

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 22A-4238

Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. Rutland Regional Medical Center Geothermal Project	
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Order entered: 11/02/2022

**PROCEDURAL ORDER REGARDING VERMONT GAS'S REQUEST
FOR CLARIFICATION AND TO EXPEDITE REVIEW**

On September 27, 2022, Vermont Gas Systems Inc. (“VGS”) filed notice of an innovative pilot project entitled the Rutland Regional Medical Center (“RRMC”) Geothermal Project (“Project”) pursuant to the Climate Action and Innovation Programs section of its Alternative Regulation Plan (“ARP”).¹

On October 21, 2022, the hearing officer issued a set of information requests to VGS. The request set a deadline of November 11, 2022, for VGS’s responses, and December 12, 2022, for any comments on or objections to the Project, including VGS’s responses to this information request, and any requests for additional process.

On October 26, 2022, VGS filed responses to the information requests. Concurrently, VGS filed a motion requesting that the Commission set a deadline of November 9, 2022, for responses to the Project and VGS’s responses. VGS also sought clarification of whether it may now move forward with the Project because it has filed responses, or, instead, must wait for the Commission to give permission. VGS states that it is requesting clarification and expedited review “because failure to construct this Project before winter could substantially delay VGS’s efforts to advance geothermal growth in Vermont.”²

VGS may not move forward with the Project at this time. The Commission is reviewing VGS’s filings and will issue an order as soon as is practicable. Should the Vermont Department of Public Service wish to file comments on or object to the Project, it may do so by November 9, 2022.

SO ORDERED.

¹ See Exhibit VGS-JMP-5 (5/21/21), Case No. 19-3529-PET at 5.

² Motion for Clarification and Request for Expedited Review (10/26/22) at 1.

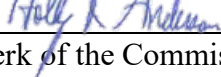
Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 2nd day of November, 2022.



Steph Hoffman, Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: November 2, 2022

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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