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To: PUC - Clerk
Subject: comments, (17-3550-INV) and (18-0395-PET) and (17-4909-PET)

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Dear Public Utility Commission Clerk,

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

I live in Bristol, Vermont. Vermont Gas Systems plans on bringing natural gas to our community in the summer of 2019.

Right now, you are following through on an investigation (17-3550-INV) that lists multiple safety violations. I am very concerned and have been concerned for years, regarding Vermont Gas Systems and their trustworthiness. I do not trust that future work will be done with high quality standards. I have listened to our Selectboard members say that it would be in our town's best interests to hire a clerk of the works, to make sure the job is done correctly.

Safety and water quality are my main concerns. This is my home. Do not allow Vermont Gas Systems to keep on doing "business as usual" and force me to have to live near shoddy work that potentially could effect my quality of life, in a negative way.

At the very least, do not allow Vermont Gas Systems to build anymore in our Addison County until all violations have been investigated and until everything is fixed and inspected by an outside source, who we can trust.

Do not just fine them. Thousands of dollars do not mean much to a large company. Energir, formerly known as Gaz Metro, owns Vermont Gas Systems. If possible, figure out how they can change their behavior.

Be aware that Energir also owns our electric company, Green Mountain Power. Sure sounds like a monopoly to me. If I worked for the Public Utility Commission, I would be VERY concerned.

I also wonder if people in Vermont are deceived by the names of the local companies. Using the words, *Green Mountain* and *Vermont*, might lead someone to believe that the natural gas and electricity are made in Vermont. I call this deceptive advertising, not quite against the law.

Personally, Vermont Gas Systems has failed to meet standards so many times, I will never trust them.

You have a difficult job ahead of you.
Thank you for your work.
Sincerely, Patricia Heather-Lea
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