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Comment:

Dear Commission. My long-standing concern with BC fuel pricing (within the GVA in particular) is that there appears to be no transparency or regulations in place when it comes to how gas stations price their fuel. Instead, they seem to be free to arbitrarily change gas prices throughout the day with absolutely no accountability. For the past decade or more, it has been normal to see prices fluctuate between 5-10 cents per liter during any given day, and I believe it's time for our voices to be heard. I can think of no other industry where pricing can change so randomly and drastically without prior approval being granted from some regulatory body. We find ourselves having to play the 'game' of timing which seems to have nothing to do with taxes or actual gas pricing. People like me find themselves going through their work week, checking prices from morning until evening, waiting for the price to fall (which it always does but no one knows the hour), and hoping that when it does we're on the right side of the road and that it lines up with our daily schedule. For example, we'll rush to the gas station when it's at \$1.30/L because we all know it'll be \$1.38/L the next morning. If we don't 'jump' when the gas stations dictate, we will miss the 'price of the hour' and pay dearly a few hours later. This practice of price gauging seems to be unique to the Greater Vancouver Area. To my knowledge, this isn't a factor anywhere else in the province or other places in the country. I understand if the GVA has to pay more in taxes, but our gas prices should be consistent, transparent and regulated. It is completely unfair for consumers to have no protection from unwarranted fluctuations. I would rather see gas at \$1.65 consistently if I knew it was based on fair market value (actual fuel prices), a reasonable and regulated profit margin, and approved government taxes & levies, than continue to see the blatant gouging that goes on year after year. I hope you will consider this letter and the importance of this matter. We have been exposed to these unfair practices for far too long and a change is well overdue. Most respectfully,
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