

February 23, 2023

The Honorable Aaron Woods, Co-Chair, Jt. Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on
Transportation & Economic Development
The Honorable David Gomberg, Co-Chair, Jt. Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on
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Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Senator Woods and Representative Gomberg,

NW Natural is pleased to provide comments on Senate Bill 5534, the budget bill for the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“OPUC”). It is vitally important that the OPUC has sufficient funding to meet its mission and growing obligations. Among the many important responsibilities of the OPUC, the OPUC will need to continue implementing the state’s decarbonization policies for the electric and gas public utilities regulated by the OPUC, overseeing the numerous public utility-requested proceedings at the OPUC, and maintaining and modernizing the OPUC’s information and technology systems and resources to meet the growing demands of a more complex workload. We believe the budget outlined in the budget request is reasonable, appropriately prioritizes needed increases in the budget, and will provide the OPUC with the requisite revenue to meet current and future levels of operations.

NW Natural appreciates the opportunity to support the OPUC’s Biennial Budget.

Sincerely,

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