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Dear PSC,

I am writing this letter to let you know that I am not happy with the decision to increase the rates of Natural Gas for Vehicles. The primary reason our company purchased 3 of these vehicles was to reduce our company expenses due to the ever increasing cost of fossil fuel. Currently the cost of fossil has come down to a more reasonable rate but is still priced twice that of we currently pay for Natural Gas for our vehicles. We have enjoyed this savings thus far and have been able to save money by our move to do this. We did indeed need to pay a premium on our vehicles to obtain them which cost has been subsidized by the lower cost of the fuel to operate them.

I understand from the ruling that the sole reason this has been proposed is to bring our price in line with the "national average" paid for 1 GGE of natural gas. I think this is absolutely ridiculous that such a proposal would have been made on a request like this. If this were to be a deciding factor in all decisions your organization was to make why not mandate employers to pay this national average for wages or consumers to pay comparable rent in such places like New York or California. How about other necessities of life such as the cost of food in such states? Would it not be justified to look into other areas also to raise prices based on this flawed reasoning? It would be nice if our company could charge the national average for the particular product we sold. If so we could afford to pay the already outrageous cost of fuel if you would help us in this respect.

The ruling you have made is definitely not a public service in any way. It only benefits the lobbyists for it. By giving into these pressures you are aiding the cause of Socialism. Our right to have a free enterprise system has been reduced by this proposed legislation.

There have been no valid arguments put forth to convince me that this rate increase is a good thing for our economy. Natural Gas customers will not be able to enjoy our inexpensive regional fuel, will tend to use more and possibly cheaper fossil fuel due to convenience reasons and will also contribute pollution to the already dirty Utah air. This will negatively impact any true move to implement clean energy for our state.

If this legislation will definitely pass it would be very surprising. We will have been misled by Questar on their bragging about the benefits of a cheaper fuel source. Also we will be misled by Governor Huntsman about how beneficial it is to implement this strategy into our local economy.

Please contact me if you would at 801-651-5476

Thanks,
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