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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:

My family and I have made the commitment and purchased a Natural Gas Vehicle for two main reasons. First we have come to rely upon the low cost natural gas that the people of Utah enjoy because it's a local resource. Second, to do our small part in reducing the amount of pollution we would otherwise be responsible for. The rate hike this ruling will cause is a major blow to the viability of natural gas as a clean alternative fuel and it will increase our dependence on foreign oil. Questar is my only source for the only fuel my car runs on. This is the wrong course of action in tough economic times when the Natural Gas Vehicle community relies upon a low cost alternative to gasoline.

With a rate increase it also drastically reduces the value of Natural gas vehicles. The inconvenience of having to go to certain gas stations, which are few and far between is only offset by the low cost and the clean air environment.

My fear is that pricing CNG at market prices, will result in the collapse of the NGV market in Utah. As a vehicle owner I went through the process of weighing pros and cons before buying a CNG vehicle. NGV have the positive effect of reducing pollution and currently have lower fuel costs, however they have many drawbacks as well like: reduced range (80-200 miles per tank depending on pressure), significantly increased repair costs, few vehicle choices, few mechanics, and few. If CNG prices become volatile and/or significantly higher, then the biggest motivator (fuel savings) will be lost in this equation, thereby losing the biggest benefit (air quality). FYI, I have spent way more on my CNG vehicles than I have saved. My hope is that over the life of the vehicle I can break even with fuel savings. If I even get close it will be worth it to know that I did my part to help protect this planet for my children.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph Anderson