

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: 7/11/2014

**ORDER RE: INQUIRY OF VGS RE PCP SOIL MANAGEMENT PLAN**

On July 8, 2014, as an enclosure to Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.'s ("VGS") response to the Hurlburt Motion to Delay Construction, VGS provided the Public Service Board ("Board") with a copy of a June 17, 2014, letter from the Agency of Natural Resources ("ANR") to Ms. Diane Derrick in which ANR addresses Ms. Derrick's concerns about the potential contamination to drinking water sources from pentachlorophenol ("PCP") treated utility poles. In that letter, ANR states:

We believe that it would be prudent, at a minimum, for Vermont Gas to develop a soil management plan to ensure that they properly screen soils that may be contaminated, such as soils in close proximity to treated utility poles, during construction. Such a plan would also include provisions addressing management of any contaminated soils they encounter to ensure that the resulting waste and environmental damage are addressed in accordance with applicable regulations.

The Board requests that VGS (1) state whether it has developed a soil management plan to ensure that VGS properly screens soils that may be contaminated by PCP during construction of

Phase I as recommended by ANR, and (2) provide a copy of the plan to the Board and all parties in this Docket. If VGS has not developed any such plan, the Board requests that VGS explain why it has not developed such a plan.

VGS's response should be filed by July 21, 2014. All parties shall have until July 28, 2014, to comment on VGS's filing.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 11th day of July, 2014.

<u>s/ James Volz</u>	)	
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<u>s/ John D. Burke</u>	)	PUBLIC SERVICE
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<u>s/ Margaret Cheney</u>	)	OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: July 11, 2014

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

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