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Vermont Gas and NG Advantage Create First "Gas Island" in Advance of Pipeline Expansion to Provide CNG to Customers

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South Burlington and Milton, VT– Farmers, a hard-cider producer and Middlebury College will begin to receive natural gas service sooner than they had expected.

For the first time in the nation, a local natural gas distribution company (LDC) and a "virtual pipeline" provider have partnered to provide natural gas to new customers - in advance of a pipeline extension.

Vermont Gas Systems (<http://www.vermontgas.com/>) and **NG Advantage LLC** (<http://www.ngadvantage.com/>) have begun construction of a "gas island," consisting of an Off-Loading Station and a small pipeline network that will connect **Agri-Mark's** Middlebury plant, **Vermont Hard Cider LLC** (<http://www.woodchuck.com/about-us/>), and **Middlebury College** (<http://www.middlebury.edu>).

Upon the completion of the "gas island" infrastructure, NG Advantage will begin delivering the same gas that will eventually flow from the pipeline using its "virtual pipeline" – consisting of a fleet of high-tech tractor/trailers. Once Vermont Gas' pipeline reaches Middlebury, NG Advantage will move its Off-Loading Station and trucks to other customer sites.

The "gas island" concept was developed by NG Advantage as a means to provide multiple customers with natural gas service in advance of a natural gas pipeline or in areas where pipelines are not practical.

"Agri-Mark is very pleased to receive natural gas in this transition period due to this innovative transition approach designed by NG Advantage and Vermont Gas," says Doug DiMento, Agri-Mark's Director of Corporate Communications. "Our company continues to look forward to the natural gas pipeline because when completed it will allow us to reduce plant costs substantially for our farmer-owners. In the meantime, we support this creative short-term solution as it will allow us to take a first step with some financial savings to our farmers until the full project is completed."

The "gas island" system will provide the same natural gas used by Vermont Gas to serve its current customer base of 50,000 homes and businesses in Chittenden and Franklin counties. Natural gas is less expensive than oil, cleaner, and sourced in North America.

"We believe this is a first in the US midstream natural gas distribution industry," said NG Advantage's CEO Tom Evslin. "We are on track to begin deliveries in late 2014. When the work in Middlebury is completed, we will be able to serve Vermont Gas' new customers saving them 20-40% off of their fuel bills as well as eliminating 26% of their CO₂ and a substantial amount of their SO₂ and NO_x emissions."

Vermont's Governor Peter Shumlin applauded the project saying, "Vermont companies are committed to lowering their air polluting emissions. NG Advantage has designed a very creative way to help our industries become greener and competitive. Many of the businesses in Addison County find that they have to rely upon fuel oil or propane because they have not had the opportunity to choose natural gas. This new venture is a great economic development initiative to give our industries businesses a choice of natural gas now, as a head start on saving money and lowering their carbon footprint."

We are excited to have Agri-Mark, Vermont Hard Cider and Middlebury College immediately become customers of Vermont Gas," said Don Gilbert, President and CEO of Vermont Gas. "Natural gas will be delivered to their local network by NG Advantage using its high-tech carbon fiber trailers until our pipeline is completed to Middlebury."

"Working in partnership with NG Advantage is a creative model for the gas industry, demonstrating

that an LDC can help customers receive the benefits of natural gas as we prepare to extend our infrastructure," Gilbert said.

ABOUT NG ADVANTAGE LLC: NG Advantage is an innovative fuel provider trucking compressed natural gas (CNG) in the U.S. – bringing the economic and environmental benefits of North American natural gas to large institutions and industrial customers without access to a pipeline. The Company's current customers include hospitals, paper mills, asphalt facilities, food processors, industrial dry cleaners, LDCs, and light manufacturing facilities. With a compressor station in Vermont, in southern New Hampshire and a third in permitting in the greater Albany area, the Company currently serves customers in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and eastern New York. The company will expand its service areas in 2015. www.NGadvantage.com (<http://www.NGadvantage.com>)

Vermont Gas serves almost 50,000 customers in Franklin and Chittenden counties and is currently working to expand service into Addison and Rutland counties through the Addison Rutland Natural Gas Project. The company's long heritage for safe and reliable operations includes its award-winning energy-efficiency programs, which reduce energy use while saving \$13 million annually for homes and businesses. For more information about the Addison Rutland Natural Gas Project, visit www.addisonrutlandnaturalgas.com (<http://www.addisonrutlandnaturalgas.com>).

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“The company trying to extend a natural gas pipeline through Vermont by next year has announced it will bring gas on tractor-trailers to three large businesses in Middlebury next month... Vermont Gas spokesman Steve Wark said Wednesday the company would then run small-diameter pipes from the tractor-trailers to the headquarters of Middlebury College, Cabot Creamery and Vermont Hard Cider. The pipes would contain the same natural gas that Vermont Gas plans to run through the pipeline.

“They were looking for ways to try to save money before the pipeline is complete,’ Wark said of his three customers. He said the three companies will each save 20 percent on their fuel bills by using the natural gas island starting next month.

