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Vermont Gas Files Amended Route for Addison Natural Gas Project
New route to primarily follow VELCO Corridor in Hinesburg, Monkton and New Haven

South Burlington, VT –Vermont Gas announced today that it has submitted a supplemental filing with the Vermont Public Service Board (PSB) that incorporates route refinements to the Addison Natural Gas Project. In December of 2012, the company filed its original petition seeking a Certificate of Public Good (CPG) from the PSB for the Addison Natural Gas Project to bring natural gas service to Addison County using a route that placed the transmission line along road shoulders and utility corridors.

After the December filing, Hinesburg and Monkton residents requested relocation of the route into the VELCO corridor as the preferred option to local roadways. “While we contend the roadway route selected was safe and minimized environmental impacts, it was clear that the choice did not work for these communities”, said Stephen Wark, Director of the project. “After several public meetings and work sessions with town officials and community members, we designed a route that follows the VELCO corridor to the extent possible. Today, our supplemental filing reflects those changes,” Wark said.

“We greatly appreciate the participation by town representatives and community members, and their willingness to help us find another acceptable route,” Wark said. “This stakeholder dialogue that supported this route refinement has strengthened the overall project and we look forward to continuing the CPG process with the Department of Public Service and the PSB.”

Upon approval by the PSB, the ANGP will bring natural gas service to over 3,000 customers in Middlebury, Vergennes, New Haven, Bristol, Monkton, St. George and Ferrisburg. As natural Gas is 44% less expensive than fuel oil and 55% less expensive than propane, homeowners and businesses in these communities who convert to natural gas will save \$200 million over 20 years. In parallel, greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced by 300,000 tons during the same period. The Company has a long-term vision of bringing the benefits of natural gas beyond Addison County to other communities, including Rutland.

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