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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, June 10, 2026
(Remote Access Available)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northwest Environmental Defense Center (NEDC) has appealed the Planning Commission decision approving a Conditional Use Permit (Land Development Services file no. CU 25-169) authorizing the processing of natural gas as it occurs at the twelve (12) proposed injection/withdrawal wells, at the existing NW Natural Gas - Mist Facility, pursuant to Columbia County Zoning Ordinance (CCZO) §505.2 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 660-006-0027(4)(g).

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the Columbia County Board of Commissioners on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026**, at or after 10:00 am. This meeting will be hybrid in nature, allowing participants to attend in person at the John Gumm Building and Civic Center located at 251 St. Helens Street, St. Helens, Oregon 97051.

Join the Meeting ID: 290 449 999 593 68 **Passcode:** ac3tW2Yt

If you have any questions or concerns regarding access to the meeting or need accommodations, please contact the Columbia County Board of Commissioners Administrator, Jacyn Normine, at jacyn.normine@columbiacountyor.gov or by calling 503-397-4322.

FILE No.:	CU 25-169
Applicant:	NW Natural Gas Company (NWN)
Property Owner(s):	Weyerhaeuser Timber Holdings, Claruth Inc., Wilna Inc., Franbea Inc.
Map ID and Tax Account No.'s:	7500-00-04500/04700/04800/05000 (25544/25546/25547/25549)
Property Address:	NONE
Zoning:	PRIMARY FOREST (PF-80)
Proposal / Application Type(s):	<i>A CONDITIONAL USE (CU) PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE THE PROCESSING OF NATURAL GAS.</i>
Applicable Review Criteria:	OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (OAR) 660-006-0025(4)(g), & COLUMBIA COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE (CCZO) SECTIONS: §500, §505.2, §507, §508, §509, §510, §1190, §1503, and COLUMBIA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN Sections: Part IV Forest Lands, Part X Economy, Part XVI Goal 5 - Open Space, Scenic and Historic Areas and Natural Resources - Article VII: ENERGY SOURCES GOALS AND POLICIES

A copy of the application, all documents and evidence submitted to the record by the applicant and relied upon by staff, and the staff report recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, will be available for inspection at no cost (copies available for cost) at the Land Development Services office temporarily located at 445 Port Ave, St Helens, OR. and will also be made available online at <https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/departments/BoardofCommissionersOffice/Hearings> at least 7 days prior to the hearing. Written comments on the issue can be submitted via email to jacyn.normine@columbiacountyor.gov or you can send comments via U.S. Mail to Columbia County Board of Commissioners, Jacyn Normine, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051. and will be accepted into the record if submitted at the hearing.

Interested parties may appear and be heard. The hearing will be held in accordance with the procedures established in the Columbia County Zoning Ordinance. At the public hearing, planning staff, the applicants, and interested parties may present information relevant to the criteria and standards pertinent to the proposal, giving reasons why the application should or should not be approved, or what modifications are necessary for approval.

Failure to raise an issue, either in writing or in person, and failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the Columbia County Board of Commissioners an opportunity to respond to the issue raised, precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) based on that specific issue. If additional documents or evidence are provided by any party, the local government may allow a continuance or leave the record open to allow the parties a reasonable opportunity to respond. Any continuance or extension of the record requested by an applicant shall result in a corresponding extension of the time limitations of ORS 215.427 or 227.178 and ORS 215.429 or 227.179.

Additional information concerning the application may be obtained by contacting **Kate McGuire** at kate.mcguire@columbiacountyor.gov or by calling (503) 397-7216.

Date this 1st day of June 2026
For the
Board of County Commissioners
for Columbia County, Oregon
Jacyn Normine, Administrator
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