

May 29,2026

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
230 Strand Street
St. Helens, OR 97051

RE: Support for NW Natural Mist Gas Storage Fields Expansion Project application number CU 25-169

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in strong support of NW Natural's application for a Conditional Use Permit for the Mist Gas Storage Fields Expansion Project.

As the owner/operator of River's Edge RV Resort & Camping, I have had the opportunity to witness firsthand the positive impact that energy infrastructure projects bring to Columbia County. The proposed expansion will help ensure the continued reliability and affordability of energy throughout our region while creating meaningful economic benefits for local businesses and residents.

The construction and operation of these additional storage wells will generate family-wage jobs, increase demand for local suppliers and service providers, and contribute valuable tax revenue to Columbia County at a time when those resources are critically needed. These investments strengthen our local economy and create opportunities that benefit businesses and families throughout the region.

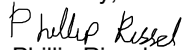
Of particular significance to our business, the project is expected to bring a substantial workforce to the area over a construction period of approximately two to three years. Contractors and skilled workers associated with JH Kelly, Michels, and other project partners will require lodging and accommodations during their time in Columbia County. River's Edge RV Resort & Camping, along with other local lodging providers, will directly benefit from this increased economic activity. These workers also support local restaurants, retailers, fuel providers, and numerous other small businesses throughout the county.

NW Natural has long been an important part of the Mist community, and this project represents a continued investment in both the region's energy infrastructure and the local economy. The expansion will provide lasting benefits through job creation, economic development, and enhanced energy reliability for Oregon residents and businesses.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Columbia County Board of Commissioners to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Mist Gas Storage Fields Expansion Project.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project and for your continued service to Columbia County.

Sincerely,


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