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Good Morning Chair Decker and all members of the Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments for your consideration in this process. I am very interested in the planning for NW Natural to effectively and economically address the climate crisis which is already upon us.

I am a NW Natural customer in Washington County (several gas appliances in my home). I am also a retiree living on Social Security and a small pension. Thus my interest and concern about NW Natural's planning.

Please carefully consider the following comments:

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.

We are in a climate emergency and **methane** is over 80 times more potent a climate driver than carbon dioxide. We need our gas utilities to be downsized, not allow for continued, business-as-usual growth.

I am concerned about the **seismic stability** of the CEI Hub and the risk of NWN's planned investments in this area. I urge the PUC to **not** acknowledge the cold box investment in particular, or at least to defer consideration until after more research and mitigation efforts.

Your consideration is very much appreciated,

Regards

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