

# Rate Case Bulletin

Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. Case No. 18-0409-TF



## Department Seeks Public Comments Regarding Vermont Gas Systems' Proposed Rate Change

The Department encourages public participation in rate cases. Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (VGS) filed revised tariffs with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (Commission) reflecting a request for an overall 3.8% decrease in its rates. VGS requests that the rate change be effective on a bills-rendered basis beginning November 1, 2018. The proposed overall rate adjustment includes an increase in non-gas costs of 4%. VGS also requests use of \$8.1 million of the System Expansion and Reliability Fund (SERF). If the overall request is approved, a rate change will go into effect on or after November 1, 2018.

The Commission has opened Case No. 18-0409-TF to determine if the utility's rate request is just and reasonable. The Department of Public Service is a party to the proceeding and is now actively reviewing the utility's records and forecasts to investigate whether the utility's proposed base rate increase is reasonable and whether its proposed use of SERF funds is proper. The fund was created in 2011 to facilitate further buildout of the Vermont Gas system. It will also be necessary to evaluate whether VGS has properly accounted for the recent revisions to federal income tax laws.

To read more about this rate case, use the PUC's website by going to: <http://puc.vermont.gov/epuc-information/case-and-document-search> Helpful hint – if you create an account, you'll be able to see more details. We want to hear your opinions about this rate case. Your comments will help us better understand and represent the public in this case.

### **Get Involved – Public Participation Matters**

Make yourself heard by calling or emailing the Department of Public Service to let us know what you think about the proposed rate change. Here's how to contact the Department:

Consumer Affairs & Public Information  
Vermont Department of Public Service  
112 State St., Montpelier, VT 05620-2601  
800-622-4496  
[psd.consumer@vermont.gov](mailto:psd.consumer@vermont.gov)

### **Public Comments**

You can comment on the rate case by attending and speaking at a hearing convened by the Public Utility Commission. Comments may also be filed via the Commission's electronic portal at <http://puc.vermont.gov/epuc-information/make-filing> or by writing to:

Clerk of the Commission  
Public Utility Commission  
112 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

### **Public Hearing April 11, 2018**

South Burlington High School, 550 Dorset Street, South Burlington, VT 05403

[Learn more about the Rate Case](#)

**6:00 P.M.** the Vermont Department of Public Service will host a presentation by VGS. The utility will describe the change in rates and its request for use of the System Reliability and Expansion Fund. Representatives will be available to answer questions.

[Attend the Public Hearing and Comment on the Rate Case](#)

**7:00 P.M.** the Vermont Public Utility Commission will hold a public hearing, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Sections, 10 & 225, in PUC Case No. 18-0409-TF – Tariff filing of Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. for a change in rates, and for use of the System Expansion and Reliability Fund.