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**Subject:** Proposed Natural Gas Price Increase

**CC:** "Ron Brown" , "John Garff"  
Merilee,

I am very concerned about the current proposal to increase natural gas prices at the Utah fueling stations by nearly 80%. Our company has spent considerable time and resources promoting the use of natural gas and this move will only set us back in our efforts to have natural gas used as a permanent alternative to gasoline.

I am assuming that this decision was made when regular gas prices exceeded \$4.00 per gallon but now that those prices have come down significantly does it not make sense to look at the amount of the proposed increase and adjust accordingly? From everything I have been able to research there is a larger supply of natural gas available now than ever before so it just doesn't make sense to raise the price by this kind of a percentage. There is no question that the recent newspaper, radio, and television coverage of this proposed increase has already dramatically reduced the demand for natural gas and natural gas vehicles. In fact, "the tap has been shut off". An increase like this will all but ensure that the development of natural gas vehicles and fueling stations will come to a standstill in Utah. What a disappointment that would be with all of the great benefits of natural gas! Our state has become a great example of what can be done with natural gas when business and government work together but if this proposal is allowed to go through we will be stepping back several years. Most of what we have worked so hard for will be lost. When you look closely at the number of businesses that have been created in the last year because of the demand for natural gas it is staggering and losing those businesses would have a substantial impact on an already weakened economy. I would just ask that you take another look at the overall negative impact this decision will have on the future of natural gas and the economy in general and see if it doesn't make sense to rethink this increase.

Sincerely,

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