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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

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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'm an aggrieved party writing to request a rehearing. I am very disappointed about the recent announcement to raise the price of natural gas used by CNG vehicles. I like many others paid a high premium for my Honda Civic GX that runs on clean and efficient natural gas. I bought it with the knowledge that Questar did not control their own prices and I would be protected from high prices by the Utah Public Service Commission. Even with the low cost of fuel, it would take over 100,000 miles to recover the added cost of the Honda. Now with the estimated increase in CNG prices I may never see this difference returned. It seems to me that the Public Service Commission does not have the public's interest in mind during this difficult economic time.

I'm a Questar customer who used natural gas to heat my home, dry my laundry, warm my water, cook my dinner, AND run my vehicle. I understand the last use will no longer be considered "traditional" under 08-057-13 and will be charged a rate based on international, not local market prices. When the natural gas comes from WEXPRO wells in "our own backyard", and we are Utah residents who paid to produce the WEXPRO wells, it seems completely unfair for us to pay ADDITIONAL costs in the form of NATIONAL rates. This ruling places more burden on CNG owners in Utah than any other natural gas customers in the State.

The Wasatch Front, during some of the worst inversions, is one of the most polluted areas in the world. Already due to the low tank size and fewer miles driven per tank, as well as the low number of fuel stations, many people are not willing to purchase a CNG vehicle. Increasing the cost of the natural gas will most likely eliminate nearly all the potential purchasers. More gas-guzzling polluters will be on the road causing even more pollution to our state.

Do what is right for ALL Utahns who breathe the Utah air. Allow and encourage vehicles to use the low cost natural gas. Let Utah be an example to other states and encourage more people to change over to cleaner burning and lower polluting automobiles. Consider how the state government of Alaska gives their residents a rebate every year based on the energy reserves that are pumped out of the ground and sent around the world. Shouldn't Utah do something as small as to provide inexpensive natural gas pumped from Utah to Utah citizens?

I am extremely disappointed in the commission's short-sighted ruling. Please re-open DOCKET NO. 07-057-13 and reverse its ruling. If this ruling is left to stand, sometime in the future we will look back and realize what a huge mistake it was. Please don't let this happen - reconsider your decision now.

Sincerely,

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