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Dear Chair Decker and members of the Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue. I am a NW Natural customer, a senior citizen on a fixed income, and lifelong environmentalist. It is critical that the PUC follow through with the IRP guidance that is discussed in the final Future of Gas report and be extra skeptical of RNG investments and continued growth of the gas system. The Commission must support PUC Staff and Synapse's analysis, as well as that of ratepayer, climate, and energy justice advocates. I am concerned about the unrealistic and misleading claims gas companies have been making about the availability and benefits of so-called **renewable natural gas and hydrogen**. I am also deeply concerned about business-as-usual planning, when we're facing unprecedented circumstances. Times have changed, the status quo isn't working, and I urge the Commission to change our planning as well. We don't want to be on the hook for decades to come to pay off risky investments in continued fossil fuel use and expensive gas alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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