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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Norman C. Bay, Chairman;  
Philip D. Moeller, Cheryl A. LaFleur,  
Tony Clark, and Colette D. Honorable.

Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.

Docket No. CP14-86-000

ORDER VACATING SERVICE AREA DETERMINATION

(Issued May 8, 2015)

1. On September 26, 2014, the Commission issued Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (Vermont Gas)<sup>1</sup> a service area determination under section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for pipeline facilities that Vermont Gas contemplated constructing from Vermont into New York to provide gas service to International Paper's Ticonderoga paper mill in Ticonderoga County, New York.<sup>2</sup> The 2014 Order also found that Vermont Gas qualified as a local distribution company under section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA) and waived the accounting and reporting requirements and other regulatory requirements ordinarily applicable to natural gas companies under the NGA and NGPA.

2. On March 19, 2015, Vermont Gas filed a motion requesting that the Commission vacate the service area determination issued in the 2014 Order. Vermont Gas states that due to changed circumstances International Paper, the sole customer receiving natural gas service from the contemplated pipeline facilities in New York, has decided that the project is commercially impracticable due to anticipated cost increases and has decided to terminate its agreement with Vermont Gas. As a result of International Paper's decision, Vermont Gas does not intend to construct the contemplated facilities from Vermont into New York. Thus, we will vacate the service area determination issued in the 2014 Order.

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<sup>1</sup> Vermont Gas is engaged in transporting, distributing, and selling natural gas in Vermont.

<sup>2</sup> *Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.*, 148 FERC ¶ 61,234 (2014) (2104 Order).

The Commission orders:

The service area determination issued in the 2014 Order is vacated.

By the Commission.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Deputy Secretary.