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Re: Docket 07-057-13 and 08-057-21 CNG NGV Rate Decision

To Members of the Utah Public Service Commission:

As a lifetime resident of Utah, and a member of the group you are pledged to serve, I am asking you to re-open Docket 07-057-13 for public comment, and to remove the NGV rate decision until the broader policy issues of Docket 08-057-21 are decided.

It is my opinion that the decisions made thus far with docket 07-057-13 have been short sighted and do not serve the best interests of the public you are serving. Additionally, I request that the "Wexpro" gas should continue to be included in the NGV rate calculations.

Today's front page news declares the Wasatch Front has an air pollution problem. We need the cleaner air the CNG vehicles help provide. Utah stands to lose Federal Highway funding if we do not comply with EPA Clean Air regulations. Utah residents also pay a price in reduced health from air pollution. As a Utah Public Service, your agency should be aware of and be trying to use every available tool to reduce and fight the lethal air pollution and smog along the Wasatch Front as well as other places in the State. From Logan to St George, Utah residents are using CNG in vehicles.

If CNG prices go as high as other States, it will no longer be worth the extra cost and time it takes to operate a CNG vehicle, people will not continue to move toward CNG, and we will all lose.

All Utah residents benefit from CNG usage. The CNG users are able to offset initial costs to use CNG and the extra time required to fuel CNG vehicles with the lower CNG fuel prices. The rest of Utah residents benefit from lowered petroleum fuel costs. CNG usage reduces the demand on petroleum fuels, thus helping petroleum prices to fall. The use of CNG in vehicles benefits all Utah residents.

CNG use can help during the transition time to alternative energy sources. CNG helps reduce our dependence on foreign oil and keeps our dollars in the United States. The reduced cost of the

CNG has helped my own family budget to stay solvent during the economic times we are all facing.

The argument was made that CNG vehicles were not traditional use for CNG. I do not know if the Public Service commission has thought of the "Pandora's Box" you are opening by trying to exclude CNG vehicles on a non-traditional use platform. I can see Rocky Mountain Power coming to the Public Service Commission and telling them that Electric Car Battery Charging is non-traditional use of electric power and requesting a rate hike as extravagant as the one proposed in the dockets referenced in this letter.

I am in favor of Questar running the CNG filling stations. Questar is a public utility and is regulated by state agencies. This provides stable pricing for natural gas used in homes and vehicles. I do not mind paying slightly more if needed to support expansion of CNG infrastructure; however, if Utah does what other states have done, allow privatization of CNG stations. The CNG prices will climb to about one dollar below petroleum products. That will not be enough incentive for people to continue using CNG. Again, we will all lose.

A cost plus pricing structure could even be considered.

Utah has been blessed with local natural resources that come through the Wexpro system. Our taxes helped pay for the building of the system. As a Utah resident, along with many others, we should be allowed to continue to benefit from the low cost of the Wexpro fuel through CNG use. There should not be an artificially high (national natural gas) price imposed upon Utah CNG users. Please help us continue to have affordable prices for fueling (NGV).

Sincerely,



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