

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: 09/09/2022

**PROCEDURAL ORDER REQUESTING RESPONSE TO MOTION AND COMMENTS ON 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 September 8, 2022, the Clerk of the Commission issued a notice for an evidentiary hearing to be held in this case on September 20, 2022, at 9:30 AM. On September 9, 2022, Catherine Bock filed a motion requesting that the timing of the noticed evidentiary hearing be changed to accommodate a witness that will be unavailable between 10:00 AM and 3:30 PM on September 20, 2022. Ms. Bock states that the affected witness will be available after 1:00 PM on September 21 and after 11:00 AM on September 22 and 23, 2022.

I request that responses to Ms. Bock’s motion be filed no later than Monday, September 12, 2022. Within those responses, I request that the parties address the feasibility of modifying the timing for the evidentiary hearing noticed for September 20, 2022. In particular, I request that Ms. Bock respond to whether Dr. Grubert would be available to testify before 10:00 AM or after 3:30 PM on September 20, 2022. The Department and VGS are requested to provide expected times for any cross-examination of Dr. Grubert. All parties are then requested to comment on whether it would be feasible to present Dr. Grubert as the first witness and complete as much of the evidentiary hearing as possible in the morning of September 20, 2022, and reconvene after 3:30 PM if necessary to complete any questions for Dr. Grubert.

In preparing these responses, the parties are advised that Commission staff will be unavailable on both September 22 and 23, 2022. Those days, therefore, will not be available for an evidentiary hearing. Also, as noted in prior orders in this case and discussed at the July 21, 2022, scheduling conference, it will not be feasible to extend the evidentiary hearing date beyond

the week of September 21 due to the 120-day statutory deadline under 30 V.S.A. § 248(i). The parties are further advised that Commission staff have not been able to confirm availability of a court reporter on September 21, and therefore that date may not be available for a hearing even if it would accommodate the parties

Responses to Ms. Bock's motion and this order are due by Monday, September 12, 2022. If possible, the parties are encouraged to consult with each other before responding to the information requests included in this order.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 9th day of September, 2022.

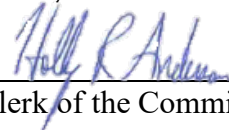


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Hearing Officer

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