

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7970

Amended 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)
Pipeline" 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: 1/2/2015

ORDER RE: SCHEDULE FOR RESPONSES TO FILINGS

On December 19, 2014, the Public Service Board ("Board") issued a Memorandum establishing January 8, 2015, as the deadline for any party to file a response to a filing by Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. ("VGS") informing the Board (pursuant to Board Rule 5.409) of an increase in the estimated capital costs of Phase I of the Addison Natural Gas Pipeline (the "Project"). On December 24, 2014, the Board issued a separate memorandum requesting comments on: (1) a Motion from the Department of Public Service for relief pursuant to Rule 60(b); (2) a response filed by Nathan Palmer concerning VGS's cost increase filing; and (3) an Emergency Motion to Enlarge Time, Halt Construction, and Appoint Independent Counsel filed by Mr. Palmer. The deadline for these responses was January 5, 2015.

After further consideration, the Board has concluded that the matters raised in the filings referenced above are sufficiently interrelated that it would be useful to have a single response from each party that considers all of the motions. Accordingly, the Board modifies the January 5 and January 8 deadlines. Instead, responses to all filings referenced in the December 19 and December 24 memoranda from the Board shall be filed by January 12, 2015.

In addition, on December 31, 2014, VGS filed a proposed schedule for consideration of the cost increase in this proceeding. At this time, the Board's December 23, 2013, Order in this Docket is under appeal to the Vermont Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has not remanded

the proceeding to the Board and it does not appear that any party has sought such a remand. As a result, it is not clear what jurisdiction the Board has to consider the matters raised by VGS's proposal. The Board requests that, by January 12, 2015, VGS explain the purpose of the hearings it has proposed and the Board's jurisdiction to conduct such a hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 2nd day of January, 2015.

s/James Volz)	
)	PUBLIC SERVICE
)	
s/John D. Burke)	BOARD
)	
)	OF VERMONT
)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: January 2, 2015

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

NOTICE TO READERS: This decision is subject to revision of technical errors. Readers are requested to notify the Clerk of the Board (by e-mail, telephone, or in writing) of any apparent errors, in order that any necessary corrections may be made. (E-mail address: psb.clerk@state.vt.us)