

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 5 years	
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THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE’S RESPONSE MOTION TO INTERVENE

On July 29, 2022, Catherine Bock filed a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Ms. Bock seeks permissive intervention to demonstrate that Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.’s (“VGS”) proposed renewable natural gas contract “will provide no benefit to [Ms. Bock] as a VGS ratepayer, and furthermore, that it does not align with Vermont’s climate goals or allow VGS ‘to contribute to the State’s Global Warming Solutions Act requirements.’”¹

The Department of Public Service has no objection to Ms. Bock’s request for permissive intervention.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont this 5th day of August 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

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¹ Ms. Bock also argues in her motion that the “GHG emissions reduction benefits of the contract are assumed by DPS.” However, the Department’s July 5, 2022 recommendation specifically stated that the contract should be “comprehensively evaluated to better understand the RNG commodity impacts, from ratepayer impact *to greenhouse gas mitigation.*” DPS Recommendation at 2 (emphasis added). This topic is further explored in the Department’s first round of discovery requests on VGS.