from buying NGVs because the clean fuel might be subsidized is simply incredible. The result: filthy air that results not only in major health problems (and some deaths), but also is a deterrent to sustained economic development. Why would a company want to relocate to the SLC area when you can't breathe the air without getting sick? I know people who have moved to Park City for that very reason. If I ever moved from here, it would be because of the poor, unhealthy air quality.

Good, uncompromising advocacy will make all the difference. I hope we all will pursue this issue with a vengeance.

Happy New Year!

Best Regards,

Rocky

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