

July 6, 2015

Board Clerk
Vermont Public Service Board
112 State Street, 4th Floor
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

RE: Docket 7970, Vermont Gas Systems, Williston Staging Area

Dear Board Clerk:

As you may be aware, the Town of Williston filed for and was granted party (intervener) status by the Public Service Board concerning the proposed construction of a gas transmission line by Vermont Gas.

In preparation for this work, Vermont Gas created a large staging area in Williston without advising the Town in advance of their plans. This staging area is next to a residential development known as Maple Tree Place ~~housing~~ consisting of 50 apartments. ~~The residents contend that noise~~ Noise and dust from the activities on-site have negatively impacted ~~their~~ this neighborhood and have affected ~~their~~ the residents quality of life.

It should be noted that many of the residents are members of racial minorities and/or are disabled and are therefore protected classes under federal law. The Selectboard feels strongly that we must act on their behalf. The Town therefore requests the following:

1. Require Vermont Gas to maintain the grass along the outside of the chain-link fence adjacent to the housing development by periodic mowing during the course of the growing season. The un-mowed grass is unsightly and harbors ticks;
2. Require that the hours of operation be limited to 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. with no activity on Saturday. In the alternative, relocate ~~portions of~~ the staging area further away from the housing; and
3. Require that Vermont Gas provide periodic reports to the Town concerning timeline and planned activities on a quarterly basis.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Terry Macaig, Chair
Williston Selectboard

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CC: Evan Litwin