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Chair Decker and members of the Commission,

I'm writing regarding the NW Natural Gas IRP. My name is B [REDACTED] R [REDACTED]. I work as the Campaign Director for the Building Resilience Coalition, a group of organizations fighting for cleaner, healthier, and more resilient homes for all Oregonians. I'm also a NW Natural customer and resident of the City of Milwaukie, and it's in that capacity that I'm writing today.

I want to state my strong support for PUC Staff, CUB, and Energy Advocates' recommendations in this proceeding and urge the Commission to not acknowledge the NW Natural IRP at this time.

We're in a climate emergency and we have to treat it like that – an emergency. Business as usual planning will not work. We face too many risks, both of continued methane gas use in our communities, and the public health harms there – but also risks to our energy bills and our climate overall.

Milwaukie, where I live, passed a resolution to move off of gas in new construction. I expect our city, which strongly values climate action, will take more measures to help people transition to clean electricity use even in existing construction. If NW Natural continues to build, build, build without taking these kinds of actions into account – we risk leaving those with the fewest resources stranded on a more and more expensive system.

Instead, NW Natural should be told to explore other pathways– through energy efficiency and clean, electric alternatives– to serve its customers and meet state climate goals.

Thank you for your consideration,

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