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Subject: Fwd: Re:Inquiry from Helen Ostler

>>> Constituent Services <constituentservices@utah.gov> 1/22/2009 9:42 AM >>>

Below is an inquiry which was received by the Governor's Office of Constituent Services on 01/22/2009. Please respond directly to the constituent and reply to this email with a copy of your response by 2/5/2009.

Helen M Ostler

Email

SUBJECT:
January 21, 2009

Dear Governor Huntsman:

PSC Docket 07-057-13 seems founded more on fictional ideas than facts: Contrary to a short-term time implied in the docket, alternative fuel initiatives will require long-term commitments to take hold. (See examples of fading CNG infrastructure in Pennsylvania, Arizona, Washington D.C.) Establishing a pricing system tied to "market" prices certainly introduces volatility into a niche market in its infancy--this really seems like a bad idea. Surely both Questar and consumers alike will benefit from greater cost and price stability. To think that other gas companies are likely to compete in our market (as the docket implies) when Questar has worked diligently to provide ample product availability and good customer service seems naive and unfounded.

I'm appreciative of the alternative fuel vehicle tax incentive and of the state's opening their refueling network to the public. To date Questar's work and the work of states like Utah and Oklahoma has provided a small part of the answer to our country's need for energy independence.

If some sort of subsidy program is required to maintain a CNG infrastructure in Utah, let's take a good look at what has worked in other states or find a solution that may better meet the needs of our unique area and Questar, but to tie pricing to "market" conditions produces negatives which are so great as to dampen the growth of the NGV industry; something with potentially large benefits to the state.

Should you have questions about the content of my letter, do not hesitate to contact me either by phone or by e-mail at . Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Helen M. Ostler

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