

Public Hearing: Attendee Identifies Issue for PUC to Address Regarding VGS Proposed Rate Adjustment

April 24, 2018

A public hearing was held by the Public Utility Commission ("PUC") in South Burlington on April 11, 2018. The purpose of the hearing was to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. ("VGS") proposal for a change in its rates and for the use of the System Expansion and Reliability Fund ("SERF"). VGS's proposal would result in an overall 3.8% rate reduction, beginning in November of this year, for firm natural gas customers. This decrease represents a 14.8% decline in natural gas costs and a 4% increase in the daily access and distribution charges. In addition, VGS is requesting Commission authority to return \$8.1 million of the SERF to customers through lower rates. The [transcript of the public hearing](#) is available here and in [ePUC](#).

One member of the public attended the hearing and commented that while the overall rate reduction was appreciated, the 4% increase in the daily access and distribution charges afforded too high a rate of return for VGS and should instead be 1.8%, more in line with inflation.

The public is encouraged to submit [written comments](#) on this case via the PUC's electronic case management system, known as ePUC; US postal mail: 112 State St., Fourth Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620; or, email: [Email the Clerk](#). All comments should include case #18-0409-TF in the title.

All documents in the case can be viewed in [ePUC](#).