



April 16, 2012

Re: Notification Letter

Dear Residents and Property Owners:

Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (Vermont Gas) currently provides natural gas service to a total of 17 towns in Franklin and Chittenden Counties in Vermont. Vermont Gas serves these northwestern communities via a network of approximately 750 miles of underground transmission and distribution pipelines and related facilities.

To serve a growing demand for natural gas, Vermont Gas has proposed to expand its existing natural gas pipeline system to provide service into Addison County. A brief description of our proposed Addison Natural Gas Project follows.

Project Description

In response to requests from community leaders and a number of Addison and Rutland County businesses, Vermont Gas is developing plans to expand its natural gas service. As part of this Addison Natural Gas Project, service will be extended south to Vergennes and Middlebury, with the intent to extend service to Rutland County in the future.

The Addison Natural Gas Project involves the installation of approximately 40 to 50 miles of buried transmission and distribution pipeline as well as additional distribution pipeline within the service areas. Based on current planning, the transmission pipeline right-of-way (ROW) will be approximately 50 feet wide, and will use the existing Circumferential Highway ROW, as well as other public ROWs and VELCO's ROW, wherever feasible.

The goal of the project is to provide natural gas service to Addison County in a manner that maximizes economic, environmental and reliability benefits while maintaining excellent customer satisfaction, superior safety, and positions Vermont Gas for future expansion.

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You are receiving this letter because our records indicate that you own or reside on a property that is located adjacent to or within Vermont Gas' proposed ROW for the pipeline route. In the near future, natural resource professionals and survey personnel will be conducting survey work, natural resource inventories, and ground studies along the proposed pipeline route. This survey work includes wetland assessments, archaeological surveys, plant inventories, taking measurements and photographs, and gathering other resource information needed for state and federal regulatory requirements. There will be no changes to the existing field conditions on the proposed ROW as a result of their survey work, although they may hang some survey flagging, as part of their field effort.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address and phone number listed below.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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