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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In Re:) Docket #
NORTHEAST SUPPLY LINK PROJECT) PF 11-4
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Holiday Inn
Clinton, New Jersey
Wednesday, July 20, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Reported by:
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1 PRESIDING:

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3 MAGGIE SUTER, FERC

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5 ALISA LYKENS, FERC

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7 BILL BRAUN, FERC

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9 KIM JESSEN, FERC

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11 ERIC HOWARD, FERC

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13 TOM HUDZIK, FERC

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15 CINDY IVEY, Transco

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17 KAREN GENTILE, U.S. Department of Transportation

18 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials

19 Safety Administration

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 (6:15 p.m.)

3 MS. SUTER: All right, we're going to ask
4 everyone to go ahead and take your seats, so we can
5 start the meeting. Good evening. On behalf of the
6 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC, I
7 would like to welcome you all here tonight. This is
8 an environmental scoping meeting for the Northeast
9 Supply Link Project proposed by Transco. Let the
10 record show that the public scoping meeting in
11 Clinton, New Jersey began at 6:15 p.m..

12 The primary purpose of this meeting is to
13 provide you with an opportunity to comment on the
14 project or on the scope of the environmental
15 analysis being prepared for the Northeast Supply
16 Link Project. My name is Maggie Suter, and I am the
17 environmental project manager with the Commission's
18 Office of Energy Projects. Sitting to my right is
19 Karen Gentile with the Department of
20 Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
21 Safety Administration. To her right is Alisa
22 Lykens, also with FERC, a branch chief with our
23 natural gas division. And at the end is Bill Braun,
24 one of our consultants helping us prepare our
25 environmental document.

1 Also with us tonight, at the sign in table, is
2 Eric Howard and Tom Hudzik with FERC and Kim Jessen,
3 also with our consulting company.

4 The FERC is an independent agency that
5 regulates interstate transmission of electricity,
6 natural gas and oil. FERC reviews proposals and
7 authorizes construction of interstate natural gas
8 pipelines, storage facilities and liquefied natural
9 gas terminals, as well as the licensing and
10 inspection of hydro electric projects. As the
11 federal licensing agency, the FERC has the
12 responsibility under the National Environmental
13 Policy Act, or NEPA, to consider the potential
14 environmental impact associated with the project
15 under its jurisdiction. With regard to the Transco
16 Northeast Supply Link Project, the FERC is the lead
17 federal agency for the NEPA review and preparation
18 of an environmental document. The U.S. Army Corps
19 of Engineers has agreed to participate as a
20 cooperating agency in preparation of an
21 environmental document. They plan to use this
22 environmental document to meet their respective NEPA
23 responsibilities associated with issuing their
24 permits.

25 As I said earlier, the primary purpose of this

1 meeting tonight is to give you an opportunity to
2 comment on the project or on the environmental
3 issues that you would like to see covered in the
4 environmental document. It will help us the most if
5 your comments are as specific as possible, regarding
6 the potential environmental impacts and reasonable
7 alternatives of the proposed Northeast Supply Link
8 Project.

9 These issues generally focus on the potential
10 for environmental effects, but may also address
11 construction issues, mitigation, and the
12 environmental review process as a whole. In
13 addition, after the formal part of the meeting is
14 over, you will have an opportunity to meet with
15 Transco representatives, ask them questions and get
16 more detailed information about their project.

17 Tonight's agenda is simple. First, I am going
18 to describe the environmental review process and
19 FERC's role in this project. Then Karen Gentile
20 will speak about the Department of Transportation
21 Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety
22 Administration program. At that point, I will ask
23 Transco, the project sponsor, to give a more
24 complete description of their proposal. Then we
25 will hear from those of you who have signed up to

1 speak. If you would like to present comments
2 tonight, please be sure to sign the speakers list at
3 the sign in table.

4 I will briefly describe our environmental
5 review process for you. To illustrate how this
6 process works - can you still hear me? all right -
7 we have our beautiful flow chart here for you.
8 This flowchart was appended in the notice of intent
9 that was mailed out to all of you and if you did not
10 receive it in the mail, we do have extra copies here
11 tonight. Transco is in what we call the pre-filing
12 process, which means a formal application has not yet
13 been filed with FERC. This started very early on in
14 March of this year. Basically, at that point, the
15 idea of this is to involve the public, local, state
16 and federal agencies as well as FERC, in the early
17 identification of issues involved with the project.
18 To do this, we began our first public input
19 opportunities section. We came out back in March
20 and June of this year to Transco's sponsored open
21 houses and began meeting the public to identify
22 issues with the project. We then issued our notice
23 of intent on July 1st of this year, which opened our
24 public scoping period. We are out here now for our
25 scoping comment period, which is our last bullet

1 here in the first of our public input opportunities.

2 After this point, this is not the end of the
3 prefiling process. You will have continued
4 opportunity to talk with Transco and FERC to
5 continue to identify your issues and concerns to us
6 all throughout the prefiling process. After that
7 point, Transco will then file a formal application
8 with FERC, and we will then prepare our
9 environmental document, which will get issued to the
10 public. You will then have another public input
11 opportunity down here to comment on the
12 environmental document that we prepare. So, this
13 kind of outlines your multiple public input
14 opportunities and the overall process that we will
15 go through.

16 I want to emphasize, as part of this prefiling
17 process, the main key point here is to encourage the
18 early involvement of all interested stakeholders and
19 the public, so that we can identify issues early in
20 the process before we ever issue an environmental
21 document, so that we can work towards the resolution
22 of any issues identified.

23 And as I said, as of today, no formal
24 application has been filed with FERC, although we
25 have begun communicating with other federal, state

1 and local agency staffs to begin reviewing the
2 project. On July 1st of this year, we issued a
3 notice of intent, or NOI, to prepare an EA for this
4 project and initiated the scoping period. The
5 scoping or comment period will end on August 15th,
6 2011. We encourage you to identify your concerns
7 about this project to Transco and FERC throughout
8 the entire prefiling process, even after the close
9 of the comment period. During our review of the
10 project, we will assemble information from a variety
11 of sources including Transco, the public, other
12 state, local and federal agencies and our own
13 independent analysis and field work. We will
14 analyze all of this information and prepare an
15 environmental analysis that will be distributed to
16 the public for comment.

17 Once the scoping period is finished, our next
18 step will be to begin analyzing the company's
19 proposals and issues that have been identified
20 during the scoping period. This will include an
21 examination of the proposed facility locations as
22 well as alternative sites. We will assess the
23 project effects on water bodies and wetlands,
24 vegetation and wildlife, endangered species,
25 cultural resources, soils, land use, including

1 residential impacts, air quality and safety.

2 When complete, our analysis of potential
3 impacts will be published as an environmental
4 assessment and presented to the public for a 30 day
5 comment period. This EA will be mailed to all
6 interested parties. I want to note that because of
7 the size of the mailing list, the mail version of EA
8 is often on a CD. That means that unless you
9 indicate to us otherwise, the EA that you will find
10 in your mailbox will be on a CD. If you prefer to
11 have a hard copy mailed to you, you must indicate
12 that choice to us on the return mailer that was on
13 the NOI that was mailed to you. You can also tell
14 us at the sign in sheet at the sign in table here
15 tonight.

16 As I mentioned earlier, the issuance of the NOI
17 opened a formal comment period that will close on
18 August 15th. The NOI encourages you to submit your
19 comments as soon as possible, in order to give us
20 time to analyze and research your issues. If you
21 received the NOI in the mail, you are on our mailing
22 list and will continue to remain on our mailing
23 list to receive the EA and any other supplemental
24 notices we may issue throughout the project, unless
25 you return the mailer attached indicating that you

1 wish to be removed from the mailing list. We do
2 have extra copies of the NOI available at the sign
3 in table. The mailing list for this project is
4 quite large and undergoing constant revision. If
5 you did not receive a copy of it, I do apologize.
6 Please pick one up tonight and make sure that you
7 sign in at the sign in table, to make sure that you
8 get added to our mailing list.

9 I'd also like to add that FERC strongly
10 encourages electronic filing of all comments and
11 other documents. We have a brochure that explains
12 our E-filing system, which was included on the CD
13 that was mailed with the NOI and is available on our
14 website. We also have extra copies of this CD with
15 us tonight. Instructions can also be found on our
16 website. If you would like to submit written
17 comments, you can do so by following the directions
18 that were in the NOI.

19 It is very important that any comments that you
20 submit, either electronically or by traditional
21 mail, include our internal docket number for the
22 project. The docket number is on the cover of the
23 NOI and is available at the sign in table. If you
24 decide to send us a comment letter, please put that
25 docket number on it. It will ensure that members of

1 staff evaluating the project will get your comments
2 as soon as possible. The docket number for the
3 Northeast Supply Link Project is PF 11-4.

4 I'd like to explain the roles of the FERC
5 Commission and the FERC environmental staff. The
6 five member Commission is responsible for making a
7 determination on whether to issue a certificate of
8 public convenience and necessity to the applicant,
9 or in this case, Transco. The EA prepared by the
10 FERC environmental staff, of which I'm a part,
11 describes the project facilities and associated
12 environmental impacts, alternatives to the project,
13 mitigation to avoid or reduce impacts and our
14 conclusions and recommendations. The EA is not a
15 decision document. It is being prepared to disclose
16 to the public and to the Commission the
17 environmental impacts of constructing and operating
18 the proposed project. When it is completed, the
19 Commission will consider the environmental
20 information from the EA, along with nonenvironmental
21 issues such as engineering, markets and rates, in
22 making its decision to approve or deny Transco's
23 request for a certificate. There is no review of
24 FERC's decisions by the President or Congress,
25 maintaining FERC's independence as a regulatory

1 agency, and providing for fair and unbiased
2 decisions.

3 Now that I have gone through the FERC process,
4 I'm going to hand this over to Karen Gentile, so
5 that she can provide a quick explanation of DOT's
6 program.

7 MS. GENTILE: Good evening. As Maggie
8 said, my name is Karen Gentile, and I am one of the
9 community assistance and technical services managers
10 for the Eastern Region's Office of Pipeline Safety,
11 which is a branch of the United States Department of
12 Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
13 Safety Administration, commonly referred to PHMSA.
14 I'd like to thank FERC for the opportunity to
15 provide an overview of the OPS Pipeline Safety
16 Program. Upon request from FERC, our office
17 provides support to the National Environmental
18 Policy Safety Program and analysis. If Williams
19 Transco receives permission from FERC for this
20 natural gas pipeline project, the Office of Pipeline
21 Safety will maintain regulatory oversight over the
22 safety of the pipeline.

23 This oversight includes inspections to ensure
24 that the pipeline is constructed of suitable
25 materials, that it is welded in accordance with

1 industry standards by qualified welders, installed
2 to proper depths, protected from external corrosion
3 and properly pressure tested before its use.

4 Beyond the construction process, we conduct
5 periodic inspections of operations and maintenance
6 requirements that are specified in Title 49, Part
7 CFR, Part 192, which covers natural gas pipeline
8 safety. The operator must establish comprehensive
9 written procedures describing the types and
10 frequencies of monitoring to ensure continued safe
11 operation of the pipeline. The monitoring that an
12 operator must perform includes adequacy of external
13 corrosion prevention systems, the operability of
14 pipeline valves and pressure control equipment,
15 patrols of the right-of-way and leak detection
16 surveys. In addition to routine monitoring, PHMSA
17 regulations now require transmission pipeline
18 operators to implement integrity management
19 programs. These programs require periodic integrity
20 assessments of transmission pipelines in highly
21 populated areas. These assessments provide a
22 comprehensive understanding of the pipeline
23 conditions and associated risks.

