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PUC:

The apparent indifference that the PUC continues to display in the face of these construction violations leads me to conclude the following:

- the construction standards don't really matter - they're for show only, or
- no members of the PUC are subject to this pipeline running near or through their property, or
- the PUC really doesn't have the authority to exercise meaningful control over a project of this nature

Regardless of the motivations, the state is failing hold VGS and contractors accountable - at the expense, and potentially the safety, of the public. A similar dismissiveness is evident in the enforcement of wetlands protection standards, to the benefit of business and expense of vermonters.

So many Vermont citizens have worked hard to bring these issues to light, believing that the state will do the right thing if they just get the facts. You have the facts, so please fulfill your obligation to enforce the regulations and protect us.

A determination on the NOPV case (18-0395-PET) and the Monkton Gate Station (17-4909-PET) at this point would be premature in the face of the pending investigation case (17-3550-INV.) Until a thorough review of the broadened scope of safety violations has been completed, as requested by intervenors in their March 1 filing, will we be able to make an informed, meaningful decision.

Thank you for taking difficult, decisive action in protecting Vermonters.

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