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Public Utility Commission of Oregon

Attn: Charles Lockwood, PUC Staff

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Salem, Or. 97301

Regarding: ADV 1502/Advice, NW Natural revising Smart Energy to Include Renewable Natural Gas

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our strong support for the inclusion of renewable natural gas (RNG) in the Smart Energy Program in Oregon. As an organization dedicated to promoting local businesses and sustainable economic growth, we believe that incorporating RNG will have significant benefits for our community and for the state as a whole.

Renewable natural gas presents an exceptional opportunity to address two critical issues simultaneously: environmental sustainability and economic development. By including RNG in the Smart Energy Program, Oregon can further its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions while supporting local businesses and creating new job opportunities.

The tourism industry, which plays a vital role in Lincoln City's economy, relies heavily on our pristine natural environment. By embracing RNG as a clean energy source, we can enhance our commitment to environmental stewardship and maintain the desirability of our region to visitors seeking eco-friendly destinations.

The Lincoln City Chamber stands ready to support the Public Utility Commission's efforts to advance renewable energy initiatives and create a more sustainable future for our state. We strongly believe that the integration of RNG into the Smart Energy Program would strengthen our local economy, improve the quality of life for our residents, and reinforce Oregon's position as a leader in renewable energy.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Lori Arce-Torres

Lincoln City Chamber Executive Director