

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 8596

Petitions of Lincoln Renewable Natural Gas, LLC)
("Lincoln RNG"), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Sections)
231 and 248(j), seeking approval for the)
construction, ownership, and operation of a)
renewable natural gas facility in Salisbury, Vermont)

Entered: 4/8/2016

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD ("CPG") ISSUED
PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. SECTION 248

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") this day found and adjudged that the proposal of Lincoln Renewable Gas, LLC ("CPG Holder") to construct and operate a renewable natural gas facility with a plant capacity of up to 130,000 m.c.f. in Salisbury, Vermont (the "Project"), is in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding and will promote the general good of the State, subject to the following conditions:

1. Construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project shall be in accordance with the plans and evidence as submitted in this proceeding. Any material deviation from these plans or a substantial change to the Project must be approved by the Board. Failure to obtain advance approval from the Board for a material deviation from the approved plans or a substantial change to the Project may result in the assessment of a penalty pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 30 and 247.

2. The Project shall comply with the applicable requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code.

3. Prior to commencing site preparation or installation, the CPG Holder shall obtain all necessary permits and approvals. Installation, operation, and maintenance of the Project shall be in accordance with such permits and approvals, and with all other applicable regulations.

4. Prior to commencing construction, the CPG Holder shall file with the Board, the parties, and the Town of Salisbury a letter stating that it has fulfilled all requisite CPG conditions and that it intends to commence construction of the Project.

5. The CPG Holder shall restrict construction activities and construction-related deliveries to the hours between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Saturdays. No construction activities or related deliveries shall occur on Sundays or state or federal holidays.

6. Prior to construction, the CPG Holder shall obtain all necessary permits and approvals for construction and operation of the RNG facility, including:

- (a) a construction general permit;
- (b) a stormwater discharge permit;
- (c) an indirect discharge permit;
- (d) an ANR Solid Waste Division approval regarding:
 - (i) the need for permitting the use of brewery waste; and
 - (ii) compliance of disposal of spent carbon pellet medium used for sulfur removal; and
- (e) an ANR Air Quality Division approval regarding monitoring and reporting the emission of CO₂ from the gas upgrade and purification equipment's off-gas and noxious odors relating to H₂S air emissions.

7. Prior to construction, VGS shall obtain all necessary permits and approvals for construction and operation of the M&R interconnection station and the distribution line that will link the RNG facility and VGS's pipeline network, including:

- (a) an ANR wetlands permit;
 - (b) a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit;
 - (c) an ANR watershed management flood hazard/river corridor permit application;
- and
- (d) a construction general permit.

8. The Project shall comply with the Vermont Stormwater Management Rules. Prior to site preparation and construction, the Petitioner shall contact the Vermont Stormwater Program in order to assess which types of stormwater permits are needed for the construction and

operation of the Project. The Petitioner shall obtain the required permits prior to site preparation and construction and shall comply with the provisions of the required permits during construction and operation of the Project.

9. At a minimum, during any site preparation, construction, maintenance, and decommissioning activities that involve earth disturbance, the Petitioner shall comply with ANR's Low Risk Site Handbook for Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control (2006). 8. Prior to interconnection of the RNG facility with VGS's natural gas distribution pipeline system, the CPG Holder shall obtain the approval of the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department") of a Quality Assurance Plan ("Plan") that identifies the fuel substrates in use and the associated potential gas contaminants. The Plan shall also provide for notification to the Department and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets ("AAFM") of any changes in fuel source usage. The Plan shall be filed with the Board.

10. All construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project shall be in accordance with all permits and approvals, and with all other applicable regulations.

11. The CPG Holder shall notify AAFM, ANR, and VGS of any changes in fuel source usage in accordance with the Plan.

12. The CPG Holder shall copy ANR on any updates to the nutrient management plans of the farms spreading liquid residue that are either reasonably requested by AAFM or otherwise required by the farms' operating permits.

13. The CPG Holder shall be limited to 20 truckload deliveries of manure per day. Deliveries shall take place between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, and 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Saturday. No deliveries shall take place on Sundays or state or federal holidays.

14. The CPG Holder shall ensure that the sound output of the gas upgrade equipment rates at 65 dB at 10 meters or lower, that external loader operations are restricted to daytime hours (7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.) and that the loader used at the facility is retrofitted with a low-impact back-up alarm to the extent allowed by law.

15. Prior to commencing construction, the CPG Holder shall file a letter with the Board and the parties in this proceeding, stating that it has fulfilled all required CPG conditions, that the

CPG Holder intends to commence construction of the RNG facility, and that VGS intends to commence construction of the M&R interconnection station and associated distribution line.

16. The CPG Holder shall ensure that the flaring equipment will be fully enclosed, with the flame concealed in a protective flare stack. The flare's ignition system will be electronic. The flaring capacity will be 99% of gas production (800 m³/h maximum/809m³/h bio gas production).

17. The CPG Holder shall operate the flares in accordance with the manufacturer's operation and maintenance recommendations. The CPG Holder shall register any such air emissions with ANR annually in accordance with ANR's air pollution control regulations.

This CPG shall not be transferred without prior approval of the Public Service Board.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 8th day of April, 2016.

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<u>s/Margaret Cheney</u>	)	BOARD
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<u>s/Sarah Hofmann</u>	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: April 8, 2016

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
Clerk of the Board

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