

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 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: 5/8/2013

ORDER RE: INTERVENOR GROUPING OF MONKTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

On April 12, 2013, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") entered an Order in this docket that granted most of the then-pending requests for intervention and divided the intervenors pursuant to PSB Rule 2.209(C), into eight groups for purposes of coordinating their participation in the proceeding.¹ We gave each intervenor until April 22, 2013, to request redesignation into a different group on the ground that the initial designation is inconsistent with the interests of justice and economy of adjudication.²

The Board received a redesignation request from intervenor Monkton Central School on May 1, 2013. We placed the Monkton Central School in a group of non-agricultural institutional property owners that also includes the Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. and Vermont

1. *Amended Petition of Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.*, Docket 7970, Order of 4/12/13 at 13-15.

2. *Id.* at 14.

Transco LLC (collectively, "VELCO") as well as the Vermont Agency of Transportation ("VTrans") and the Chittenden Solid Waste District ("CSWD").³ However, the Monkton Central School contends that because it is a municipality within the meaning of 1 V.S.A. § 126 and because the school "has more in common from a governance, operational and public duty standpoint" with the intervenor-municipalities of Williston, Hinesburg, New Haven and Monkton (which have been grouped together as municipalities on the proposed pipeline route) than with VELCO, VTrans and the CSWD, it is appropriate to move the school from the latter to the former group.⁴ Counsel for the Monkton Central School further indicates that the school has already begun coordinating its efforts with those of the Town of Monkton and its counsel.

Although the Monkton Central School did not make its request within the time specified in the April 12, 2013 Order, there does not appear to be any prejudice to other parties occasioned by the untimeliness of the request. We accept the representations of the school with respect to its greater commonality of interests with the referenced municipalities. Therefore, we find that the interests of justice and economy of adjudication are served by granting the request of the Monkton Central School for redesignation as part of the intervenor group that includes Williston, Hinesburg, New Haven and Monkton.

SO ORDERED.

3. *Id.* at 13.

4. Letter of Joseph S. McLean, Esq., to Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board, May 1, 2013, at 1.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 8th day of May, 2013.

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: May 8, 2013

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

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