24 In line inspection tools, commonly referred to
25 as smart pigs, provide detailed information about

1 pipeline condition. During integrity inspection,
2 sensors and computers are sent through the pipeline,
3 and these devices can indicate pipe deformations and
4 changes in wall thickness of the pipeline. By
5 analyzing the data collected during these in line
6 inspections, operators can locate and repair areas
7 of the pipeline that may have been damaged or
8 deteriorated. Integrity management programs require
9 operators to detect and correct damages to their
10 pipelines in highly populated areas before the
11 damages result in any leaks.

12 A well constructed and maintained pipeline must
13 also be properly operated. Operators must ensure
14 that personnel operating, maintaining, or providing
15 emergency response activities are qualified to
16 perform these functions. The aim of the initiative
17 is to minimize operator error. Operators must
18 implement training and testing programs for
19 employees and contractors who's performance is
20 critical to maintaining the safety of the pipelines.

21 The pipeline operators must also implement
22 public awareness programs to improve awareness of
23 the pipelines within the communities. These
24 communicate pipeline information to the public
25 living along the right-of-way, emergency responders,

1 local public officials and excavators. The public
2 awareness programs emphasize the importance of
3 notifying the one call system prior to performing
4 any excavation activities. These notifications
5 will allow participating utility owners, including
6 pipeline operators, to mark the locations of their
7 facilities and monitor the excavation to help ensure
8 the facilities are not damaged.

9 Another key message for the stakeholder
10 audiences include how to recognize a pipeline
11 emergency, how to respond appropriately and how to
12 report a potential emergency to aid in the
13 emergency response by both the pipeline operators as
14 well as community emergency responders.

15 If safety inspections find inadequate
16 procedures, or the operator is not following their
17 procedures, the Office of Pipeline Safety is
18 authorized to require remedial actions, assess civil
19 penalties and initiate criminal action. Safety is
20 the primary mission of the Office of Pipeline
21 Safety, and we understand how important this mission
22 is to your community. Again, thank you for the
23 opportunity to provide an overview of the Office of
24 Pipeline Safety Program.

25 MS. SUTER: Thank you, Karen. Before we

1 start taking comments from you, I've asked Transco
2 to provide a brief overview of the proposed project.
3 For that, I'd ask Cindy Ivey to come up.

4 MS. IVEY: Good evening. My name is Cindy
5 Ivey. I am the manager of public outreach for the
6 Transco Pipeline, which is a subsidiary of the
7 Williams Companies. Thank you for the opportunity
8 to provide an overview of our company and our
9 proposed Northeast Supply Link expansion project.

10 The Transco Pipeline is an interstate pipeline
11 system that originates in South Texas and ends in
12 New York City. The pipeline delivers gas from
13 supply areas in the Gulf Coast, Midcontinent,
14 Appalachia and delivers to market areas in the
15 Southeast, Midcontinent and Northeast. This
16 pipeline system transports eight percent of the
17 natural gas consumed in the United States. It
18 consists of more than 10,000 miles of pipe and has
19 47 compressor stations. Transco currently
20 transports more than 60 percent of the natural gas
21 used in New Jersey through 59 delivery points
22 throughout the state. We have served Hunterdon
23 County for decades through a connection with
24 Elizabethtown Gas.

25 Williams has received requests from two

1 producers and one marketer to increase natural gas
2 deliveries to this region by November 2013.
3 Williams is developing the Northeast Supply Link
4 Project to serve the existing demand for natural gas
5 as well as the projected growth along Transco's path
6 in the Northeast.

7 Transco's proposed Northeast Supply Link
8 Project involves a combination of additional
9 pipeline facilities, compression facilities,
10 pipeline uprates, modifications to existing
11 infrastructure in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New
12 York. The major components of the project include
13 12.3 miles of new pipeline, one greenfield
14 compressor station, 27 miles of pipeline uprates,
15 additional horsepower at an existing compression
16 station, and modifications to various meter
17 stations.

18 In this area, we are proposing to add the
19 Stanton Loop, which consists of 6.8 miles of 42 inch
20 pipeline parallel to the two existing lines already
21 in service in this area. The new line would extend
22 an existing third line near the intersection of Race
23 Street and Bailey Farms Road in Union Township, and
24 extend about seven miles through Union, Franklin and
25 Clinton Townships, ending near Stanton Mountain Road

1 in Clinton Township.

2 The company meets or exceeds all federal
3 regulations established by the Pipeline Hazardous
4 Materials and Safety Administration for constructing
5 and operating its interstate natural gas pipeline
6 systems. Transco has maintained the integrity of
7 all lines since their installation in accordance
8 with federal regulations. Our integrity plan
9 focuses on prevention, first and foremost, followed
10 by detection and mitigation. We have invested more
11 than one billion dollars in pipeline maintenance and
12 integrity related enhancements since 2002.

13 The Energy Information Administration
14 estimates that natural gas consumption in the United
15 States is projected to grow by .6 percent per year.
16 The projection is slightly higher in the
17 mid-Atlantic region at .8 percent per year. If our
18 project is approved, it would provide access to new
19 sources of domestic natural gas supply and would
20 support the reliability of the energy infrastructure
21 and continued growth in the Northeast region.

22 Transco's customers generally include local
23 distribution companies, electric power plants, large
24 industrial customers, producers and marketers.
25 Transco has fully executed contracts with additional

1 capacity of 250,000 dekatherms per day on a
2 long-term basis. Transco entered the pre-filing on
3 process on March 2nd. We plan to submit our formal
4 application in November of this year, and we are
5 requesting a schedule that would allow construction
6 to begin around November of 2012, with an in-service
7 date of November 2013.

8 MS. SUTER: Thank you, Cindy. After the
9 meeting here is adjourned, representatives from
10 Transco will be available with project maps and will
11 be on hand to answer questions about the project.

12 We will now begin the important part of the
13 meeting, where we hear your comments. We will first
14 take comments from those who have signed up on the
15 speakers list, which was at the sign in table at the
16 back. If you would prefer, you may hand us written
17 comments tonight or send them in to the Commission
18 by following the procedures outlined in the NOI.
19 There is also a form at the sign in table that you
20 can use to write comments on and give them to me or
21 one of my consultants tonight. There are also
22 instructions on that form detailing how to mail them
23 in later. Whether you provide comments verbally
24 here tonight or mail them in, they will be
25 considered by FERC equally.

1 I'm sure you all have noted that this meeting
2 is being recorded by a transcription service. This
3 is being done so that all of your comments and
4 questions will be transcribed and put into the
5 public record. To help the court reporter produce
6 an accurate record of this meeting, I ask that you
7 please follow some ground rules.

8 When your name is called, please step up to the
9 microphone and state your name and spell it for the
10 record. Identify any agency or group that you're
11 representing and define any acronyms that you may
12 use. I also ask that everybody else in the audience
13 please respect the speaker. He has a microphone up
14 there so that he can hear what you're saying, so
15 it's very important that you speak facing us and
16 into that microphone.

17 We are now ready to call our first speaker.
18 The first name on the list is Nancy Rumore.

19 MS. RUMORE: My name is Nancy Rumore,
20 R-U-M-O-R-E. I am here tonight to formally register
21 my strong objection to the proposed Northeast Supply
22 Link Project. This meeting tonight is premature.
23 Numerous requests went to FERC requesting this
24 meeting be delayed, since the resource reports were
25 just published Friday, July 8th. The Friday after

1 July 4th holiday, when people begin their vacations.

2 That left us 11 days to absorb hundreds upon
3 hundreds of pages of information. As lay people,
4 this is an enormous task, and it is unfair of FERC
5 to not delay this meeting. I implore you to extend
6 the comment period beyond August 15th. I believe
7 this was a calculated move by Transco to have this
8 in the middle of the summer, when people are not
9 available. At the Clinton Township Council
10 presentation, Cindy Ivey from Transco stated that
11 this project is being proposed because they have a
12 supplier that needs to get their product to market.
13 This product is driven by greed and not demand. A
14 need for an increase in gas production has not been
15 shown, nor is this gas supplying the places they
16 plan to destroy along the route of this supply link
17 up.

18 The Chesapeake Energy Company reported last
19 week, "We have overwhelmed the traditional demand
20 categories and need to be more creative in finding
21 buyers for the glut of gas that they have." Again
22 we state, this need for this Northeast Supply Link
23 does not exist.

24 I've been told not to make this personal. This
25 is personal. We homeowners are so severely harmed

1 on so many levels. We move to communities by
2 choice. We cultivate our lives and our homes, and
3 now some private entity comes in and wants to take
4 that away from us. We are not a third world country
5 where people and land are raped by gangs and thugs
6 masquerading as reformists. Don't allow this to
7 happen here.

8 We knew we had an easement on our property when
9 we bought. We knew we had two pipelines. We didn't
10 sign up for a third one, and we certainly didn't
11 sign up for another easement, and we didn't sign up
12 to have a 42 inch pipeline to sit beneath our
13 bedroom.

14 A third pipe that will take out most of my
15 yard, impact my septic system. Is Transco prepared
16 to put into escrow the 40,000 dollars, plus, it will
17 need for me to replace my septic system? The
18 easement they are looking to get, will cause our
19 septic field to be moved. So as a homeowner, what
20 are my rights? Do we get to refuse? We will have
21 no yard because we can't do as we please with the
22 property that we own.

23 Two years ago, two families asked Doug Anderson
24 of Transco, at different times, if there were plans
25 to expand the pipeline and the answer was, "No, not

1 at this time." This plan has been in the works for
2 years. How can we believe anything this company
3 says to us, when we know that they've lied? And who
4 protects us, the homeowner? Does FERC look out for
5 us? Does the New Jersey Public Works Department
6 look out for us? New Jersey state regulations state
7 that no pipeline should be within 100 feet of a
8 building that has human occupancy.

9 Does that factor into an interstate pipeline
10 that goes by federal rules? I believe it should.
11 Someone has to care about the homeowners and the
12 community at large. I know that some of the Clinton
13 Town Council people are here, but where are other
14 elected officials that have been invited to this
15 meeting? Who watches out for us?

16 This project can not be approved as it is
17 designed. I beg you, please consider that this
18 pipeline will cut through the Highlands area in
19 Union and Clinton Townships and portions of the
20 Meadowlands as it leads in to New York State,
21 disturbing public land and sensitive areas. If
22 allowed, this pipeline will destroy critical animal
23 habitats, threaten our water supply and clear our
24 forests. And consider the American citizens who
25 will be severely affected in a detrimental way by

1 this project.

2 In closing, I ask FERC to please walk our
3 properties, as was done 11 years ago. We need you
4 to see firsthand the devastating effect this
5 proposal has on individual property. Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 MS. SUTER: Thank you. The next speaker
8 on the list is Kate Millsaps.

9 MS. MILLSAPS: Kate Millsaps,
10 M-I-L-L-S-A-P-S, the New Jersey chapter of the
11 Sierra Club. The New Jersey chapter of the Sierra
12 Club is opposed to this project due to the
13 significant impacts it will have on threatened and
14 endangered species habitat, drinking water supplies,
15 loss of wetlands and forest cover, expanding the use
16 of fracking and increases to climate change
17 pollution.

