

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 18-0395-PET

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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: 04/04/2018

**INDEFINITE STAY OF PROCEEDINGS**

On February 16, 2018, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 29, the Vermont Department of Public Service Department (the “Department”) filed a notice of probable violations (“NOPV”) with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (the “Commission”) for violations of pipeline safety alleged to have been committed by Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) during the construction of the Addison natural gas pipeline. On February 28, 2018, the Company filed a response to the NOPV pursuant to Commission Rule 6.104(D).

On March 22, 2018, the Company filed comments in this case and in case no. 17-3550-INV,<sup>1</sup> in response to a motion by the intervenors in that case to broaden the scope of that investigation. In its March 22 filing, the Company asserted that there is a linkage between the incidents that form the basis for the NOPV in this investigation and the allegations that are the basis for the motion to broaden the scope in case no. 17-3550-PET. The Company represented that it believed that an independent expert should be retained by the State to review the pipeline construction concerns addressed in this case and in case no. 17-3550-INV.

On March 30, 2018, the Company filed a stipulated remedial action compliance plan and a proposed order in this case representing that the Department was in agreement with the compliance plan and the order.

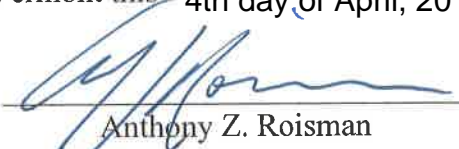
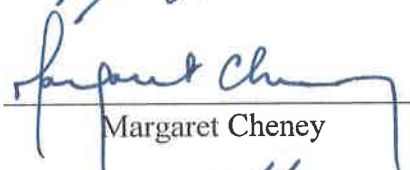

By this Order, we are staying any action in this proceeding indefinitely to allow for an independent investigation of the allegations of pipeline safety concerns in the construction of the Addison natural gas pipeline that have arisen in this case and in case no. 17-3550-INV.

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<sup>1</sup> 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, case no. 17-3550-INV.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 4th day of April, 2018

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Anthony Z. Roisman	)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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Margaret Cheney	)	COMMISSION
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Sarah Hofmann	)	OF VERMONT

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Filed: April 4, 2018

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Clerk of the Commission

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