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cc: Charles Lockwood, PUC Staff  
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Re: ADV 1502/ Advice 23-04, NW Natural revising Smart Energy to include Renewable Natural Gas

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in full support of. NW Natural including renewable natural gas in its Smart Energy program.

As the regional economic development organization serving the Mid-Willamette Valley, SEDCOR recognizes that our natural resource base is the heart of an economy that includes food and beverage processing, advanced manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, and technology. Our Northwest Ag Innovation Hub initiative addresses opportunities to introduce the region's growers and processors with new technologies to help ensure long term sustainability of their operations. As such, we are engaged in a variety of ag tech and climate tech initiatives with local businesses and entrepreneurs who see economic opportunity in development of technology to address sustainability measures.

By allowing NW Natural to revise its Smart Energy program to include renewable natural gas, it not only provides an additional carbon mitigating resource for customers, but in a region with strong agriculture and food processing sectors, it also may provide a secondary source of revenue by expanding the market for food and livestock waste and other organic waste sources.

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

Sincerely,

Erik Andersson