18 The Sierra Club urges FERC to prepare a full
19 environmental impact statement on this project, due
20 to the significant primary, secondary and cumulative
21 impacts that will result and that must be thoroughly
22 reviewed. The impacts must be assessed for the
23 entire project and not segmented piece by piece or
24 loop by loop. Crucial to FERC assessment of this
25 project is determining if there is even a need for

1 it, when we have a glut of natural gas in this
2 country and the price of gas is dropping. FERC must
3 conduct a thorough demand assessment to ensure that
4 this project is not solely being driven by suppliers
5 pushing to move natural gas supplies out of the
6 Marcellus Shale region.

7 The glut of natural gas has lead Chesapeake,
8 the second largest natural gas producer in the
9 country, to announce that they will be investing a
10 billion dollars over the next 10 years in an attempt
11 to increase demand in a flat market. The company
12 would not be making this kind of investment if
13 customer demand is not far below the supply being
14 produced in the Marcellus Shale.

15 FERC must ensure that there is real demand from
16 customers for this gas, and the project is not being
17 driven by drilling companies desiring higher prices
18 for their gas supplies, while saddling New Jersey's
19 ratepayers with the cost to improve the
20 infrastructure to move the gas.

21 This pipeline is being built to move Marcellus
22 Shale gas to New York City markets. The project
23 will encourage the expansion of hydraulic
24 fracturing, or fracking, a dangerous natural gas
25 drilling technique that threatens New Jersey's water

1 supplies and the natural resources of the Delaware
2 River Basin.

3 Between two to nine million gallons of water
4 are dispersed with over 200 hazardous chemicals and
5 injected into each fracking well. Fracking
6 threatens our water supply with hundreds of toxic
7 chemicals and major water withdrawals.

8 Approximately 3 million people in New Jersey
9 get their drinking water from the Delaware River,
10 and this water supply could be contaminated and
11 destroyed. The National Park Service estimates
12 30,000 wells can be drilled in the Delaware River
13 Basin, transforming this forested watershed into an
14 industrial wasteland. FERC must examine, in its
15 environmental review of the proposed pipeline, all
16 secondary and cumulative impacts this project will
17 have on encouraging the expansion of fracking in the
18 region.

19 A recent report by Cornell University found
20 that the greenhouse gas footprint of natural gas
21 obtained through the use of fracking in Shale
22 formations, which this pipeline will carry, that
23 carbon footprint is at least 20 percent greater than
24 coal's greenhouse gas footprint over 20 years.

25 Natural gas is composed largely of methane, a

1 greenhouse gas 21 times more powerful than carbon at
2 trapping heat in our atmosphere. The contribution
3 of fracking to climate change must be studied as a
4 cumulative impact of this pipeline project.

5 This pipeline will cut through the Highlands,
6 one of the most environmentally sensitive areas of
7 New Jersey and impact public open space at the South
8 Branch Reservation along the Raritan River and
9 Cramers Creek Park in Clinton Township.

10 Sierra Club also has serious concerns with
11 Transco's proposal to use horizontal directional
12 drilling underneath the Raritan River, potentially
13 impacting the water supply for 1.2 million people in
14 New Jersey, and that water supply is drawn directly
15 from the Raritan River.

16 FERC must look at alternative routes for this
17 project that will impact less environmentally
18 sensitive land. The project will impact known
19 habitat for threatened and endangered species in
20 critical water supply watersheds. A number of
21 pipelines are currently being proposed through New
22 Jersey to move Marcellus Shale gas, and FERC must
23 consider how many of these expansion projects are
24 truly needed as the markets become flooded with
25 natural gas. This is the third pipeline to be

1 proposed in the Highlands region in the past five
2 years, and we see more companies coming in to the
3 DEP requesting pipelines going from Pennsylvania to
4 New York City. FERC must determine which locations
5 are most ideal for this new infrastructure, meaning
6 where it would have the least impact to the
7 environment and communities. This environmental
8 assessment must look at primary, secondary and
9 cumulative impacts of the project to ensure New
10 Jersey will not be left paying for this pipeline and
11 the resulting pollution from New York City's
12 unneeded gas. Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. SUTER: Next on the list is Peter
15 Komarnycky

16 MR. KOMARNYCKY: Good evening, Peter
17 Komarnycky, K-O-M-A-R-N-Y-C-K-Y, and I represent the
18 Komarnycky household. Corporate greed, pie in the
19 sky marketing proposals, corporate insider
20 negotiations, creating a need during a time of
21 oversupply, strong lobby groups trying to influence
22 government agencies. Does this sound familiar?

23 Does anyone in this room remember the movie
24 Wall Street or its recent sequel, both highlighting
25 the infamous Gordon Gekko? In fact, the sequel

1 actually made reference to energy companies and
2 specifically gas pipeline builders and gas
3 suppliers. Although the movies have entertainment
4 value, parts of the movie are playing out right in
5 front of our eyes. However, for the residents of
6 Clinton Township, it is not a movie it is a
7 nightmare that we will have to live with, if this
8 ridiculous proposal gains approval. And also for
9 many generations to come.

10 Current residents, our children, our
11 grandchildren, Clinton township will pay for this
12 for many, many generations. Is this to be our
13 current generation's legacy? The plans and drawings
14 submitted by Transco that I have seen for this
15 project are at best simple, basic line drawings with
16 absolutely no detail, and I pray they are not being
17 considered as part of the approval process by FERC.

18 Where are the details for this complex and
19 challenging engineering project? Hard turns placing
20 a 42 inch pipe under the 2 old existing pipelines.
21 Turns again, under again, where is the history or
22 experience behind this method? Is this new? Has
23 this been done elsewhere? Convince me this makes
24 engineering sense.

25 Plan and drawing reviews are lengthy, time

1 consuming activities. This appears to be a simple
2 document submission process by simply checking off
3 items on a list of requirements. The Williams
4 Transco website, as of today, already has a
5 construction start date of spring 2012 listed on
6 their webpage. Are we simply wasting our time here
7 today? When I purchased my property I admit I
8 should have been a bit more diligent with regard to
9 the current easement which includes two existing
10 pipelines, but shame on me.

11 I have learned to deal with it, and I accept
12 it. But no one at any time has suggested to me that
13 a third pipeline was even a remote possibility. I
14 suggest we inform Transco of the same; deal with it.
15 You have two pipelines in place, manage your
16 business accordingly. It is what it is. I urge you
17 to strongly consider rejecting this ridiculous
18 proposal and put an end to this waste of agency time
19 and resources. My government should be devoting
20 their time and resources on other activities.

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. SUTER: The next speaker on the list
23 is Mark Hahn.

24 MR. HAHN: Thank you. It's Mark Hahn,
25 H-A-H-N. My comments are primarily related to my

1 property in specific. Just so you know, also, there
2 is no upside for this for my family. We don't even
3 have natural gas at our house. We have propane,
4 because it's not available.

5 I, too, knew there was a pipeline when I
6 bought, so I accepted that part. About 10 years
7 ago, I don't remember exactly what was proposed
8 before, and the problem with my property is that you
9 cannot get another pipeline between the existing
10 pipeline and my foundation. So, the proposal is now
11 to loop around the other side of my house, which
12 would completely enclose my property within the two
13 pipelines. So, that's one concern.

14 The second concern is the field adjacent to our
15 property is going to be proposed to use for the pipe
16 storage facility. The entrance to that facility is
17 also being proposed to come up our street, which is
18 now a cul-de-sac, which has never had any traffic on
19 it.

20 Aside from that, if they do enter from that
21 side you're going to have a lot of increased traffic
22 on Hibler Road, which is very narrow street which
23 barely passes two cars at one time. In addition to
24 that, depending on where these trucks are going,
25 you're going to have a lot of additional traffic on

1 Lilac, looping all the way around to Paine.

2 My proposal, if this were to come to fruition,
3 and I have no other choice, would be to have the
4 entrance to that field from Paine Road, which would
5 not impact any of the residential areas, because
6 it's all commercial. Over the course of six months
7 to a year, the environmental impact on my personal
8 life is noise, dirt, dust and the increase in
9 traffic alone for our kids and the people on our
10 street. That's my comment, thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. SUTER: Thank you. The next speaker
13 is Erica Van Auken.

14 MS. VAN AUKEN: Good evening. My name is
15 Erica Van Auken, E-R-I-C-A, V-A-N-A-U-K-E-N. I'm
16 here on behalf of the New Jersey Highlands
17 Coalition, and we oppose this project because of the
18 many environmental impacts it will have on the
19 Highlands. We monitor other infrastructure projects
20 through the Highlands, and based on that, we are
21 concerned that the following will be impacted:
22 right-of-way expansion requires an increase in the
23 amount of herbicides that can chemically alter soils
24 and contaminate groundwater. Trenching for the
25 pipeline will require the excavation of tons of

1 soil, resulting in storm water runoff. Due to the
2 reduced vegetation and forest cover along the
3 right-of-way, herbicides will enter surface waters.
4 Erosion will cause an increase in suspended solids
5 entering the stream ecosystem, which will result in
6 increased turbidity, negatively impacting aquatic
7 plant and animal species. Dewatering activities
8 will reduce water table depths resulting in
9 localized draw downs of water table elevations that
10 may impact private and community wells and reduce
11 base flow extreme crossings. The additional runoff
12 may introduce contaminants, increase sedimentation
13 and increase nutrient loading that will encourage
14 algal blooms and reduce available oxygen, degrading
15 the habitat of many aquatic species.

16 We are also concerned that construction will
17 not just be limited to the right-of-way. Access
18 roads must be built. Temporary workspaces will
19 cleared, and a temporary expansion beyond the
20 permanent right-of-way will be required, resulting
21 in a much larger area of disturbance than the
22 footprint of the proposed new pipe. Expansion of
23 the right-of-way will alter the physical properties
24 of the soil along and adjacent to the right-of-way,
25 from the clearing of land, increasing the amount of

1 sun exposure and decreasing moisture content of the
2 soil. A reduction in soil moisture could increase
3 the incidents of erosion caused by wind.

4 Increased run off adversely impacts prime
5 recharge areas in the vicinity of the areas
6 disturbed. Disturbances to the topsoil layer will
7 decrease soil veracity and moisture retention
8 capacity, contributing further to runoff. Access
9 roads cleared and graded to accommodate heavy
10 equipment and construction vehicles will compact
11 soils, creating an impervious cover that will
12 inhibit groundwater recharge, exacerbating runoff
13 and further inhibiting the ability of soils to
14 recharge groundwater.

15 Changes in this substrate conditions caused by
16 construction activities may affect the ability of
17 wetlands to sustain vegetation and wildlife
18 populations. Construction activities may impact a
19 wetland's natural ability to properly drain, which
20 can cause greater incidence of flooding.

21 Noise impacts to the landscape will be
22 exacerbated by the expansion of the right-of-way and
23 the removal of vegetation. Trees and plants serve
24 as a natural sound buffer, and their removal will
25 worsen the noise pollution associated with

1 construction. The expanded right-of-way will result
2 in an increase in an area to be continuously
3 maintained, resulting in permanent new noise impacts
4 to the animal, and human communities. Clearing of
5 forest cover and the importation of fill materials
6 will encourage invasive species along the
7 right-of-way. Once invasives are established, they
8 are extremely hard to control. Heavy construction
9 machinery and high traffic volumes associated with
10 construction activities will significantly add to
11 the wear and tear of local roadways that will be
12 repaired at the expense of the taxpayers.

