



July 14, 2023

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
cc: Charles Lockwood, PUC Staff
201 High St. SE #100
Salem, OR 97301

Regarding: ADV 1502/ Advice 23-04, NW Natural revising Smart Energy to include Renewable Natural Gas

Dear Commissioners,

Our cities are committed to cutting our greenhouse gas emissions and reducing non-renewable energy used in our community. It is with those goals in mind that we submit this letter of support. We each have plans with strategies for addressing climate change in our communities that include reducing carbon emissions, improving energy efficiency, and expanding renewable energy. Our communities are growing, and we continue to encourage smart and sustainable growth.

NW Natural's proposal to expand their Smart Energy program to include renewable natural gas (RNG) is a small step in the right direction. However, we feel that the small amount of RNG proposed to be included in the program (1 – 4%) and the significant resulting price increase for participating customers is likely to limit the impact of this program on overall emissions reductions. We would like to encourage even more work by NW Natural to lower the carbon of their fuel, while maintaining affordability and safety, so that it can become a more climate-friendly product in the future.

Thank you for considering this proposal from NW Natural.

Sincerely,

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