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MEDIA ALERT

Commerce submits Gasoline Investigation to Governor Huntsman

"Gas pricing investigation concludes, report sent to Governor for review"

(For immediate release...)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – Francine A. Giani, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce, announced today that the final investigative report into Utah's gasoline pricing has been sent to Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr. and his staff for review. The report is the result of a 30-day investigation by the Department of Commerce into Utah's higher than national average gasoline prices as directed by Governor Huntsman on September 15, 2006. The report's findings reflect gasoline information provided to Francine Giani and a team of investigators by Utah gas refineries, local gas retailers, economists and gasoline industry experts. One of the reports' findings was that Utah retail gas prices did not reflect the decreasing refinery "rack" gasoline prices statewide.

"Our report revealed that gas retailers are making a healthy profit off Utah consumers and continue to do so even as rack prices keep dropping" said Francine Giani, " While these business owners may not be breaking any Utah laws, they are certainly gouging fellow citizens at the pump."

Governor Huntsman and the Department of Commerce continue to offer consumers links to find Utah's lowest gas prices through their websites. You can find the Governor's link at www.utah.gov/governor by going to the Quick Links section and clicking on "Find Cheap Gas Prices in Utah". There is also a link at the Commerce Department website at www.commerce.utah.gov

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