

**From:** Julie Orchard  
**To:** Livingston, Merilee  
**Date:** 1/14/2009 6:08 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Intervention with the PSC on behalf of Utah's citizens  
**Attachments:** Marcum's UT.P.S.C. letter 1-09.pdf

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 To:

the Honorable Representative Francis Gibson, district 65;  
 the Honorable Senator Mark Madsen, district 13;  
 the Honorable Governor Huntsman;

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I am writing to you because I am greatly distressed at the recent PSC decision to increase the prices of compressed natural gas (CNG) for natural gas vehicle (NGV) owners in the state. As a result of this decision, CNG prices will escalate to approximately double the current rate by July 2009. I believe the PSC's determination was not fair to NGV owners and there are errors in their logic. I believe this was hastily decided upon in the eleventh hour (Dec. 22nd) during the holiday season without little input from the general public. I certainly did not hear about it until yesterday, nearly 3 weeks after the decision. I am told that the PSC rarely revisits a decision or reopens an issue despite public outcries after the fact. I have written them a letter which is attached. It outlines my objections and why I think their reasoning is in error. They will only take public comments until this Sunday, Jan. 19th. I ask that you use your influence and write them or call them and ask them to revisit this decision and allow additional public input. I believe our energy independence, clean air improvements, and the "cottage" NGV industry in Utah depend on your timely intervention this week. I realize that this is a very busy time for each of you, but this is a very important issue for Utah's citizens. If they will not revisit and change their decision, it may require legislation from the Utah Legislature to properly define some terms and Utah's energy policy to the PSC.

Warmest regards,

-Steven K. Marcum

**From:** Julie Orchard  
**To:** Livingston, Merilee  
**Date:** 1/14/2009 5:58 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re:Inquiry from Steven Marcum

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>>> Constituent Services <[constituentservices@utah.gov](mailto:constituentservices@utah.gov)> 1/14/2009 3:27 PM  
Below is an inquiry which was received by the Governor's Office of Constituent Services on 01/14/2009. Please respond directly to the constituent and reply to this email with a copy of your response by 1/28/2009.

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**SUBJECT:**

I am unhappy with the recent ruling of the PSC regarding increased rates for natural gas for vehicles which could lead to a doubling of rates within 6 months. I believe it was unfair and the reasoning in error in several respects. There was little public input for it as it was made during the holidays (Dec. 22nd) and there was no widespread notice to the public that I know about. I've been told by others that the PSC rarely reopens a matter or decision they've made after making the decision despite the public's alarm after the fact. I have written a letter to the PSC and would happily share it with you. It outlines why I think they are in error about raising the price of CNG to national market rates. I believe that as Questar has a monopoly in the state for CNG sold to vehicles that it must be regulated and not inordinately profited on by Questar. I am asking that you intervene on our behalf and request that the PSC reopen this matter for public input of all parties affected, not just the gas utility.