13 The applicant may have procedures in place to
14 prevent these problems, but as other projects show,
15 they happen anyway. We urge the FERC to issue a
16 full environmental impact statement to explore the
17 impacts of construction on the environment. These
18 impacts are numerous and must be explored. Thank
19 you.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. SUTER: Thank you. Next on the list
22 is Andrew Shelofsky.

23 MR. SHELOFSKY: Good evening, my name is
24 Andrew Shelofsky, S-H-E-L-O-F-S-K-Y. My home is one
25 of many directly impacted by the proposed 42 inch

1 high pressure gas transmission pipeline. According
2 to surveys of my property and based on draft
3 resource report number 8, it appears that the
4 distance from the new 42 inch high pressure gas
5 transmission pipeline to my foundation will be less
6 than 23 feet. The proposed 25 foot permanent
7 right-of-way will actually traverse my family room.
8 Transco itself states that in resource report number
9 1 that they cannot agree to a reduced easement
10 width, so it will be interesting to see how a
11 permanent right-of-way through my house will be
12 achieved.

13 Other aspects of this project concern me.
14 Although I can not possibly provide all of my
15 concerns during my allotted time, here are a few in
16 no particular order. I would request that the
17 Commission provide answers to each of my concerns.

18 First, I'm concerned about the fact that within
19 the vicinity of many properties the 65 foot
20 construction right-of-way will not be possible.
21 In fact, the construction right-of-way is 15 feet or
22 less in several instances. This may result in the
23 need for a nonstandard parallel offset, increasing
24 the likelihood of damage, seen or unseen, to the
25 existing pipelines.

1 I am concerned that the proposed construction
2 right-of-way and permanent right-of-way will be
3 directly situated over the septic system servicing
4 my property. I am concerned that residents, both
5 directly and indirectly impacted by the project,
6 have not been properly notified of the project or of
7 any of the public comment sessions like the one
8 we're having today.

9 Drawings provided by Transco do not reflect the
10 current ownership of real property within Clinton
11 Township. I'm concerned that Transco provides only
12 information supportive of their project.
13 Specifically, I am concerned that in draft resource
14 report number 10, they reference the Energy
15 Information Association report indicating an
16 increase in total energy consumption in the United
17 States from 100.1 to 114.5 quadrillion btus, British
18 thermal units, between 2008 and 2035, or a 0.57
19 percent per year. However, Transco failed to
20 mention that in the same report, overall natural gas
21 consumption grows by only .2 percent per year during
22 the same period. In the near term, there's a
23 decline in natural gas consumption. The report also
24 indicates that energy consumption per person has
25 declined to the lowest level since 1968. Based on

1 this information as well as the renewable energy
2 generation targets within New Jersey, New York and
3 Pennsylvania, I believe the overall need for
4 increased gas supply is not warranted.

5 I am concerned that Transco uses the phrase,
6 "The project will be located within or adjacent to
7 Transco's existing rights-of-way for all but 0.14
8 miles of the 3 pipeline loops and pipeline
9 replacement." I believe this statement is
10 disingenuous. The majority of homeowners land
11 required for this project will not be within the
12 existing right-of-way, but will require new
13 easements to be negotiated with each individual
14 property owner.

15 In closing, I urge the Commission to reject the
16 Transcontinental Gas Pipeline's proposal. Thank
17 you.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. SUTER: Thank you. Next on the list
20 is Alison Shelofsky.

21 MS. SHELOFSKY: Alison Shelofsky,
22 A-L-I-S-O-N, S-H-E-L-O-F-S-K-Y. I reside at 11
23 Grandin Terrace in Annandale, and I urge the
24 Commission to reject the Transcontinental Gas
25 Pipeline's proposal. And I can't possible cover all

1 of my concerns in the time allotted, but I also
2 present mine, which are different from my husband's.

3 I'm concerned about the overall safety of the
4 existing high pressure gas transmission pipeline,
5 which is decades old. Transco should provide all
6 impacted residents the results of their pipeline
7 safety monitoring program activities including, but
8 not limited to, the number of times the pipeline has
9 been physically walked, the number of flyovers
10 conducted in the past year, the status of the most
11 recent leak survey and the status of the most recent
12 internal mechanical pig inspection.

13 I am doubly concerned about the safety of the
14 existing high pressure gas transmission pipeline
15 during the construction period, when heavy
16 construction equipment will move in extremely close
17 proximity to the existing pipeline.

18 I am concerned that the project does not comply
19 with the requirements of the New Jersey Board of
20 Public Utilities Administrative Code, which states
21 that, "No person shall install a natural gas
22 pipeline with a maximum operating pressure in excess
23 of 250 psig - which is pounds per square inch gauge
24 - within 100 feet of any building intended for human
25 occupancy.

1 I am concerned about the impact of this
2 project on wetlands, both adjacent to my property
3 and in other areas of the project, and to endangered
4 species that inhabit these areas.

5 I am concerned that Transco refers to the
6 existing pipeline as, "Well functioning." I would
7 like to understand Transco's basis for that
8 conclusion and what the potential impacts of a non
9 well functioning pipeline would be to people,
10 animals and buildings in the vicinity.

11 I am concerned that the Commission provided
12 only a limited window of time for the review of the
13 documents provided by Transco, and that the
14 documents provided by Transco, at this time, are
15 incomplete. I am also concerned that this project
16 is being shepherded during the summer months, at
17 which times, many residents are on vacation or
18 otherwise preoccupied.

19 I am concerned that Transco provided only
20 general economic information related to the project.
21 I believe Transco was provided full economic
22 analysis, providing specifics for both the short and
23 long-term, post construction including, but not
24 limited to, the number of personnel to be employed,
25 including residents and non-residents, and overall,

1 New Jersey. New Jersey benefits.

2 Will any short-term gains evaporate when the
3 overall long term impact of this pipeline is
4 factored in, in terms of decreased property values,
5 impact to our environment and losses due to
6 potential catastrophic events? In closing, I
7 request that a complete environmental impact
8 statement is prepared to include the effects of
9 construction, debris, runoff into Cramer's Creek,
10 and the protected wetlands between Grant and Terrace
11 and the Wedgewood Drive.

12 I would request the Commission provide answers
13 to each of my concerns.

14 (Applause.)

15 MS. SUTER: Thank you. The next on the
16 list is Tracey Spiaggia.

17 MS. SPIAGGIA: That's Tracey Spiaggia,
18 S-P-I-A-G-G-I-A. I am not prepared as everybody
19 else is here this evening, with the beautiful
20 speech. And the reason being, to echo what
21 everybody was saying, my family and I were on
22 vacation, came home to a pile of mail that I needed
23 to weed through while tending to three small
24 children and having a husband who is working
25 feverishly 80 to 90 hours a week, so we can afford

1 to live in the home that we chose to buy five years
2 ago.

3 We are neighbors to the Shelofsky's. We are
4 going to be directly impacted by the pipeline that
5 is being proposed here. The reason I decided to
6 sign the paper to come up here and speak to you is
7 to put a face to this monstrosity. I am Tracy,
8 okay. I have a family who lives in my home that we
9 worked very, very hard for. We chose this location
10 because it sits on a cul-de-sac. It is a protected
11 area. It is adjacent to a wetland area. The
12 neighborhood is contained and safe with very, very
13 little traffic flow. The only reason there is a car
14 in there is if you live there.

15 So, we chose this location specifically for
16 that reason. Now, if FERC approves this and Transco
17 goes forward with this pipeline, I have to now be
18 very concerned about the safety and well-being of my
19 family, with my three small children no longer to
20 just freely go out and play in the yard that I pay
21 very high taxes for and purposely bought this
22 property for. Now, they will have to be somewhat
23 prisoners in their own home, while this construction
24 goes on, and I will have to watch over them like a
25 hawk. Not being able to tend to all of my

1 responsibilities in the home.

2 I also have pets, and I have to be concerned
3 with that as well. I no longer can just let the
4 pets go out while the construction is going on
5 either. Now, please extend some grace. I had
6 literally, about half an hour to put some thoughts
7 down on some paper, because I do agree with
8 everybody's position that Transco purposely
9 scheduled this to take place over the course of the
10 summer, knowing that most families for maybe one or
11 two weeks out of fifty two are coming together to
12 spend some quality time together, and hope that this
13 mailing might just find its way in the trash can
14 somehow, and never even have voices being heard.
15 So, I think I am one of many, many people who
16 couldn't be here today, due to either misplaced
17 mail, vacation obligations, family responsibilities,
18 work responsibilities, what have you.

19 So, that's why I'm standing here. So, you see
20 that we are people. We are people with homes, with
21 families, working very hard to keep our noses above
22 water, surviving in a near depression like economy.
23 Now we have to suffer the blow of our property
24 values plummeting as a result of this. Even if this
25 doesn't go through, anybody paying attention who

1 does not own a home that doesn't have this easement,
2 will not go anywhere near a property in the future
3 with an easement, for fear of future threat that
4 these monster companies are going to come in and rip
5 the rug out from underneath them. So even if it
6 doesn't go through, we're already harmed with the
7 value, speaking to the value of our home.

8 So, I'm just going to go through a couple of
9 little points that came to my mind. My family and I
10 just installed extensive hardscaping and landscaping
11 with the written permission from Transco to go
12 forward and install all this. I have it in a safe
13 in my home. Now, this new right-of-way line,
14 easement line, will cut clear across this brand new
15 hardscape of mine.

16 I will lose irreplaceable mature trees. My
17 husband and I have spent the last three years
18 seeding and managing our lawn, which now the
19 machines are going to come in and completely uproot.

20 Definitely potential damage to our septic
21 system, as this line passes through very near our
22 leach field. Certainly concerns, serious concerns
23 to the damage of the conservation area, which was a
24 major selling point when we purchased this home.
25 Feeling like we had our own little slice of privacy

1 and nature.

2 Now, when they do go through and upheave that
3 whole conservation area, certainly, there will be
4 droves of pest animals coming into our backyard:
5 skunks, snakes, water rats, what have you. How can
6 I allow my children to go play when these animals
7 are in the yard? And then I'm going to have to
8 incur the cost to have them taken out from
9 underneath my shed, from underneath my deck, from
10 behind my bushes.

11 Obviously, I spoke to the resulting loss of
12 home value in an already depression like market.
13 Cumulative loss of value throughout the
14 neighborhood. Many families, including myself, can
15 not handle another financial blow. We are barely
16 hanging on, and these monster companies just don't
17 have the right to come in and strip us of the little
18 tiny bit that we have let. You have some families
19 that are preparing, in the next two to four years,
20 to sell because their children are going to be going
21 off to college. Their homes will be worth nothing.
22 They will have nothing to retire with.

23 This has to be taken into consideration,
24 because we are people who have made very methodical
25 decisive decisions as we've gone forward in our

1 lives, and these decisions have major financial
2 impacts for us. So, please take that into
3 consideration.

4 And also currently, as the plan is proposed, my
5 neighbors, the Shelofsky's, are going to be
6 disturbed more than I because the pipe is going to
7 sit closer to their property line. But certainly,
8 there is a threat of Transco coming in the future to
9 add another pipeline that shows up on the other side
10 of our property. That threat will always loom heavy
11 now that we are dealing with this situation here.
12 Certainly the disturbance to the quality of life
13 during construction, future issues with potential
14 runoff from the conservation area after its
15 deconstruction. And now, finally, the elimination
16 of potential improvements in the future because this
17 property, although I am paying taxes for it,
18 doesn't belong to me anymore. So, this project for
19 me, Tracy, has huge impact, and I beg you to please
20 think of each person as a person in this room with a
21 family and true interests that we've worked hard to
22 achieve. So, thank you for your time.

