

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Petition of Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.,)
requesting a Certificate of Public Good pursuant)
to 30 V.S.A. § 248, authorizing the construction)
of the "Addison Natural Gas Project" consisting)
of approximately 43 miles of new natural gas)
transmission pipeline in Chittenden and Addison)
Counties, approximately 5 miles of new)
distribution mainlines in Addison County,)
together with three new gate stations in)
Williston, New Haven, and Middlebury,)
Vermont)

Docket No. 7970

**PETITIONER'S FIRST SET OF DISCOVERY REQUESTS TO
THE ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. ("Petitioner"), serves the following discovery requests on the Addison County Regional Planning Commission ("ACRPC" or "Respondent").

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Respondent answer the following discovery Requests in writing and under oath and deliver one complete copy of all documents, plus an electronic version of such responses, by July 12, 2013 to Petitioner's counsel whose names and addresses are set forth on the Certificate of Service accompanying this request.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to the following discovery requests:

1. **Communication.** The term "communication" means the transmittal of information in the form of facts, ideas, inquiries or otherwise.

2. **Document.** The term "document" is defined to be synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of this term in Vermont Rule of Civil Procedure 34(a) and includes any and all writings or other materials, whether handwritten, typed, printed, recorded or reproduced by any other physical, mechanical, electronic or electrical means, including, but not limited to, records, papers, correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, notes, letters, photographs, photographic slides or negatives, films, filmstrips, computer diskettes, computer files, tapes and recordings, summaries or records of telephone conversations, summaries or records of personal conversations, and all carbons or photocopies bearing any underlining, highlighting, additions, corrections, or marginal notations which are in the possession, custody, or control of ACRPC, its agents, employees, representatives, attorneys or experts, wherever located.

3. Identify (With Respect to Persons). When referring to a person to “identify” means to provide, to the extent known, the person’s full name, present or last known address, and when referring to a natural person, additionally, the present or last known place of employment. Once a person has been identified in accordance with this subparagraph, only the name of the person need be listed in response to subsequent discovery requesting the identification of that person.

4. Identify (With Respect to Documents). When referring to documents, to “identify” means to provide, to the extent known, information about the (i) type of document; (ii) its general subject matter; (iii) the date of the document; and (iv) its author(s), and each recipient.

5. You or Your(s): ACRPC, you or your(s) means Addison County Regional Planning Commission and, where applicable, its officers, directors, employees, representatives, subsidiaries or affiliates.

6. Person. The term “person” is defined as any natural person or any business, legal or governmental entity or association.

7. Concerning. The term “concerning” means relating to, referring to, describing, evidencing or constituting.

8. Produce. The term “produce” means to provide the original or an exact legible copy of a requested document to Petitioner’s counsel. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.

The following rules of construction apply to all discovery requests:

1. All/Each. The terms “all” and “each” shall both be construed as all and each.
2. And/Or. The connectives “and” and “or” shall be construed either disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of the discovery request all responses that might otherwise be construed to be outside of its scope.
3. Number. The use of the singular form of any word includes the plural and vice versa.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Provide a separate page for each separate question. Reproduce the discovery request made before presenting the response.

2. The response to each request should be made under oath by a person competent to testify concerning the response and all documents and exhibits produced as part of the response. With respect to each request, state (1) the name(s) and title(s) of the person or persons responsible for preparing the response; and (2) the date on which each question was answered.

3. Where information requested is not available in the precise form described in the question or is not available for all years (or other periods or classifications) indicated in a series of years (or other periods or classifications), provide all information with respect to the subject matter of the question that can be identified in your work papers and files or that is otherwise available.

4. These discovery requests are continuing in nature, and require you to file supplementary answers pursuant to the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure as incorporated by the Rules of the Vermont Public Service Board. Change, supplement and correct your responses to conform to all information as it becomes available to you, including the substitution of actual data for estimated data. Responses to requests covering a period not entirely in the past (or for which complete actual data are not yet available) should include all actual data available at that time.

5. Whenever responses include estimated information, include an explanation (or reference to a previous explanation) of the methods and calculations used to derive the estimates.

6. For any matter where a request for admission is being answered by a denial or objection, the answer should set forth in detail the reasons for the denial or objection, in conformity with Vermont Rule of Procedure 36.

7. In construing these discovery requests, the terms "refer to" and "relate to" shall include any and all logical or factual connections to the subject of the discovery request as specified.

8. Organize responses and supporting documents using the identifying number to which they respond.

DISCOVERY REQUESTS

Q.PET:ACRPC.1-1. Do Addison County emergency responders have anti-sparking tools to deal with propane, fuel oil or gasoline related emergencies and if not, how are these handled?

Q.PET:ACRPC.1-2. Do Addison County emergency responders currently have equipment that

can detect the presences of flammable gases?

Q.PET:ACRPC.1-3. Describe the emergency response times the Addison County municipalities require from fuel oil, propane or gasoline providers.

Q.PET:ACRPC.1-4. Do fuel oil or propane suppliers provide emergency response training or equipment and supplies to Addison County emergency responders? If so, describe in detail the training and equipment and supplies provided.

Dated at Burlington this 21st day of June, 2013

VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC.

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