

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: FOURTH NON-SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE DETERMINATION STATUS  
CONFERENCE**

**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 November 5, 2015, Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. ("VGS") filed a request for a fourth non-substantial change determination in this Docket (the "VGS Request"). Pursuant to its 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 alignment reroute in the vicinity of Rotax Road in Monkton, Vermont, in the VGS Request has the potential to have a significant impact with respect to 30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(5)(water purity and the natural environment, water pollution, discharge to groundwater, soil erosion, and historic sites). The Board further directed that I consult with the parties and, if appropriate, schedule a supplementary evidentiary hearing in this matter.

By this Order, I direct VGS to coordinate with the other parties and propose a potential time for a telephonic status conference in this matter. VGS shall communicate a proposed time to the Clerk of the Board no later than April 1, 2016.

**SO ORDERED.**

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

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: March 18, 2016

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

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