

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: 4/21/2016

ORDER RE THIRD NON-SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE DETERMINATION

On August 25, 2015, Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (“VGS” or the “Company”) filed a request that the Vermont Public Service Board (“Board”) find that eighteen proposed modifications to the Addison Natural Gas Project do not constitute a substantial change to the Project (the “VGS Request”). The relocation of Main Line Valve 4 (“MLV-4”) was one of the proposed modifications. The VGS Request was VGS’s third request for a non-substantial change determination in this Docket.¹

On February 3, 2016, the Board: (1) granted Louise Selena Peyser permissive intervention in this Docket restricted to the post-certification² issue of the impact on health and safety of the proposed relocation of MLV-4; (2) assigned a hearing officer to conduct a proceeding to assess and make recommendations concerning the impact on health and safety of the proposed relocation of MLV-4; and (3) directed VGS to coordinate with the other parties and propose a schedule for the proceeding.

1. The Board previously approved two non-substantial change filings in this Docket. *See Order Re: Request for a Second Non-Substantial Change Determination*, Docket No. 7970, Order of 8/7/15 at 4; *Order Re: Request for Non-Substantial Change Determination*, Docket No. 7970, Order of 6/12/15 at 5.

2. *See Docket 7970*, Order of 4/2/14 at 2.

On April 15, 2016, VGS filed notice to the Board that it no longer intended to relocate MLV-4. Also on April 15, 2016, Ms. Peyser moved to withdraw from participation as a party in Docket 7970. Therefore, the Board hereby cancels the post-certification proceedings contemplated by our Order of February 3rd and grants Ms. Peyser’s motion to withdraw as a party from this Docket.³

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 21st day of April, 2016.

<u>s/James Volz</u>)	
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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 21, 2016

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

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and Order.

3. On November 13, 2015, the Board partially granted the VGS Request by authorizing two of the eighteen changes in the VGS Request, those associated with the Rocky Ridge Golf Course in St. George, Vermont. On February 19, 2016, the Board further partially granted the VGS Request by authorizing fifteen additional changes. This Order completes the Board’s review of all eighteen proposed changes in the VGS Request.