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Judith C. Whitney, Clerk  
Vermont Public Utility Commission  
112 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Re: Vermont Gas Systems, Inc., Addison Natural Gas Project  
Docket No. 17-3550-INV

Dear Ms. Whitney:

At the conclusion of the status conference held on April 19, 2018 in this matter, the hearing officer requested input from the parties on the scope of work to be identified in a request for proposals (RFP) which the Commission intends to issue to obtain expert services in connection with this investigation. It is the Agency's understanding that the Commission intends for the expert to, in part, conduct a review to obtain information that could both inform a broadening of the scope of this proceeding and ultimately be utilized to develop an evidentiary record. The Agency offers the following input.

At this time, the Agency believes that the expert's review should include both the stream crossing and trench breaker items discussed in the Agency's letters of October 12, 2017 and March 22, 2018. The Agency defers to the Public Service Department as to the RFP process employed to obtain these services. The Agency welcomes the opportunity to participate in any scoping process that the Commission believes is warranted either before or after issuance of the RFP.

Please contact me if you should have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

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