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Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 10:34 AM
To: PUC - Clerk
Subject: 17-3550-INV; 17-4909-PET; 18-0395-PET

Importance: High

Again, we look to our state agency, the Public Utilities Commission, to do its due diligence in matters relating to Vermont Gas Systems's pipeline installation **safety issues**, and, again, we fear that the rights and protections of citizens of the State of Vermont will NOT be well-represented and defended by your commission, nor overseen with assiduous care (and bias toward the public rather than the corporation) by the Department of Public Service.

We know there has been widespread negligence and a flouting of adherence to rules and specs as laid out in the initial CPG for this project by VGS. We know that this company has had its proverbial hand slapped with fines that it pays easily as part of "the cost of doing business." Simply stated, we will not tolerate further greasing of the skids for this corporation by the very agencies that are supposed to be working for Vermonters.

What we the people of Vermont really want is a state agency that will stand up for us by halting all further "business as usual" on this project (including any further action on DPS's insubstantial and incomplete NOPV filed in mid-February, 18-0395-PET, AND the Monkton gate station CPG filing, 17-4909-PET) until the pending Intervenor's Motion (17-3550-INV, filed March 1) to expand investigation into safety and other violations by the corporation has been diligently addressed by the PUC. By that I mean that the PUC MUST enforce a thorough investigation and repair of expanded safety concerns raised by the intervenors, or it must reopen the original CPG to challenge the many violations, from wetlands protections abrogated to harsh sunflower destruction, and on beyond environmental concerns to **safety hazards** regarding depth of cover, corrosion protection and many other "standards" that have been obviated by the company's need, rather than its respect for the public's "good."

PLEASE exhibit the backbone necessary to show this company, and any others which may want to "use" Vermont for their own gain in the future, that our Public Service Commission is up to the task.

Sincerely,
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