

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: 08/30/2022

**ORDER ON VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC.’S MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDED
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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 August 29, 2022, VGS filed a motion seeking to amend the schedule for this proceeding. In the motion, VGS represents that the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) and Catherine Bock both agree to the proposed changes.

In light of the agreement of all parties to this case, and because the proposed changes will not extend the deadlines for holding an evidentiary hearing or filing briefs, I grant VGS’s motion. The dates and deadlines for the remainder of this investigation therefore are as follows:

Date	Event
August 26, 2022	Deadline for the Department’s Direct Testimony and Department Recommendation
September 1, 2022	Deadline for VGS to Respond to Intervenor Discovery
September 2, 2022	Deadline for VGS’s First Set of Discovery on Department
September 2, 2022	Intervenor to File Direct Testimony
September 5, 2022	VGS to serve First Set of Discovery on Intervenor
September 9, 2022	Deadline for the Department’s Responses to VGS’s First Set of Discovery
September 12, 2022	Deadline for Intervenor’s Response to VGS’s 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

VGS's motion also requests that the Commission proceed with noticing an evidentiary hearing to be held during the week of September 19, 2022, but notes that the parties may ultimately request that the evidentiary hearing be cancelled. VGS represents that the parties will be prepared to address whether the evidentiary hearing can be cancelled by September 16, 2022, the deadline for VGS to submit rebuttal testimony. Consistent with VGS's motion, the Clerk of the Commission will issue a notice for a hearing. However, the parties should be advised that Commission staff may have questions for witnesses to this proceeding and may decide to hold an evidentiary hearing even if the parties determine that they do not intend to present any additional evidence or cross-examine witnesses at an evidentiary hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 30th day of August, 2022.



Daniel Burke, Esq.
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: August 30, 2022

Attest: Pamela Lenahan
Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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