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Subject: This comment is being filed for Case 18-0395-PET

To Whom It May Concern.

The recent March 1, 2018 filing to the PUC in case (17-3550-INV) detailed a multitude of known and suspected serious safety risks and problems with the Addison Natural Gas Project (aka the Fracked Pipeline) by Vermont Gas. These violations should NOT be corrected with a slap on the wrist or a minor "cost of doing business" fine! Vermonters are counting on our PUC to either ensure that the pipeline construction violations be repaired, or the entire CPG permit for the pipeline be reopened so the safety, economics, and "public good" of this pipeline can be reevaluated. As I understand it, the reason VGS had to flare gas in Middlebury is due to lack of demand for gas which meant they did not have enough gas flow in the pipe to carry their inline inspection tool – thus a relatively small handful of customers will lose their gas service if the pipeline needs to be shut down while all safety violations can be repaired. Timely intervention in this matter will minimize disruption to customers while helping to avoid a catastrophic failure due to VGSs negligence in following established construction procedures. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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"The point is that the relative freedom which we enjoy depends on public opinion. The law is no protection. Governments make laws, but whether they are carried out, and how the police behave, depends on the general temper in the country. If large numbers of people are interested in freedom of speech, there will be freedom of speech, even if the law forbids it; if public opinion is sluggish, inconvenient minorities will be persecuted, even if laws exist to protect them." - George Orwell: 'Freedom of the Park' - First published: *Tribune*. — GB, London. — December 7, 1945.

"We don't have to engage in grand, heroic actions to participate in the process of change. Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world." – Howard Zinn

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