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Chair Decker and members of the Commission,  
I am a NW Natural customer in Portland.

Oregon has climate goals requiring gas utilities to slash pollution by 90% by 2050. I am concerned that NW Natural does not have a realistic plan to meet these goals. Rather, they have put forward a 20-year Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) that risks leaving customers on the hook for huge, irresponsible investments that are not in line with our state's climate goals.

Therefore, I believe it is critical that the PUC follow through with the IRP guidance that is discussed in the final Future of Gas report. Furthermore, given the unrealistic and misleading claims gas companies have been making about the availability and benefits of so-called renewable natural gas and hydrogen, the PUC must be extremely 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.**

Given that 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, and not allow for continued, business-as-usual growth.

Finally, I am concerned about the seismic stability of the CEI Hub and the risk of NWN's planned investments in this area.

For all of the above reasons, 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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