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RE: "DOCKET NO. 07-057-13 In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to Increase Distribution Non-Gas Rates and Charges to Make Tariff Modifications. As Filed by the Commission on Monday, December 22, 2008

Dear Commissioners,

Pursuant to Utah Code § 63-46b-12, an aggrieved party may file, within 30 days after the date of this Report and Order, a written request for rehearing or reconsideration by the Commission.

I am writing to express my concern over the short sighted ruling to side with Questar in raising natural gas rates for the limited number of NGV owners (approximately 6,000) who have invested significantly in their vehicles. I am a new NGV owner and was preparing to purchase a second until I heard about this ruling. My young family saved significantly to purchase our first NGV with the hopes that over a 6-8 year time frame we would be able to recoupe those costs. I see this ruling as having 4 major impacts.

1. **Dirty Utah Air-** The American Lung Association named Salt Lake as the 6th worst Metropolitan area in short term particulate pollution (<http://www.lungusa.org/site/pp.asp?c=dvLUK9O0E&b=50752>). The PSC is crushing the CNG movement in Utah by taking away the only incentive we have, thereby pushing Salt Lake and Utah to more pollution which has costs on everyone. My favorite part about being a CNG owner is that I'm not the only one who benefits, everyone around has cleaner air, and cheaper gas prices. Since I no longer demand gasoline there is less demand in Utah and Nationwide which has caused the price of gas to plummet from over \$4 per gallon to \$1.31 in Utah.
2. **Supporting Terrorist States-** According to this ruling Compressed Natural Gas would now be more expensive than gasoline (\$1.43 vs. \$1.31 for gasoline). This not only takes away any incentive for any individual to buy NGV's, but even to drive the vehicles they already own. I will not be able to purchase a second NGV and will be forced to sell my current NGV. Your ruling is a disincentive to use clean fuel.
3. **Incentive distortion-** Many utilities including Questar give incentives for more energy efficient appliances, insulation etc in our homes. There is no difference in the incentive NGV owners have received with a slight subsidy in the CNG rate at the pump for this "traditional" use of CNG. The cost of these other incentives are born by all Questar customers, just as the cost of the CNG incentives are.
4. **Excessive penalties-** It is my understanding that as a consumer of Questar Natural Gas in my home I pay a rate at least partially based on a Wexpro price, which takes advantage of local cheaper sources of fuel. Your ruling seems to not only remove incentives for NGV owners, but to excessively penalize us by forcing us to pay a full market price instead of the cheaper price all other Utah Questar customers enjoy.

Please reverse your decision to increase pollution, support terrorist states and heavily penalize Utah's NGV drivers. We should all be in this together and I believe that reversing this ruling makes economic, environmental and social sense.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Greg Schow". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Greg Schow