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To the members of the Oregon Public Utility Commission,

NW Natural has filed to modify the Smart Energy program tariff by adding a renewable gas Green Energy Tariff. I fully support this effort and request the Oregon Public Utility Commission approve this addition.

The addition will both integrate renewable gas into the residential program offering and allow large commercial customers, with annual aggregate therm use of 50,000 or greater, the option to secure a contract with a combination of RNG and offsets in the Smart Energy Program.

This change to the Smart Energy tariff will expand the program and help support more individuals and NW Natural commercial customers who desire to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions associated with their personal energy use.

I believe we need to create and support as the development of as many renewable options for both individuals and commercial customers as possible going forward. The latest analysis and information shows a single renewable solution avenue will not accomplish the desired outcomes and will leave regions (and this country) in an energy vulnerable position for generations to come. We simply cannot leave our residents vulnerable to losing heating, cooling, power and other services due to severe weather, human actions, or other extreme events. As I like to say, make sure your quiver is full of all available arrows since you don't know what challenge you'll next face.

In addition, not including this option in the Green Energy Tariff program will put an unnecessary limit on the development of creative and potentially superior solutions to the current situation.

In conclusion, I reiterate my full support for this addition and request the Oregon Public Utility Commission approve it.

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