

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 17-3550-INV

Investigation pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 30 and 209 regarding the alleged failure of Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. to comply with the certificate of public good in Docket 7970 by burying the pipeline at less than required depth in New Haven, Vermont	
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Case No. 18-0395-PET

Notice of Probable Violations of Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. for certain aspects of the construction of the Addison natural gas pipeline	
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Order entered: 07/03/2024

ORDER EXPLAINING STATUS OF CASES AND DEEMING MOTION IMPROPERLY FILED

On June 25, 2024, the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) issued an order outlining the next procedural steps in four cases concerning Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.’s Addison Natural Gas Pipeline (“ANGP”) following a remand order from the Vermont Supreme Court. Regarding the above-captioned cases, the Commission explained:

As an initial matter, the questions of whether Vermont Gas violated its CPG and must pay a penalty are resolved on appeal. Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 30, Vermont Gas must pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$150,000.00 by sending to the Commission at 112 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620-2701, a check in that amount made payable to the State of Vermont within 30 days of the date of this Order. Upon deposit of the payment, Case Nos. 17-3550-INV and 18-0395-PET will be closed.

The Commission has confirmed that Vermont Gas has paid the \$150,000.00 penalty and all billback invoices have been paid in these two cases. Per our June 25 Order, these cases are closed.

Despite the Commission’s indication that these cases would be closed, on July 1, 2024, Jane Palmer, Nathan Palmer, Kristin Lyons, Lawrence Shelton, and Rachel Smolker (“Intervenors”) filed a motion requesting injunctive relief to stop operation of the ANGP or


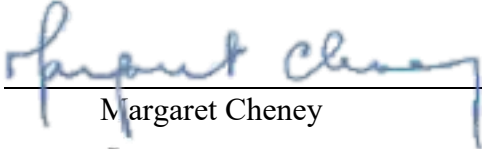
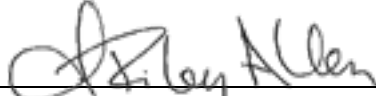
require Vermont Gas to obtain a temporary waiver pursuant to Section 248(k) to operate the “substantially changed” Addison Natural Gas Pipeline until Vermont Gas obtains a “new” certificate of public good.¹

The Intervenors’ motion is improperly filed in these cases, which are now closed. The Intervenors must file any request for injunctive relief as a new petition case in ePUC to be processed separately from the above-captioned cases.

SO ORDERED.

¹ *Intervenors’ Motion for an Injunction (7/1/24)* at 1.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 3rd day of July, 2024.

 _____)	Edward McNamara)	PUBLIC UTILITY)
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 _____)	Margaret Cheney)	COMMISSION)
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 _____)	J. Riley Allen)	OF VERMONT)
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Filed: July 3, 2024

Attest: 
Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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