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Columbia County Commission
251 St. Helens Street
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Submitted via email c/o Columbia County Clerk

Re: NW Natural Mist Storage Project – Conditional Use Permit Support

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Columbia River PUD, I am writing to express our support for NW Natural's gas storage project in Columbia County.


A reliable and diverse mix of energy resources are critical to meeting peak demand in the Pacific northwest. The Mist project is an important investment that will strengthen energy resource adequacy and help meet future economic development demands in the region.

In addition, the project will provide meaningful local economic value. Project construction and ongoing facility operations will provide family-wage jobs, support community businesses and suppliers, and generate additional tax revenue for Columbia County.

Columbia River PUD values projects that contribute to both energy reliability and the economic growth in our community. We believe the proposed Mist expansion aligns with these goals and respectfully encourages your support of NW Natural's conditional use permit application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Michael J. Sykes
General Manager
Columbia River PUD

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