

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7970

Petition of Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. for a )  
certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. )  
§ 248, authorizing the construction of the "Addison )  
Natural Gas Project" consisting of approximately )  
43 miles of new natural gas transmission pipeline in )  
Chittenden and Addison Counties, approximately 5 )  
miles of new distribution mainlines in Addison )  
County, together with three new gate stations in )  
Williston, New Haven, and Middlebury, Vermont )

Order entered: 3/18/2016

**PROCEDURAL ORDER RE: THIRD NON-SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE DETERMINATION REQUEST**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

On December 23, 2013, the Vermont Public Service Board (the "Board") issued a Final Order granting Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. ("VGS") a certificate of public good pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248 to construct a natural gas pipeline extension into Addison County, Vermont. On August 25, 2015, Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. ("VGS") filed a request for a third non-substantial change determination in this Docket (the "VGS Request"). Pursuant to Board's Order of February 3, 2016, related to the VGS Request, the Board has assigned me to conduct a post-certification proceeding to assess and make recommendations as to whether the proposed relocation of main line valve 4 ("MLV-4") in the VGS Request has the potential to have a significant impact with respect to 30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(5)(health and safety). The Board's Order of February 3<sup>rd</sup> also directed VGS to coordinate with the other parties and propose a schedule for a hearing on whether the proposed relocation of MLV-4 has the potential for significant impact with respect to 30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(5)(health and safety). As of this date, VGS has not proposed a schedule for a hearing.

By this Order, I am setting a deadline of April 1, 2016, for VGS to propose a schedule for a hearing as directed by the Board.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 18th day of March, 2016.

s/Michael E. Tousley  
Michael E. Tousley, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

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FILED: March 18, 2016

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

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