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In public comment, item 22 today during the California Energy Commission's January 25th, 2023 business meeting, I believe I said I quit 2 small union jobs, whereas I was fired from one and quit the other. I did not purposely make this error in speaking today. I was attempting to share that it seems unions react badly sometimes to situations, perhaps causing a cited by expert, mysterious gas tax. Hopefully the timing I discussed is simply coincidence. Proving does not seem possible.

I was fired from a Santa Rosa Press Democrat (PD) Artist position, 12/27/89-5/15/90 per New York Times (NYT) which at the time, owned the Press Democrat, a Santa Rosa local newspaper. NYT and/or PD staff could not verify if this was a six month probation period at inquiry many years later. I did not save their paperwork.

I quit a Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Engineering Designer III position, officially noted as retirement in order to leave peacefully. I left around February 12th, 2015 using the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). I was ill with a non-stop night cough, bad deep inner congestion, plus other injury issues and felt I badly needed new medical advice after being prescribed a muscle relaxant. Unfortunately, the mid February 2015 date coincidentally seems the timing of Severin's mysterious gas tax concept. I formally quit SMUD as of April 30th, 2015.

I mentioned this after listening to today's item 17 where a Western State Petroleum Association (WSPA) representative spoke on a potential rule-making, and after recently hearing a local television news station, in advertising themselves, blurb that gas prices are going to increase again. I did not listen to their story unfortunately. Listening to item 17 reminded of UCB's Severin's presentation at the lengthy California Energy Commission late 2022 meeting with other oil/gas "knowledge-d" panelists discussing why gas prices increased. As mentioned, after watching the archived meeting and Severin's presentation with a February 2015 "mysterious gas tax," I wrote him a private message regarding this subject in Linked IN.

I figure best to let go of the topic, but better to mention than not, just in case there is correlation I am not aware of, possibly between outside other union workers, oil and gas researchers or hatred on other levels. I hope not, but prefer discussion or knowing if there is any such relationships.

I also wanted to correct my speaking error today. Apologies.