

Whitney, Judith

From: Margaret and George Klohck <mgklohck@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 12:04 PM
To: PUC - Clerk
Subject: In reference to NOPV case 18-0395-PET and cases 17-4909-PET, and 17-3550-INV

Commissioners

VT PUC

Please file this letter as comments in the NOPV case (18-0395-PET,) the Monkton Gate Station case (17-4909-PET,) and the Investigation case (17-3550-INV.)

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. We have been following the Vermont Gas Systems pipeline activity on the line to Middlebury since a plan for the pipeline was first proposed. What we have seen and heard in countless hearings as well as on sites where the pipeline was laid continues to alarm us. There have been so many safety violations. The Public Utilities Commission is charged with seeing that public utilities operate safely and do no harm to the citizens of Vermont. If not the PUC, then who?

On March 1 many alert citizens, as intervenors, reported a large number of safety violations. These matters must be addressed immediately or, it seems to us, the flow of gas should be shut down now. We are depending on our public officials to serve the interests of ALL Vermonters, not primarily or even only the businesses that profit from doing business here.

Please act now and show us that we can depend on you to protect our safety.

Sincerely,

Rev George Klohck

Margaret Klohck

Middlebury