

Natural Gas Fact Finding Participants and LC 71 Service List Members –

Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) Staff would like you to be aware that NW Natural has recently filed its first Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) report for its large renewable gas program in [OPUC Docket No. RG 99](#).

In 2020, the OPUC created the large renewable gas program rules pursuant to ORS 757.394. **The program allows a participating large natural gas utility to procure renewable natural gas to meet a series of portfolio percentage targets through 2050.** The RNG report is required annually by OAR 860-150-0600. The report includes information on the quantity, type, and carbon intensity of 2021 RNG acquisitions toward the targets established in ORS 757.396. **These annual reports are informational and will not be reviewed for approval or acknowledgement by the Commission. However, NW Natural will be required to include additional information relevant to RNG in its IRP under OAR 860-150-0100, including information about opportunities, challenges, and strategy for meeting annual RNG targets and the RNG cost-effectiveness calculation used to evaluate RNG.**

We bring this report to your attention because we would like to encourage stakeholder awareness and review of the information on investments made by NW Natural in 2021. We hope that the information included in the report will help stakeholders when providing feedback in NW Natural's ongoing system planning processes. To promote an orderly conversation, we request that comments and feedback on the report be shared through NW Natural's IRP development [Technical Working Group](#) process, and through comments and participation in the 2022 IRP docket, once the 2022 IRP is filed with the OPUC.

Thank you,

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