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Ms. Judith Whitney, Clerk
VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD
People's United Bank Building, 4th Floor
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Re: Docket No. 8791
Investigation pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 30 and 209 regarding the alleged taking of harsh
sunflower plants by Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. in Monkton, Vermont

Dear Ms. Whitney:

On behalf of the parties in the above-referenced proceeding, enclosed please find a Stipulated Proposal for Decision ("PFD") with attachments. Given the submission of this Stipulated PFD, the parties are not asking for a hearing or for any further process beyond that contained in the approved schedule. Pursuant to that schedule, this Stipulated PFD is to be made available for public comment from April 15 through April 28, 2017.

As indicated in the letters that will be filed today by the Agency of National Resources ("ANR") and the Department of Public Service, the agencies have recommended Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. ("VGS") be required to pay a penalty in this proceeding, and ANR requests that VGS direct those funds to the New England Wildflower Society. VGS has agreed to pay the penalty as recommended by the agencies.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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