

June 26, 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,

Oregon Health and Science (OHSU) is the state's only public academic health and research university. As one of Oregon's largest employers with more than 16,000 employees, OHSU's size contributes to its ability to provide many services and community support not found anywhere else in the state.

OHSU recently signed the US Department of Health and Human Services' White House/HHS Health Sector Climate Pledge committing to a 50% emissions reduction by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050.

NW Natural's OPUC Advice No. 23-04 outlining a Tariff for customers to receive a Renewable Gas Option would provide an additional path towards achieving our emissions goals and ensuring a healthy environment for our patients, staff and community.

OHSU has already participates in PGE's Green Future Impact program and committed to 72,000 mWh of renewable energy for the next 15 years.

We encourage you to consider adopting this proposal from NW Natural.

Sincerely,

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