

1 STATE OF VERMONT  
2 PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

3 DOCKET NUMBER 8791

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

9 January 31, 2017  
10 9:00 a.m.

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12 112 State Street  
13 Montpelier, Vermont

14 Status Conference held before the  
15 Vermont Public Service Board, at the Susan M. Hudson  
16 Conference Room, People's United Bank Building,  
17 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, on  
18 January 31, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

19 P R E S E N T

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P R E S E N T

Eileen Simollardes, Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.

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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