23 (Applause.)

24 MS. SUTER: Thank you. The next speaker
25 on the list is Ellen Dincuff.

1 MS. DINCUFF: Good evening. My name is
2 Eileen Dincuff, E-I-L-E-E-N, D-I-N-C-U-F-F.

3 MS. SUTER: Sorry.

4 MS. DINCUFF: I am a resident of Seven
5 Springs Road in Clinton Township, and I am
6 vehemently opposed to the proposed pipeline for many
7 reasons. But before I even begin my comments, I do
8 have to say in response to someone else's comment
9 that they saw the start date for construction posted
10 on the Transco website. How dare you? Is this a
11 waste of time? Have you already told them that they
12 have the project and we're just going to go through
13 this, as just going through the motions, so it will
14 appear?

15 How dare you not send things certified mail
16 that have to be signed to people who are going to be
17 affected? You think you can just slip a postcard
18 in, and then say, "Well, we sent you a post card?"
19 How dare you? How disrespectful.

20 All right, my issues, I've broken them down
21 into a couple of categories. The first issue is
22 safety. First and foremost is safety. There have
23 been several explosions related to pipelines in the
24 recent past. They will be disturbing pipes that
25 have been undisturbed for 50 plus years. Not only

1 am I concerned about the immediate danger
2 surrounding the excavation, I am greatly concerned
3 that the integrity of the existing pipelines will be
4 compromised and result in a horrific accident in the
5 future, as was the case in the 1994 Edison New
6 Jersey natural gas pipeline explosion.

7 I am also concerned regarding construction in
8 such tight areas with large equipment in
9 neighborhoods with young children and residents
10 coming and going from their homes. I am deeply
11 concerned about having construction workers having
12 such close access, not only to our homes but to our
13 children. Who are these construction workers? Have
14 they all been fingerprinted with thorough background
15 checks?

16 I have concern about the environmental impact.
17 Stockpiling of the excavated material will forever
18 change the landscape of the affected areas. What is
19 not destroyed immediately by the construction
20 process will be killed by the compression of the
21 earth under the material excavated for the trenches.
22 This isn't something that's going to go away. They
23 are going to leave, and maybe there is going to be
24 something still alive. But down the road, those
25 things will die because the root systems will be

1 killed off. Some owners will be losing trees that
2 are 50 to 100 years old. Others will have their
3 septic fields destroyed. I'm also greatly concerned
4 with the issue of excess storm runoff and about the
5 impact on our water supply.

6 Quality of life. Transco is planning a major
7 upheaval of quiet, residential streets and
8 neighborhoods. They plan on using heavy equipment,
9 working - according to them - six days a week from
10 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. There will be extreme noise
11 levels, which will be prohibitive to residents
12 enjoying their land, our land that we own.
13 Residents will have difficulty accessing their own
14 homes.

15 I live on a cul-de-sac, the Schlotzsky's live
16 on a cul-de-sac. Children will not be able to play
17 outside, and again, that goes to the safety issue of
18 having the children play outside when there is
19 construction workers.

20 There is no demonstrated need. Transco has not
21 demonstrated an actual, real need. The gas will not
22 be for the benefit of our community or even our
23 state. They are speculating that there will be a
24 future need. We are in the midst of a recession,
25 and the housing market has yet to rebound. We

1 already have a 24 inch and a 36 inch pipeline
2 running through the township. That should be
3 sufficient.

4 Financials. The proposed additional 42 inch
5 pipeline will negatively impact home values. This
6 applies not only to the immediate homes affected but
7 to the entire area. Once a few home values plummet,
8 the comps for nearby homes on the market will drive
9 prices down, resulting in a domino effect, thus
10 impacting Clinton Township as a whole. Transco can
11 afford to abort this project now and find an
12 alternative route, utilizing open land, as opposed
13 to established neighborhoods with real people living
14 in them.

15 On the other hand, Clinton Township residents
16 can not afford for Transco to move forward. Please
17 reject the proposed Transco project.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. SUTER: Thank you. The next speaker
20 is Jim Dincuff.

21 MR. DINCUFF: My name is Jim Dincuff,
22 D-I-N-C-U-F-F, first name Jim, J-I-M. My main
23 concern is that of safety. A couple of people have
24 mentioned the explosion in Edison, and that's
25 something that I'm very concerned about. Also the

1 value of our home and if we decided to move out of
2 the township, what we would be able to get for our
3 home?

4 In addition to those two main reasons, I would
5 also like to state that I serve as president of the
6 Clinton Township Board of Education, and one of the
7 concerns is the safety of our children riding the
8 school buses. If they're going to be working from
9 7:00 in the morning till 7:00 in the evening, we
10 have children, 7:00, 7:30 in the morning riding
11 school buses, and God forbid, we have an explosion
12 like they had in Edison a number of years ago. Then
13 what would the people have to say? So, as everyone
14 who has been here before stated, I urge the Board to
15 reject this project. Thank you very much.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. SUTER: Thank you. The next speaker
18 is Anthony Rose.

19 MR. ROSE: My name is Anthony Rose,
20 R-O-S-E. I live on Paine Road in Clinton Township
21 and I am adamantly opposed to the request for
22 Williams Transco to install a 42 inch pipe in my
23 backyard. I purchased my home, and Nancy mentioned
24 this, I purchased my home in 2009 and called
25 Williams prior to the purchase to ask if there was

1 any plans for an expansion or change in the
2 easement. I was told by a Williams representative
3 that they had no plans to do so. I relied on their
4 representation when I made the decision to purchase
5 that home.

6 The current plans will hurt our property value
7 and destroy our quiet neighborhood and beautiful
8 landscape. Part of the attraction of this home was
9 the view of the large trees in the backyard. This
10 will all be gone.

11 The current plans will hurt our property value.
12 Part of the attraction of this home was the views.
13 This will all be gone. I request that a
14 representative from FERC come and physically walk
15 the neighborhoods, so you can understand that these
16 are our homes Williams plans on ruining. I ask that
17 you see with your own eyes and not just think of us
18 as resident at MP 9.77, which is 40 feet from the
19 pipe.

20 As stated in Williams' report, I am concerned
21 about the risk that the used pipe will bring and
22 concerned with the wetlands and environment it will
23 destroy. I don't think Williams has proved that
24 there is a need for an additional pipe.

25 I am concerned that my 87 year old

1 mother-in-law, that lives with me, will have to
2 endure the months of destructive noise and the chaos
3 of construction vehicles that will be in the staging
4 area, directly across the street from my house,
5 which is a residential area. This request is not
6 justified. There are several other pipelines in New
7 Jersey. Do we really need another? I request that
8 FERC deny the Williams' request for a permit.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. SUTER: The next speaker on the list
11 is Bee-Lian Chen.

12 MR. CHEN: Yes. Bee-Lian Chen, B-E-E,
13 hyphen, L-I-A-N, C-H-E-N. I will be more brief and
14 more poignant and more personal, too. I will go
15 through community impact, social impact,
16 environmental impact, financial impact and personal
17 statement.

18 Community impact. The work hours will be from
19 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., which means that there will be
20 noise, dust, heavy machinery in and out of the work
21 area the whole day long. The project will cut off
22 the road and some of us will not even be able to
23 drive to or from our residence. It's not only the
24 inconvenience that the project creates, but also the
25 added safety hazards associated with construction

1 in a very tightly spaced environment.

2 Next is social impact. It is pretty personal
3 between me and my neighbor, Peter. As I stated in
4 my comments at the Clinton Council meeting on the
5 13th of July 2011, the proposed gas pipeline will
6 run between the property of my neighbor, which is
7 Peter, and myself. The actual location of the gas
8 pipeline will be entirely situated within my
9 property. I fear that I am being penalized to
10 provide actual clearance for my neighbor's
11 residence. My question is why I should be the one
12 being penalized this time, when the previously
13 proposed pipeline location by Transco 12 years ago,
14 which was 1999, was mostly on Peter's property?

15 This proposed gas pipeline project creates ill
16 feelings between the neighbors. It is certainly one
17 of the unintended consequences and mostly
18 unrecognized by people who are not affected by the
19 project, including the government officials such as
20 FERC staff.

21 Third, environmental impact. I am a
22 mathematician, so I am doing some math here. So, we
23 have 24 inch and 36 inch, and the volume they run
24 through would be the surface times the length,
25 right? So I did the calculation, πr^2 . R

1 is 12 for one, 18 for the other one, times L is the
2 length of pipeline.

3 The new pipeline, 42 inches, the volume it
4 occupies would be Pi times 21 times 21 times the
5 length of the pipeline. So, makes long story short,
6 the newly pipeline will occupy almost the same
7 volume through the underground, almost the same
8 space that the 24 inch and 36 inch do combined. So,
9 that certainly will affect the water drainage,
10 because it takes the water storage space away. So,
11 that's the environmental impact. It is simple, but
12 there are many other environmental impacts which I
13 will leave to experts to address.

14 Financial impact. Housing values will plummet,
15 and anyone trying to sell a house in this area will
16 find it impossible to do so without sustaining a
17 loss. My family will be the one among those
18 families who will suffer the most in this account,
19 since we, the family, would have three gas pipelines
20 going through our property under, over, above. Very
21 interesting engineering maneuver there.

22 And the personal statement is that on page A 22
23 for Report A of the Drive Resources Report, it
24 stated, "Transco's existing pipelines were installed
25 between 1949 and 1971 with many of the residents

1 constructed adjacent to permanent easement
2 thereafter." The reason I quote the statement is it
3 seems that Transco is saying that, in a very
4 deceitful way, that the residents were willing to
5 take the risk of living next to the existing
6 pipelines when they signed on the dotted line for
7 the purchase of the residence, and therefore, it is
8 acceptable to those residents, owners, to add
9 another gas pipeline near to the two existing gas
10 pipelines. This implication can be no further from
11 the truth. I may have signed up to have the two gas
12 pipelines of 24 inch and 36 inches, respectively, in
13 my property, however, I never signed up for a third
14 one of 42 inches with a closer proximity to my
15 property. I'm not sure that I could ever sell my
16 property to anyone knowing the potential of more gas
17 pipelines should be plying in the future. Which
18 echoed one of our previous speakers, say, "If you've
19 got three, why not four, right? And if you've got
20 four . . ." How am I going to tell, honestly tell
21 the purchaser, "No, it isn't going to happen?" It
22 is going to happen.

23 In closing, I have a couple of things I want to
24 refer to the history of FERC's decision. Twelve
25 years ago, I am among those persons who engage in

1 the defense of our property, and we had a pretty
2 good fight, we hang together. At the end, based on
3 my understanding, is FERC did not approve the
4 project 12 years ago because the demand wasn't
5 there.

6 My question to FERC this time or Transco for
7 that matter, is anything changed since 1999 and
8 2011? And from what I have heard, that demand is
9 not there, and based on the demographic of New York
10 City, it is losing residents. I don't know why we
11 are sending more gas to New York City. I wonder how
12 this demand estimate or projection are coming from.

