

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

DOCKET NUMBER 8791

IN RE: INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A.
SECTIONS 30 AND 209 REGARDING THE ALLEGED TAKING
OF HARSH SUNFLOWER PLANTS BY VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS,
INC., IN MONKTON, VERMONT

January 31, 2017
9:00 a.m.

112 State Street
Montpelier, Vermont

Status Conference held before the
Vermont Public Service Board, at the Susan M. Hudson
Conference Room, People's United Bank Building,
112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, on
January 31, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

P R E S E N T

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P R E S E N T

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1 HEARING OFFICER TOUSLEY: Good morning. This
2 is a status conference in Docket 8791, which is an
3 Investigation pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Sections 30 and 209
4 regarding the alleged taking of harsh sunflower plants
5 by Vermont Gas Systems, Incorporated, in Monkton,
6 Vermont. My name is Mike Tousley. I'm the Hearing
7 Officer assigned to this case by the Board. If we
8 could start with notices of appearance, please.

9 ATTORNEY PORTER: Louise Porter for the
10 Department of Public Service.

11 ATTORNEY BOUFFARD: I'm Debra Bouffard from
12 Sheehey, Furlong & Behm. I'm here on behalf of Vermont
13 Gas Systems today, and with me is Eileen Simollardes.

14 HEARING OFFICER TOUSLEY: We did have some
15 discussions off the record before going on the record
16 about the way ahead here, and, as I understand it, the,
17 the Company is proposing to put forward a schedule of
18 some sort in the near future?

19 ATTORNEY BOUFFARD: What we would propose is
20 to talk with the Department and the Agency and propose,
21 discuss a schedule and further process, and we will
22 submit that to the Board in the next week or so.

23 HEARING OFFICER TOUSLEY: Okay. I have my
24 calendar with me, so now you can see I'm an old guy,
25 too, because I use this, right? I find it faster than

1 the electronic calendar. Okay. Today is Tuesday, the
2 31st. Did you have a proposed time when you wanted to
3 deliver that by just, just so that I could report back
4 to the Board on when we can, so the Board can schedule
5 it into its discussions how to respond to that?

6 ATTORNEY BOUFFARD: I would propose that we
7 can submit something in a week, so a week from today.
8 So that would be the --

9 HEARING OFFICER TOUSLEY: Okay. The 8th.

10 ATTORNEY BOUFFARD: -- the 8th?

11 HEARING OFFICER TOUSLEY: -- which is
12 Wednesday. So that's a little over a week.

13 ATTORNEY BOUFFARD: Little over a week.

14 HEARING OFFICER TOUSLEY: Are there any other
15 matters that we need to address in our time together
16 this morning?

17 ATTORNEY PORTER: Nothing on behalf of the
18 Department.

19 ATTORNEY BOUFFARD: Nothing from Vermont Gas.

20 HEARING OFFICER TOUSLEY: Very well. This
21 hearing is adjourned.

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24 (Whereupon at 9:20 a.m. The hearing was adjourned.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Sunnie Donath, RPR, do hereby certify that I recorded by stenographic means the Status Conference re: Docket Number 8791 at the Susan M. Hudson Conference Room, People's United Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, on January 31, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

I further certify that the foregoing testimony was taken by me stenographically and thereafter reduced to typewriting and the foregoing 4 pages are a transcript of the stenographic notes taken by me of the evidence and the proceedings to the best of my ability.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties thereto or their counsel, and I am in no way interested in the outcome of said cause.

Dated at Westminster, Vermont, this 8th day of February, 2017.

//Sunnie Donath