

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

In Re

PETITION OF VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC. Docket No. 7970

MOTION TO INTERVENE

Now comes the TOWN OF HINESBURG, by and through its undersigned counsel, and, pursuant to Rule 2.209 of the Public Service Board Rules, moves that it be permitted to intervene in the above-entitled matter. In support of said motion, the Town shows unto the Board as follows:

1. Pursuant to 30 VSA §248(a)(4)(C), notice of the application was given to the Town of Hinesburg as a municipality in which the proposed facility would be located.
2. The Town of Hinesburg has a substantial interest in the welfare of its citizens, the value and condition of their property, the condition of town roads and other municipal property, and the operation of commercial and other societal activities within the Town. The proposed pipeline and the construction thereof could significantly and detrimentally affect all of those interests, and the proceedings before the Public Service Board provide the only meaningful opportunity for the Town to protect those interests. No other party at said proceeding will focus specifically upon the project's impact on Hinesburg and its citizens.
3. Pursuant to 30 VSA §248(b)(1), the Board shall find that the proposed construction would not interfere with the orderly development of the region. In reaching that conclusion the Board is required to consider input from, among others, the Hinesburg Selectboard and Planning Commission. Clearly the most effective means of compliance with the statute would be the inclusion of the Town as a participant in the proceedings.
4. The Town is also the appropriate party to represent its citizens before the Board regarding the effect of the project on esthetics, historic sites, air and water

purity, the natural environment and public health and safety as the Board considers those issues pursuant to 30 VSA §248(b)(5).

This ___ day of February, 2013.

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