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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.

Well, that is what I am doing, because I am outraged with the proposed Order. There is no valid reason why international rates should apply to an inherently local issue. According to the website CNGPrices.com, Utah and Wyoming have the lowest CNG prices in the nation. The cost differential is the main reason why many NGV owners, like myself sold their regular gasoline vehicles for a NGV, which I have done last July. At the time when I made the switch, NGVs were being sold at a premium. This premium would be justified due to lower fuel costs and the NGV would repay itself over time.

A new Honda Civic DX retails for just over \$15,000 USD. My new Honda Civic GX (NGV) retailed for just over \$25,000 USD. I ended up buying it for about \$27,500 USD at a California dealer, since there was none available here in Utah, based on high demand. Until December 22nd, many Utahns have purchased new GX models at a premium from local dealers.

DOCKET NO. 07-057-13 is a genuine attempt to resolve the issue of allowing Questar to not subsidize the cost of offering CNG to the public. These costs never should have been subsidized and never should be. Governor Huntsman's Energy Advisor recommends that the NGV rate be increased by no more than 50 percent of cost of service, and I wholly support that recommendation.

Also, why would anyone be motivated under the proposed ruling to switch from a fossil fuel vehicle to a clean Natural Gas Vehicle in an effort to keep our air healthy and clean? In addition, is it not in our best interest to loose our dependency from the oil producing monopoly of the Middle East? Well, this Report and Order is definitely a step in the opposite direction of that goal.

I am furthermore appalled and feel insulted that a Public Services Commission would be looking out for the regulated monopoly before the Public. By your name alone, your mandate is to serve the public and not Keith Rattie. By allowing the current ruling to stand and forcing

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Utahns to pay abstract and inflated rates on CNG, the PSC will be doing a disservice to the Public whom they have been entrusted to serve.

Thank you!

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