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State of Vermont
Public Service Board

MEMORANDUM

To: Parties in PSB Docket No. 7970

From: Judith C. Whitney, Deputy Clerk of the Board *(jcw)*

Re: Motion for Protective Order

Date: April 25, 2013

On April 19, 2013, Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. ("VGS"), filed a motion for a protective order in this docket. Attached to the motion were (1) an executed protective agreement between VGS and the Department of Public Service ("DPS"); and (2) a draft protective order which, if granted, would provide for the confidential treatment of material provided by VGS to the DPS in discovery if designated by VGS as either "Critical Energy Infrastructure Information" or information VGS regards as "proprietary, privileged, confidential or in the nature of a trade secret."

The Public Service Board ("Board") has established May 3, 2013, as the deadline for any party who so chooses to file a response to the VGS motion. Any intervenors with questions about the VGS motion, and the Board's practice generally with respect to information exchanged in discovery that may be confidential, may raise those questions at the workshop for intervenors that has been scheduled for April 30, 2013.