13 And I am a statistician; I professionally do
14 projection prediction. But I have to admit, in my
15 profession, we don't always predict things that
16 good. So, I would like FERC to make their decision,
17 make their assessment, based on a very reliable
18 estimate and even better, based on the actual
19 contract. You can see the customers signed
20 contract, saying they will buy those gas. Not based
21 on what some big-time predictor estimates, because
22 that affects our life.

23 (Applause)

24 MS. SUTER: Thank you. The next speaker
25 on the list is Ino Sowder.

1 MS. SOWDER: Good evening. My name is
2 Inovelia Sowder, it's I-N-O-V-E-L-I-A, S-O-W-D-E-R,
3 and I am a Clinton Township resident.

4 I live, as I stated, in Clinton Township.
5 However, on Wednesday, March 23rd, 1994, my home
6 address was 5 Chelsea Court in Edison, New Jersey,
7 approximately six miles from Durham Woods at the
8 intersection of Durham Avenue and I 287.

9 That evening my husband and I woke up in the
10 middle of the night to voices outside our window.
11 Our neighbors had felt their house shake and stepped
12 outside their door. In front of us was this
13 fireball that could obviously be seen for miles
14 since we were approximately six miles away. By
15 then, the wailing of the sirens was deafening, and
16 they were coming every direction because every
17 township, every community in the area was mobilized
18 instantly.

19 Unfortunately, one of those rescue vehicles was
20 unable to respond to an emergency, because of the
21 traffic, the immense traffic that had been created,
22 and the family in distress lost their mother to a
23 heart attack. To my knowledge that was the only
24 casualty.

25 In my heart, it was one casualty too many. We

1 soon learned the nature of the event and the
2 enormous proportions of the disaster. The cause of
3 the explosion and the subsequent fire was a breach
4 in a gas pipeline owned and operated by Texas
5 Eastern Transmission Corporation. I shudder to
6 think that we lived six miles away; we felt, heard,
7 and saw the fireball.

8 And some of my neighbors lived within 40 feet.
9 They are not going to be here to tell the story.
10 About 4:00 o'clock that morning, the entire staff of
11 Edison High School, of which I was a part at the
12 time, received an emergency phone call informing us
13 that Edison High School had been turned into the Red
14 Cross headquarters.

15 By 6:30 that morning, the entire high school
16 staff was on hand, helping to make sense of intense
17 chaos. I found myself one minute helping to
18 interview a mother in shock, and the next, holding a
19 little girl still in her pajamas, barefoot. Our
20 school was closed for the remainder of the week.
21 This happened by the way on a Wednesday night.

22 Because the first day turned to wonder, sensing
23 that a community by the next day had galvanized and
24 come to aid their neighbors. Galvanizing by grief
25 and disaster. This is not the way that we in

1 Clinton Township like to come together. I can think
2 of much more creative ways to develop a sense of
3 community.

4 It was difficult for us at Edison High School
5 to get back to normal, the beginning of the
6 following week. For us, normal had been redefined.
7 There were approximately - as we learned later - 100
8 families that were displaced at the time as a result
9 of the disaster and the explosion and the fire.
10 Many members of those families were our own
11 students.

12 Every member of the Edison High School
13 Community, that included a school body of
14 approximately 2,000 at the time and over 200
15 professional staff members, had been affected by one
16 way or another, either by being a resident of Durham
17 Woods or by having volunteered to help. I urge you
18 to very, very carefully consider the impact that a
19 similar disaster would have on your community here
20 in Clinton.

21 The pipeline which exploded in Edison measured
22 36 inches in diameter, and we are very sadly aware
23 of those consequences of a breach in that pipe. We
24 already have a 24 inch and a 36 inch running through
25 the township in this neighborhood. To lay a

1 monstrous 42 inch pipeline next to these existing
2 pipelines would be flirting with disaster.

3 Having heard others speak, the disaster at
4 Durham Woods was caused by one backhoe trying to dig
5 around to bury a pickup. One backhoe. Is your
6 company willing to say that they are going to dig by
7 hand? I urge you to please consider the enormous
8 risks that you're putting us under by passing this
9 request. Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. SUTER: Thank you. The next speaker
12 on the list is Wilma Frey.

13 MS. FREY: Good evening, my name is Wilma
14 Frey, that's F-R-E-Y. I am with New Jersey
15 Conservation Foundation.

16 New Jersey Conservation Foundation is a 50 year
17 old, statewide, environmental and conservation
18 organization. We engage in environmental policy,
19 and also we are a land trust. We have preserved
20 over a hundred thousand acres in the state of New
21 Jersey.

22 My request, our request, is that a full
23 environmental impact statement be done on this
24 proposal. This is really the very least that should
25 be done, given the environmental status of the

1 region through which it runs, which is the New
2 Jersey Highlands Region. As you may know, the
3 Highlands region was delineated by state legislation
4 in 2004 for protection of its water and natural
5 resources and cultural resources. The Highlands
6 were also recognized in 2004 in federal legislation
7 in the Highlands Conservation Act, based on the same
8 need for protection of the environment of the
9 region. Both the environment, the farming and
10 forests in the area, the cultural resources, the
11 historic resources, and the recreational resources,
12 those were all reasons for passage of the Highlands
13 Act, the Federal Highlands Act.

14 And that act was based, took place to a large
15 extent, because of two federal studies that were
16 done on the region. The first federal study was
17 the New York, New Jersey Highlands Regional Study
18 done back in 1992, and there was an update of it in
19 2002. A lot of that study was devoted to the
20 problem of the impact of sprawl of suburban growth
21 and other kinds of development on the resources of
22 the region. So I think at the very least, we
23 deserve a full impact environmental impact statement
24 of this project.

25 My organization, being an environmental

1 organization, is concerned particularly about the
2 impacts on the water supply which includes State
3 Spruce Run and Round Valley reservoir system, which
4 supplies over 1 million people with drinking water.
5 We are concerned about impacts on groundwater
6 supplies. This is digging in the ground, and it
7 could very well have impacts on ground water
8 supplies. Many people in this area use well water,
9 whether it may be municipal wells or local
10 individual personal wells.

11 We are very interested or concerned about
12 potential impacts on preserved lands, preserved
13 farmland. There is quite a lot of that around here,
14 and state, county and local and nonprofit preserved
15 open space.

16 We're concerned about the impacts on historic
17 and cultural resources. This is a very historic
18 area. The impacts on forests and farmland, on
19 wildlife and threatened and endangered species, on
20 wetlands and on the Highlands open waters and the
21 Ohio's open water protection area. As you know,
22 there are 300 foot buffers around all open waters in
23 the Highlands region.

24 This EIS must also include a full evaluation of
25 the energy needs and who is to be served by this

1 pipeline and about the possibilities of energy
2 reduction through demand management and energy
3 efficiency and potential alternative sources of
4 energy.

5 We need to have full disclosure of where and
6 for whom this pipeline fuel is intended. It doesn't
7 have anything to do with the local people or the
8 Highlands region that the negative impacts will fall
9 upon.

10 There also needs to be a complete economic
11 analysis and quantification of the negative short
12 and long-term impacts of the project in the
13 Highlands and the local area impacted and its
14 residents. This would include impacts on health and
15 societal and social cost of the project, impacts on
16 the local economy and on the property values which
17 impact local taxes and thus the ability of local
18 government to fund services.

19 So, the EIS must, of course, include an
20 analysis of alternatives including, of course, the
21 no build alternative. So, we hope very strongly and
22 urge very strongly for you to not merely pursue the
23 environmental assessment but to pursue the
24 environmental impact statement. Thank you very
25 much.

1 (Applause.)

2 MS. SUTER: Thank you. Our next speaker
3 is Patrick Cerria?

4 MR. CERRIA: Good evening. My name is
5 Patrick Cerria, C-E-R-R-I-A. I live on Boehm Drive
6 and I've been living there for 18 years. I have two
7 50 inch gas lines running under my easement and my
8 driveway.

9 Eight or nine years ago when Transco first
10 thought of running another line, our property was
11 going to be again identified as a source of a third
12 pipeline. The people of Branchburg got together
13 with the people in Clinton Township. We got
14 together with the EPA, and at the time, Christie
15 Whitman was the U.S. EPA Administrator and she
16 fought for us, and as a result, there was no need to
17 run a third line and subsequently, the idea was
18 eliminated.

19 Now they're thinking of running a 42 inch line.
20 Now, although it won't be cutting across my
21 property, it will be running parallel to my
22 property. And what I'm concerned about is the
23 staging area. In order to get to the area that
24 you're excavating, they're going to have to use
25 Boehm Drive. Right now, we have 13 children living

1 on Boehm Drive. It's a cul-de-sac; children play
2 all the time out in the street because there is no
3 traffic. They're going to disrupt that. And
4 seemingly, Transco doesn't give a damn, because if
5 they did, I think they would be a little kinder, and
6 they'd approach us with a lot more compassion.

7 So, my concern is how do you intend to address
8 this, where the children are not disrupted, and
9 during the installation of the line, all the
10 residents on Boehm Drive will also be disrupted.

11 You indicated you will be running from 7 a.m.
12 to 7 p.m.. Is that Monday through Friday or is that
13 Monday through Sunday? There isn't any thought or
14 care given to exposure to the residents. I have a
15 driveway that's 200 feet long. I have two 50 inch
16 lines underneath it.

17 I would like to fix up my driveway. I called a
18 contractor in to do the work, told him about the two
19 pipes that are roughly two or three feet below. He
20 said he can't use heavy-duty equipment because he's
21 afraid of the line, so he's going to have to do it
22 pick and shovel, and he's talking 10-15,000 dollars.

23 Now if that's the case, I mean, I would expect
24 Transco to pay the bill because it wasn't me who put
25 the lines there. And if I want to improve my

1 driveway, I'm not going to go for 15,000 dollars.

2 In your handout you pointed out that there is
3 very little or no effect on property values. How
4 recent was the survey? Was it in New Jersey? And
5 if there is an effect on property values, will
6 Transco come through and pay the difference?

7 Now for example, if you are going to sell your
8 house for 600,000, but you only got 400,000, are you
9 guys going to cough up 200,000? No way. You're
10 going to turn around and run, as you have done
11 before.

12 I am concerned about the wetlands section,
13 which is not far from my home. It's between Boehm
14 Drive and Paine Road. That will be impacted, no
15 question about it.

16 I am also concerned about the quality of the
17 groundwater. Will you be contaminating the
18 groundwater with your excavation, with your pipeline
19 installation?

20 I urge you to abandon the NSL Project for the
21 locations you selected and return to the drawing
22 board. And when you do so, please keep in your
23 minds and in your hearts the people that will be
24 affected by it. Don't look at it as a project where
25 there are no human beings involved, no people are

1 involved, it's something that has to be done.
2 There's a right way to do it, and the way you're
3 thinking about it right now is the wrong way. Thank
4 you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. SUTER: Thank you. Our next speaker
7 is Lincoln Heffner.

8 MR. HEFFNER: My name is Lincoln Heffner,
9 H-E-F-F-N-E-R. I live at 10, Seven Springs Road in
10 Clinton Township, New Jersey, and I'm here tonight
11 to lodge a formal protest against the natural gas
12 pipeline project.

13 The proposal adds a 42 inch line to an existing
14 right-of-way containing a 24 and 36 inch natural gas
15 line. These lines border my property, but they pass
16 within approximately 25 feet of 3 of my neighbors
17 residences. The proposed line would be closer
18 still. I am in commercial construction, large
19 commercial construction, and the most dangerous type
20 of work is performed adjacent to existing active
21 services.