“The natural gas service will not be available to residents in the area, Wark said, because homes use too little heating oil to justify spending the money to switch to natural gas.

In Case You Missed It...

VT DIGGER: VERMONT GAS PLANS 'VIRTUAL PIPELINE' BY YEAR'S END

“While work continues on Vermont Gas’ 41-mile pipeline extension through Addison County, the company plans to use a ‘virtual pipeline’ to provide immediate service to three commercial customers in Middlebury. The natural gas utility announced Wednesday it will build an off-loading station that will feed a pipeline network to serve Agri-Mark, Vermont Hard Cider and Middlebury College. Gas would be transported to the station by truck.

“The ‘gas island’ could be operational as soon as late October... Vermont Gas’ spokesman Steve Wark said the ‘gas island’ will save the commercial customers about 20 percent on their heating bill compared to the cost of propane or oil. But the pipeline is still needed, he said, because it would provide savings of between 40 percent and 52 percent.” – [READ THE FULL STORY HERE.](#)

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Addison Rutland Natural Gas Project

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Project Overview

Addison Rutland Natural Gas Project:

Natural Gas is widely viewed as an affordable fuel that has low greenhouse gas emissions. As of April 2013, natural gas costs 43% less than fuel oil and 56% less than propane, thereby providing a significant cost advantage to our customers. Vermont Gas currently operates 750 miles of underground transmission and distribution pipeline that serve Chittenden and Franklin Counties. During the past year, we have been working to design and permit a 41-mile pipeline extension to bring natural gas service to Middlebury and Vergennes. Known as Phase I of the Addison Rutland Natural Gas Project ("ARNGP"), this project will bring clean and affordable energy to the region in a manner that maximizes economic, environmental and reliability benefits to stakeholders. Preliminary planning for Phase II (an extension of the transmission line to Ticonderoga, NY) is presently underway.

The Project Goal:

To expand natural gas service to Addison County and Rutland County in a manner that maximizes economic, environmental and reliability benefits to stakeholders — while maintaining a strong competitive advantage, excellent customer satisfaction, superior safety and positions Vermont Gas for future expansion.

The Addison Rutland Natural Gas Project will:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Lower heating and energy costs.
- Reduce Vermont's reliance on foreign oil sources.
- Increase energy efficiency.
- Lead to enhanced economic development opportunities in town and village centers in Addison County and Rutland County.
- Reduce truck traffic, thereby reducing air pollution and impacts on Vermont roadways.

Addison County, Rutland County & Natural Gas:

In response to requests from community leaders and a number of Addison and Rutland County businesses, Vermont Gas is

Economic Benefits:

Natural gas expansion in Addison County and Rutland County will save customers \$200 million over 20 years. Additionally, natural gas service is highly desirable for business and economic development and will serve to help the area create and retain jobs.

Environmental Benefits:

34% of Vermont's greenhouse gas emissions come from residential, commercial and industrial heating. Because natural gas is the cleanest burning fossil fuel, switching from oil or propane to natural gas results in a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Phase I of the project will reduce Vermont's greenhouse gas production by 300,000 tons over 20 years.

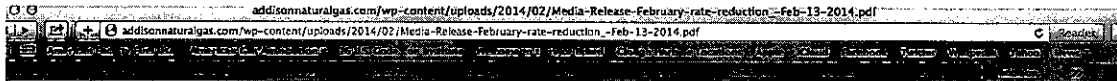
Ticonderoga Paper Mill Project Overview

International Paper's Ticonderoga Mill is located on the shore of Lake Champlain in New York, less than one-half mile from Vermont. More than 15% of the wood supplied to the mill comes from sustainably-managed Vermont forests. The mill has 600 employees and an additional 700 independent loggers and truckers from New York and Vermont who directly earn a living by providing wood and fiber to the mill.

After the Addison Rutland Natural Gas Project was launched, International Paper contacted Vermont Gas. Conversion to natural gas as a primary purchased fuel will lower energy costs for the mill and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Vermont Gas has entered into an agreement with International Paper to provide gas to the mill in 2015 (the Phase II portion of the ARNGP) at no cost to Vermont residents or Vermont Gas customers.

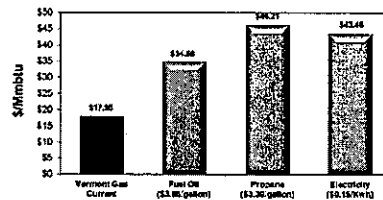
Phase II will bring the transmission pipeline 17 miles closer to Rutland allowing Vermont Gas to serve Rutland 15-years sooner than previously planned. This project will also strengthen and support the regional economy, including the Vermont forest industry, by providing a major employer with affordable and clean energy.

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"We are so pleased that we are able to reduce our rates by 2.1 percent and help our customers control their heating bills, especially during this cold and stormy season," said Stephen Wark, director of communications at Vermont Gas. "At a time when cold weather is impacting all heating sources, Vermont Gas' long-term supply contracts allow us to provide stability to our customers and provide them with prices that are between 48% to 60% less than fuel oil or propane."

Natural Gas is Less Expensive



Cost Source: Vermont Department of Public Service January 2014