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Re: Docket No. 7970—VGS Addison Expansion-Phase I

Dear Sue:

By *Procedural Order Re Notice of Second Remand Status Conference, Request for Additional Comments, and Proposed Schedule* issued in the above-referenced matter on March 2, 2015, the Board solicited comments from the parties on the proper scope of proceedings following the second remand from the Vermont Supreme Court. Please consider the original and six (6) copies this letter the Town of Monkton's ("Town's") responsive comments.

Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. ("VGS") and the Town are parties to a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") pursuant to which the Town agreed to support the issuance of a CPG for the Project in exchange for VGS's commitment to, *inter alia*, "develop a distribution system to deliver natural gas" to Monkton. Order, Docket 7970, 12/23/2013 at 51, finding 122. While paragraph 3 of the CPG requires VGS to comply with the provisions of the MOU, the Town is concerned that the cost overruns on Phase I and the apparent cancellation of Phase II may impact upon VGS's ability or willingness to comply with the MOU in this respect. Specifically, the Town believes the scope of the proceeding on remand should include an investigation into whether the costs of the new gate station to service the Town's distribution system are included in the most recently revised estimate of Phase I project costs and whether VGS intends to stand behind the commitments it made in the MOU.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Very truly yours,



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