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March 15, 1971

Mr. L. J. Gaisbert, President
Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.
31 Swift Street
South Burlington, Vermont 05401

Dear Mr. Gaisbert:

This letter is to inform you that on March 10, 1971 the Environmental Board considered your request of February 25 to exempt 5 1/2 miles of gas transmission lines from the provisions of Act 250.

The Board voted unanimously to grant your declaratory ruling on the grounds that under proposed rules being considered by the Board such underground installation of utilities would be exempt.

It should be noted that this decision to allow you to proceed to install the line to the J. Edward Heran Generating Station does not restrict the Board to adopting the aforementioned proposed rules, nor does it establish a precedent.

As the Board indicated to Mr. Paterson and Mr. Albarelli, it is very concerned about the possible affect your construction will have in the Intervale. It is our hope that your company will make every effort possible to minimize the ecological effects during the construction phase of this project.

It should be noted that the Board considers a right-of-way width of 20 feet for such utility construction, and so voted on March 10; but the Board indicated this vote did not establish a precedent in this regard.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

ROBERT S. BARCOCK, JR.
Executive Officer
Vermont Environmental Board

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cc: John D. Paterson, Esq.
Joseph A. Albarelli

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