22 The existing lines were installed around 1958,
23 and I hear there is a wider spread than that now.
24 But let's say 53 years ago. These lines are
25 fabricated out of steel, and they will eventually

1 deteriorate. I'm sorry. These lines are fabricated
2 out of steel, and regardless of the multitude of
3 high-tech and preventative and delaying steps which
4 can be taken, they will eventually deteriorate,
5 becoming thinner walled, brittle and more
6 susceptible to any external influences.

7 Consider what backhoes, trucks and other heavy
8 construction equipment could inadvertently do
9 operating in the extremely tight quarters that will
10 be found in the residential areas that we're talking
11 about. The pictures of explosions resulting out of
12 other gas line incidents are horrific.

13 The impact to neighborhoods in the general
14 community will not be pleasant. Open trench
15 construction creates vast amounts of excavated
16 materials that must be stockpiled. These literal
17 giant footprints of overburden will forever compress
18 and compact the existing earth and grade beneath,
19 thereby making it essentially impervious thereafter.

20 Excess storm water runoff, the resultant
21 increased pollution of local groundwaters, surface
22 waters, the loss of existing and the inability of
23 these soils to promote new growth, will negatively
24 impact the flora and fauna of the region.

25 Consider established neighborhoods with groomed

1 lawns, landscaping, trees from 20 to 100 or more
2 years old. None will be spared that lay within the
3 path of the work.

4 Please note that the easement is only 30 feet
5 wide, and this is what Transco stresses. But the
6 true disturbance can and will be 100 foot or more to
7 either side of the easement. Imagine a plow or a
8 steamroller, a hundred feet wide moving through
9 neighborhoods and across townships. Its path
10 follows no roads, but cuts across them, along with
11 yards, driveways, existing old growth, gardens et
12 cetera, eliminating everything in its path.

13 The short-term impact will be bad also:
14 detours, closures, temporary access to one's own
15 garage and home, hazardous conditions for residents
16 who enjoy a walk or to ride bicycles. What about
17 children playing?

18 Resource Report One states that the new line
19 can be installed with as little as three feet of
20 cover, unless if the line is passing through stoney
21 geography. I have managed large scale commercial
22 construction for over 30 years, and this inadequate
23 cover just does not occur. It would be
24 unprofessional and just too plain dangerous not to
25 provide adequate cover, which I would consider at a

1 barest minimum of four to six feet.

2 The best way to say that is if you can dig to
3 it with a hand shovel, it's too close to the
4 surface. Three feet is too damned close to the
5 surface. There is no way around any of the
6 aforementioned items. They are all bad, some
7 forever and some potentially, literally, deadly.

8 In closing, Transco has demonstrated no need
9 for this added pipeline. They have stated publicly
10 that it is market driven. But we, the public at
11 large, have been unable to verify any call for the
12 gas this line will deliver. We're in a prolonged
13 recession. There is practically no GNP growth.
14 Housing is way down. Is it going to go further?
15 Who needs it? Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. SUTER: The next speaker on the list
18 is Karen Carroll.

19 MS. CARROLL: Yes, good evening. First
20 name is Karen, K-A-R-E-N, last name is Carroll,
21 C-A-R-R-O-L-L.

22 I live in Bound Brook, New Jersey, and I am the
23 Democratic candidate for the Assembly in the 23rd
24 District in this area and in the towns that are
25 involved in this.

1 I urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
2 to heed the concerns of the local residents who
3 spoke here tonight and who will be exposed to the
4 incredible inconvenience of this potentially massive
5 construction project. Inconvenience being way too
6 mild a word.

7 Furthermore, beyond the construction project,
8 these people will lose property values. They will
9 experience ongoing anxiety, in terms of their safety
10 concerns for themselves and their families, and this
11 project has the potential of being a multi-
12 generational nightmare for these families and for
13 their municipalities.

14 Now, New Jersey has always had the reputation
15 of being a pass through state, and as the pipeline
16 and this gas pass through New Jersey and through our
17 rural communities, what benefits do these people
18 get?

19 Do they get lower taxes? Do they get a piece
20 of the profits? Do they get access to any of the
21 gas? It's my considered opinion that these
22 residents and their communities have already done
23 their part with two existing pipelines already
24 traversing their lands and municipalities. And I
25 urge you, I really urge you to recognize the impacts

1 that will almost certainly be defined by the
2 environmental assessment on the water, on the air
3 quality and on the open space in this beautiful
4 area. I urge you to ultimately decline this project
5 for a product that is not really needed in our
6 foreseeable future. Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. SUTER: The next speaker signed up is
9 Jonathan Wall.

10 MR. RALL: Good evening. I'm Jonathan
11 Wall, W-A-L-L. Well, I'm sure you've heard all the
12 concerns tonight. So, I'm really going to talk more
13 to the audience. Each one of you folks, not each
14 one, but many of you folks are - I'm going to use
15 the analogy, it's not flattering, but it's sort of
16 like you're a mouse, and you're squeaking against a
17 huge bureaucracy and very eager companies to make a
18 profit.

19 And I am encouraging you folks to get together
20 on this with community leaders like Nancy, but also
21 with environmental organizations, like with Kate.
22 So that instead of squeaking by yourselves, about
23 your own personal interests, you can look at the
24 broader picture as well and be able to roar at the
25 government and at this company because they are not

1 going to listen unless you speak in unison and use
2 the professional environmentalists and the seasoned
3 citizens who have been advocating for positive
4 environmental regulation and change and their
5 established history of doing good work in protecting
6 our communities from the shortsighted agenda that
7 you folks are trying to give voice to say no to.
8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. SUTER: Okay that's it for the
11 speakers. Hang on one second. Patty? I'm sorry,
12 I'm really sorry. Patty Heffner.

13 MS. HEFFNER: I told Nancy when I came in
14 because she was first, I said, "Nancy, in class I
15 always went first because it's so relaxing when
16 you're done." So even though I was sixth, I ended
17 up last. But I'll relax in a few minutes.

18 Patty Heffner, H-E-F-F-N-E-R. Eighteen years
19 ago my husband and I built our dream home in a great
20 neighborhood in Clinton Township. I still marvel at
21 the view from my upstairs window, which overlooks a
22 pond and wetlands and from my kitchen window, where
23 I can see only trees. My home is positioned in a
24 bend of the road, so the pipeline is on both sides
25 of me and also across the street. The pipeline came

1 decades before our homes did. We have been
2 fortunate all these years that there's not been an
3 incident, more fortunate than those in Edison New
4 Jersey, just a few years back, as Ino spoke.

5 But now that our homes are there, we do not
6 want another pipeline installed. Our concerns are
7 many. We don't want to take the risk of disturbing
8 the more than 50-year-old pipelines already in the
9 ground. Let's leave bad enough alone.

10 We don't want another and larger high-pressure
11 pipeline so near to our homes. We don't want to be
12 inconvenienced for months by reduced access to our
13 streets and homes and by noisy equipment that we are
14 told will run for 12 hours a day, 6 days a week.

15 We don't want our old growth trees destroyed
16 and simply replaced by new small trees. We don't
17 want our ground rendered useless due to the
18 compression of staging the removed soil.

19 We already have year round mandatory watering
20 restrictions here in Clinton Township, and this will
21 only add to the difficulty of maintaining our lawns.
22 We don't want our groundwater, the seven springs
23 under Seven Springs Road, at risk of contamination
24 due to this work.

25 We don't want our already depressed property

1 values to decline even further. How many pipelines
2 in a yard or neighborhood is too many for someone
3 who wants to buy a home?

4 We don't want the proliferation of fracked gas,
5 which commonly employs carcinogenic chemicals, like
6 Benzene, Toluene and Xylene. I encourage you to I
7 research and read about the many dangers of and the
8 lack of federal regulations on fracking.

9 Transco has a lot of money. That's evident by
10 the number of suits that were here at the open house
11 in June, poised to appear helpful, but really just
12 dismissive of the concerns we brought up. I wonder
13 how many of them have pipelines within feet of their
14 homes?

15 We have full-time jobs too. As many of us, if
16 not all of us, are still paying the mortgages on the
17 homes that Transco cares so little about. We are
18 not in a heavily populated area. If this pipeline
19 must go through, and I'm not convinced that it must,
20 there's plenty of land to route it a safe distance
21 away from homes. Transco simply wants to use the
22 existing easements to save money.

23 So, who protects us from the greed of big
24 business? Our state government attempts to in the
25 New Jersey Administrative Code by denying the rights

1 to lay lines in excess of 250 PSIG within 100 feet
2 of inhabited dwellings, as was mentioned a few
3 times.

4 That speaks to the risk here. But we're told
5 that this rule doesn't apply if FERC gives Transco
6 the right. How can this be? This is not tearing
7 down a slum to build a highway. This is adding
8 risks where we live, sleep, and raise our children.

9 So, who protects us? We are hoping that you
10 will. We urge you to take a closer look at the
11 risks and the costs of this pipeline to the
12 homeowners in our area. We know Transco can afford
13 it, but we can not. Please, deny them the right to
14 lay this pipeline. Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. SUTER: That's the end of everybody
17 who signed up to speak. However, we still plenty of
18 time left if there are other people who still would
19 like to speak. We'll do that one at a time. You
20 can raise your hand. I will point you out, and you
21 can come up to the microphone one at a time.

22 Make sure, again, if you missed earlier, when I
23 said to make sure you say your name and spell it
24 for the court reporter, so that he can get it
25 accurately into the record. So, if there's anyone

1 who's interested in speaking. You can go first,
2 come on up.

3 MS. LEWIS: My name is Pam Lewis,
4 L-E-W-I-S, and I live in Nachon (phonetic), New
5 Jersey.

6 My parents had a house, and my father still
7 lives there in Bethlehem Township. So, I'm very
8 aware of living out here for about 15 years. And
9 they moved here because of the beauty, just like all
10 of you.

11 I started to cry listening to some of these
12 stories. My father is not around. He is out of
13 town, so I came so I could hear for him and explain
14 to him. And I agree that this is a strange time to
15 be putting into place these kinds of ideas, when
16 people are away on vacation and not paying attention
17 to something this catastrophic that is happening.

18 And when we talk about the fracking, which is
19 becoming more and more evident that somebody is
20 driving a locomotive in this country to get this
21 natural gas any way they can. This fracking if you
22 look into it, if you look at the movie called Gas
23 Land, you'll find out. It is one of the most
24 polluting, disgusting, poisonous ways of extracting
25 natural gas that has ever been created.

1 And prior to this fracking, we had conventional
2 gas wells that just went vertical. But now they're
3 shattering the rocks. They're putting 200 plus
4 chemicals including diesel fuel. They are creating
5 radioactive particles because they're going two
6 miles down into the ground, and there's Benzene, and
7 Toluenes and Xylenes are all coming up. And this
8 wastewater has to be put somewhere. Okay? So, right
9 now Pennsylvania, which is going very gung ho on
10 this, which is our neighbor, they are putting that
11 into storm wastewater. If you don't believe it, you
12 can look in to Neshaminy Creek, which is 30 miles
13 west of Trenton, has been taking this wastewater for
14 the past year. Okay?

15 The New York Times recently did a study in
16 February. They investigated. Reporters came out
17 and over 250 waterways were checked, and 2/3rds of
18 them had radioactive particles 100 to 1000 times
19 higher than the EPA allows.

