

From: Julie Orchard
To: Livingston, Merilee
Date: 1/12/2009 12:08 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re:Inquiry from Justin Wilde

UTAH PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION

Here is another letter. JPO

>>> Constituent Services <constituentservices@utah.gov> 1/12/2009 8:31 AM >>>
fyi

2009 JAN 12 P 12: 15

160091

Justin S Wilde

RECEIVED

SUBJECT:
Hello Governor Huntsman,

I'm certain you're aware of the recent PSC ruling related to CNG vehicle fuel in Utah (Docket 07-053-13). Rather than repeat the particulars of that ruling, I write this letter requesting your support in reversing that ruling.

This ruling is very short-sighted and significantly undermines Utah's fragile CNG economy. In my opinion, it is not in the public's best interest.

Should the price of CNG rise dramatically, I and my family, as well as many other NGV owners, will likely cease to refill our bi-fuel vehicles with CNG, because the inconveniences of CNG outweigh the few pennies we might save at the pump. As a result, dollars that could have remained in Utah to support local natural gas providers will instead be sent overseas to hostile foreign oil producers. Dependence on foreign oil will increase. Meanwhile, valley air quality will worsen, local health care costs will increase, and we'll move further from recently-stated EPA clean air goals. Finally, all of the positive momentum towards a viable CNG economy in Utah will effectively stall.

I can understand the concerns of perceived unfairness to Utahns who subsidize vehicle fuel for a few thousand NVG owners (if indeed there is a subsidy). But in reality, it is in the general public's best interest that CNG economy "catch on" in this State and nation. Its not uncommon for a new initiative to be subsidized by the government in order to increase it's chances of success, and I can think of few initiatives as deserving as CNG. But, if indeeds subsidies are unfair, then I and my family are certainly willing to help pay for the additional costs of our local CNG station infrastructure, which might take the form of several more cents per GGE.

But when the natural gas comes from "our own backyard", and we are Utah residents, it seems completely unfair to force Utah NVG owners to pay ADDITIONAL costs in the form of NATIONAL rates. None of our neighbors pay national rates for the natural gas they use. With this ruling, in essence, the pendulum has swung too wide, placing far more burden on CNG drivers of Utah than any other natural gas customers in the State.

The people of Utah are good people; patriotic Americans who love this nation. NGV owners feel good every time they fill up their CNG tank because they feel that -- in a small way -- their efforts are making a positive impact on our local and national economy, and on our environment. The recent PSC ruling essentially kills these efforts. We desperately need you and our other elected leaders to help reverse this ill-conceived and unfair ruling.

Best Regards
Justin and Carmelle Wilde