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**From:** Vermont NLG <vermont@nlg.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 1:29 PM  
**To:** PUC - Clerk  
**Subject:** Notice of Probable Violation (18-0395-PET) and CPG for Monkton gate station(17-4909-PET)

Dear Clerk of the Public Utilities Commission,

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

Vermont Gas Systems, in the construction of the Addison/Rutland Gas Pipeline, has chronically violated safety regulations, covered up their malfeasance, misled the PUC and the public about their safety protocols and, and is now under investigation for system-wide safety inadequacies. All construction and development of infrastructure and gas service must be stopped to protect human safety and our regulatory process and institutions. No further action should be taken on cases involving Vermont Gas pipeline, including Notice of Probable Violation (18-0395-PET) and CPG for Monkton gate station(17-4909-PET), until a broad scope investigation of safety and construction violations has been completed, as requested by intervenors on March 1 filing to case (17-3550 INV).

Further, this pipeline has been a gross miscarriage of decent process and accountability to the public throughout. **Price hikes, tenacious deception and a ubiquitous rubber stamp process from VT regulating bodies, eminent domain and coercion of landowners, all amount to an emphatic slap in the face to the people and democracy of Vermont, delivered by the gas company and our state government via the PUC.** The PUC has elected to ignore these issues and requests for accountability, when it is the PUC that should be exacting accountability from the utilities throughout, instead of a volunteer public doing the PUC's job for them. The rubber stamping and the pipeline itself, as well as its constituent construction activities and planned extensions, are shameful, unethical, and must be brought to an immediate halt.

Thank you so much for your attention.

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