



THE DALLES AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

July 14, 2023

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

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

Dear Commissioners,

The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce works to provide value to our members through advocacy and leadership, promoting a positive environment for business, tourism, community, and education. By being the voice of business, promoting collaboration and helping members grow we are able to make a difference in the communities we serve.

The Dalles, like many cities, is aware of climate change and working toward our own regional goals to do our part. As Oregon continues to face challenges as it relates to climate change it is vital for business, government, and industry leaders to work beside utility partners in finding solutions. NW Natural's Smart Energy Program is already helping over 84,000 customers lessen their environmental impact in homes and businesses and the proposed addition of renewable natural gas (RNG) will do even more. RNG investment opportunities that capture emissions deriving from wastewater treatment plants, landfills and farms represent economic opportunity for communities while putting our waste to work and cleaning up the airshed.

Thank you for your consideration in adopting this proposal from NW Natural.

Sincerely,

Lisa Farquharson
President / CEO