

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 22-2230-PET

Petition of Vermont Gas Systems, Inc., pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248(i), for approval of an out-of-state renewable gas purchase contract with a term exceeding five years	
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Order entered: 07/25/2022

**SCHEDULING CONFERENCE ORDER**

This case involves a petition filed by Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (“VGS”) with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) seeking approval of an out-of-state renewable gas (“RNG”) purchase contract with Archaea Energy Marketing LLC (“Archaea”) under 30 V.S.A. § 248(i).

On July 21, 2022, I held a scheduling conference in this matter. Appearances were entered by Eric B. Guzman, Esq., on behalf of the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”); and Owen McClain, Esq., Sheehy Furlong & Behm P.C., on behalf of VGS. In addition, the scheduling conference was attended by Mary Bouchard on behalf of VGS.

At the scheduling conference, the parties discussed a procedural schedule for this case. On July 22, 2022, VGS filed a proposed schedule that is consistent with the dates and deadlines that were discussed at the scheduling conference. I adopt VGS’s proposed schedule, which includes the following dates and deadlines for the remainder of this investigation:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
July 29, 2022	Deadline for Motions to Intervene
July 29, 2022	Deadline for Non-Petitioners’ First Set of Discovery on VGS
August 5, 2022	Deadline for VGS’s Responses to Non-Petitioners’ First Set of Discovery
August 11, 2022	Commission to hold a workshop
August 12, 2022	Parties to hold a discovery conference followed by rolling discovery responses if necessary

August 26, 2022	Deadline for Non-Petitioners' Direct Testimony and Department Recommendation; Deadline for Parties to File Request for Hearing
<b>Evidentiary Hearing Track</b>	
September 2, 2022	Deadline for VGS's First Set of Discovery on Non-Petitioners
September 9, 2022	Deadline for Non-Petitioners' Responses to VGS First Set of Discovery
September 16, 2022	Deadline for VGS's Rebuttal Testimony
Week of September 19	Evidentiary Hearing
Two Weeks Following Evidentiary Hearing (no later than September 30, 2022)	Deadline for Parties to File Post-Hearing Briefs
10 Days Following Initial Briefs	Deadline for Parties to File Reply Briefs
November 8, 2022	Conclusion of Section 248(i) 120 Day Review Period

I request that VGS and the Department file their narrative discovery responses in ePUC for this case. The Parties should not, however, file any attachments to their discovery responses in ePUC. If the Commission or its staff determines that reviewing discovery attachments will be necessary, I will issue a written request for the parties to file specific documents.

A separate scheduling notice will be issued for the workshop, which is tentatively scheduled for August 11, 2022. If the date for the workshop must be changed, the Clerk of the Commission will contact the parties about availability on other potential dates.

If motions for summary judgment or motions for dismissal are filed in this case, then, consistent with Vermont Rule of Civil Procedure 7(b)(4) and unless different deadlines are established by the Commission, (1) responses shall be due 30 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses shall be due 14 days after the responses are filed. For any other motions, consistent with that same rule and unless different deadlines are established by the Commission, (1) responses shall be due 14 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses shall be due 14 days after the responses are filed. Surreplies may only be filed with permission from the Commission.

Parties are reminded that documents submitted in .pdf format should be in an “unlocked” format, i.e., searchable and extractable, rather than in an image format.

Members of the public interested in this proceeding may participate by submitting public comments or by intervening as a formal party to the case. Members of the public may also simply monitor the Commission’s actions in a specific case. Guidance on how to monitor, comment on, or actively participate in Commission proceedings is available in the document “Public Participation and Intervention in Proceedings before the Public Utility Commission,” which is available on the Commission’s website at: <https://puc.vermont.gov/document/public-participation-and-intervention-proceedings-public-utility-commission>.

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 20 and 21, the Petitioner will be responsible for court reporter costs incurred by the Commission during the course of this proceeding and billed back to the Petitioner.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 25th day of July, 2022.



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Daniel Burke, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: July 25, 2022

Attest: Pamela Lenahan  
Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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