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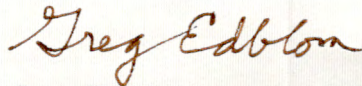
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Dear PUC regulators:

In its March 2021 *Comfort Zone* newsletter, NW Natural describes how it will capture methane from some Tyson Foods facilities to use as renewable natural gas. That can be a positive step toward mitigating our climate crisis.

Looking forward, it seems clear that hydrogen will serve as an important component in a carbon neutral future. Assuming that utilities such as NW Natural will play a part in that transition, regulators should require that all replacement or new natural gas infrastructure meet standards for hydrogen as well as the fossil methane that will necessarily be phased out. While it may cost more today, anticipating this upgrade has to be cheaper to customers than replacing nearly new infrastructure a few years from now.

Respectfully,



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