20 Fracking is not regulated by the Clean Water
21 Act, nor is it regulated by the Clean Air Act or the
22 Superfund. So this kind of product, and I don't
23 know whether this company is only going to be using
24 vertical wells. I don't think so. I think this is
25 hydraulic, and we should know about it. For another

1 reason is because two weeks ago, our Assembly and
2 our Senate stood up as brave patriots and banned
3 fracking in this state. Okay? And it was an
4 overwhelming majority, 55 assemblyman to 7 no's,
5 and 33 senators to 1 no, and 7 abstentions. And I
6 was there, so I know about it. And there were some
7 great people talking on the floor, including
8 Assemblyman Bramnick from Somerset County, and he
9 helped to cartell(sic) everybody and get them to
10 realize that we needed to vote to protect our water.
11 And that's what's at stake here, is our water.

12 And you're bringing that up clear. Okay, this
13 kind of construction is going to affect the water;
14 there is no way around it. So, why does the company
15 want to do that in this world? I don't understand.
16 Yeah, greed, it's terrorism. This to me is
17 terrorism, what you all are describing, living next
18 to a gas pipeline that could be 25 feet from your
19 house.

20 So, if there is a law, why aren't you
21 protecting the people? If you're not allowed to do
22 this within 200 feet, why is there an exemption?
23 Why did fracking get the exemption?

24 We have a clean water law that was put in, in
25 1972 by President Nixon. They got that exemption

1 through Dick Cheney and the Congress. Okay, it was
2 passed. So, how are we letting these companies get
3 away with bringing natural gas and trying to say,
4 "Oh well, this is going to save us from foreign
5 oil." Well, what about our water? What about our
6 health? What about our peace of mind? What about
7 our safety, okay? And I think it's a very relevant
8 fact and cautionary principle to say that these are
9 50 year old pipes, okay?

10 Nobody has business poking around in those
11 pipes.

12 (Applause.)

13 Nobody. And I'd really like to know what this
14 lady who represents the company has to say, after
15 hearing the people?

16 SPEAKER FROM AUDIENCE: She won't even
17 look at anybody.

18 MS. LEWIS: Do you have something to say
19 to us? Are you human? Is this company human? Or
20 they're just going to pump this gas to foreign
21 countries and just use people by putting a pipeline
22 through, so that they can get higher prices in
23 Europe, or wherever? Can you address that?

24 (Applause.)

25 MS. SUTER: You want to speak, sir?

1 MR. RUMORE: I'm Frank Rumore,
2 R-U-M-O-R-E, 7, Seven Springs Road. First of all, I
3 would like to ask for a raise of hands for everyone
4 who has had a chance to read the reports?

5 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: All of them?

6 MR. RUMORE: Any of them. Raise your
7 hands if you have read any of them?

8 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: The
9 information that was sent out?

10 MR. RUMORE: No, no, the reports that were
11 filed with FERC, which are open to the public,
12 published in libraries and we do have access to,
13 technically.

14 MS. SUTER: Sir, sir, I need you to face
15 the microphone, because the court reporter, he needs
16 to be the one . . . to focus on the microphone.
17 Because the court reporter can only pick up one
18 person at a time. Only the speaker at the
19 microphone can talk, so that the court reporter can
20 pick up who is speaking and get their name on the
21 record.

22 MR. RUMORE: Okay, sorry.

23 MS. SUTER: Let's keep it under control
24 that way.

25 MR. RUMORE: All right. The fact that

1 it's 12 days, so little time to review this massive
2 submittal says railroading all over it. And when I
3 was just jotting a note down to myself, I realized
4 that's where the term came from. From the railroad
5 companies that would just build right through your
6 property, and you couldn't do a thing about it.
7 They were railroaded. So, I feel we are all being
8 pipelined.

9 (Applause.)

10 I read the talk about, yeah we're seeking the
11 early input, and it sounds all well and good and
12 sincere. But the time frame just makes a mockery of
13 that.

14 Now, as for myself, I have wetlands on my
15 property, and I couldn't put a deck that extended .
16 . . well, one quarter of the deck extended three
17 feet into the wetlands buffer, the buffer, and I
18 couldn't do that. How they can put . . . Now that
19 wetlands has waterfowl, rabbits red foxes, frogs,
20 turtles, possibly bog turtles. I was going to check
21 in those reports to see if they have checked out the
22 property at Seven Springs Road, those wetland
23 turtles.

24 I had a turtle that came out of there the other
25 day that I had to rescue. He would have been mowed

1 over when the mowers came. It's possibly a bog
2 turtle for all I know. I would like that looked
3 into.

4 Now, for all you see a red line on the map, a
5 thin red line. Yeah, the people have pointed out,
6 I'm an engineer too, I know how to read a print.
7 They were thin, as far as detail goes.

8 They say they have a request, the need. Two
9 customers contracts, two customers, wowie zowie.
10 (phonetic) For all we know, they were offered
11 special deals at cut rate prices, so they could just
12 say, "We've got contracts."

13 The whole thing encourages fracking, and that's
14 something that enough has been said about it. Now
15 that I know about it myself, I'm very much against
16 it. It's an environmental disaster. They say there
17 is no impact on the property values? The stigma,
18 people have come up and said, "We've signed up for
19 two pipelines not three." I myself didn't sign up.
20 I was told, "You've got gas pipelines through the
21 block." Doesn't every street have a gas pipeline? I
22 didn't give it a second thought. I figured little
23 four inch diameter pipe serving the street.

24 It wasn't until years later that I found out
25 what was really under there. I thought the yellow

1 markers at the street corner were special
2 construction things. But they have to stay there
3 permanently, defacing the property.

4 The septic impact. It would cut through the
5 edge of my septic. Even on the edges, where the
6 machines that pick up a 42 inch pipeline, that's
7 already welded together, they are behemoths. They
8 are something out of the marvel of marvels TV show.
9 They aren't just ordinary little bulldozers. So,
10 they will be running over my septic, impacting it.
11 Is there an escrow put up to repair people's failed
12 septic systems?

13 Where the lay of the land runs, the drain would
14 be, the permeability of the soil, where my septic
15 field drains would be permanently impacted. So,
16 five years, one-year, ten years down the line, when
17 I have to replace it, and I'm all boxed in because I
18 have this new easement. Are they going to help me
19 out? No.

20 So, Bye-bye trees. I just have very few trees
21 on my property, and they're all in the way. They're
22 going to be gone.

23 What's the need? Who needs this in the first
24 place? I believe it's all just based on the run-up
25 in the price of the speculative run-up, when they

1 began to think they had all of this great sources of
2 natural gas, now opened up due to the fracking. Ran
3 the prices up, and powerful interests were buying it
4 up expecting to make a killing, and now that the
5 reality is emerging and making all those investments
6 bad. Well, these people made a bad investment
7 decision and they expect all the people here to help
8 bail them out. Who's going to bail us out? Transco?
9 Who bails me out when I make a bad decision. When I
10 buy a bad stock, can I call Transco to help me out?

11 I want to request, along with everyone else,
12 that we have a FERC walk. You've heard of perp
13 walk? This is a FERC walk along the entire
14 right-of-way, not just our property. And sure, I
15 think it should be accompanied by Transco people to
16 do the escort and have them tell us everywhere on
17 the line, "Oh, we're going to do this about that,
18 we're going to do that about the other thing, and
19 everything is going to be okay."

20 I want hear all that, but on top of that, I
21 also want . . . I want to see testimonials from
22 satisfied customers. Satisfied landowners who have
23 had this happen to them, who have been told like
24 I've been told by nice gentlemen like Patrick
25 McCluskey, that, "Everything is going to be okay."

1 We'll restore everything. You'll never know it was
2 here." I want to see testimonies from people who
3 say, "Yeah, they did everything they said they were
4 going to do. And when they were gone, I had a
5 problem, and they came back and fixed it." I'd like
6 to see some proof of that. And not just one or two.
7 That's it, thank you.

8 MR. HEFFNER: Lincoln Heffner,
9 H-E-F-F-N-E-R. I've already spoke, so I'll be very
10 brief. But 12 years ago when Transco Williams
11 proposed putting a line through the whole route,
12 through Seven Springs Road, we had a representative
13 from FERC come and walk the line. This might have
14 been said earlier. But she spent 15 minutes
15 walking our line, and she said, "Dead deal." Now, I
16 don't know if that was the only thing that cancelled
17 it, but she said, "The pipeline is not going through
18 Seven Springs Road."

19 The impact was ridiculous, and that
20 representative came up from Washington per the
21 request of, what was Dora's last name?

22 MULTIPLE VOICES: Ganzee.

23 MR. HEFFNER: Dora Ganzee, who doesn't
24 live on our street anymore. She knew someone down
25 in Washington, was able to get in touch with FERC.

1 FERC came up and said, "It ain't going to happen."

2 Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 MS. SUTER: Is there anybody else that
5 would like to speak tonight?

6 MS. LYKENS: First of all, again, my name
7 is Alisa Lykens, and I am one of the Branch Chiefs
8 in the Division of Gas Environment Engineering. I
9 just wanted to address . . . we've heard a couple
10 people ask FERC to come out and do a FERC walk. And
11 we did that 11 years ago, you're right. I was part
12 of that team. We will eventually be coming back out
13 here in the near future. You are on our mailing
14 list now, if you're not, please sign up and get on
15 the mailing list. We will be issuing a notice of
16 environmental site review, it will be called Notice
17 of On Site Environmental Review. And that will be
18 issued to all the land owners and the team will come
19 up, and based on the comments that we heard tonight
20 and those is in the record of the area's concerns,
21 we'll compile a list, and we'll invite the public to
22 come. We'll come out on to your properties, with
23 your permission of course, and also request Transco
24 to come as well. So, they can explain where the
25 pipe is going and what they're thinking about, maybe

1 crossing over or reducing the footprint of the
2 project. So, those are the types of things that we
3 look for, in route variations that can be proposed.
4 If you feel that the pipe could go maybe on another
5 part of the property to minimize impact, we can look
6 at things like that on your property together.

7 And you can also write and file comments if you
8 have a nice easement or a map of your property and
9 you want to draw a line and zig or zag it, and show
10 preferences, that also can be considered by us and
11 by Transco.

12 So, there is going to be that future
13 opportunity. We will be coming out on site, and we
14 will invite you all. The other thing to is the
15 resource reports. I know Transco has just recently
16 filed just a couple of the reports. Over the next
17 few months, they will be filing all of them. And
18 this process is still very open and transparent.
19 You will still have the opportunity to review them
20 when they're filed, and give us comments at a
21 further date.

22 All along this prefiling process, not just
23 until August 15th, next week or next month rather,
24 but all through this process and even if and when
25 Transco files an application, if its November or

1 later, December or even later than that. You can
2 file comments at any time. You're not limited. So
3 please, I want you to know . . . I always have a
4 problem explaining this deadline, because it's a
5 NEPA designated deadline, of having a public
6 scoping, comment period. But with the FERC's
7 prefiling process, it's just a formality, but
8 comments are received at any time you give them to
9 us. As long as they are timely for inclusion when
10 we issue our document. So, that's what I wanted to
11 say, and I thank you all for coming out. I really
12 appreciate it. Do you want to go up to the
13 microphone and ask a question?

14 MS. HEFFNER: Patty Heffner,
15 H-E-F-F-N-E-R. I just have a question for you.
16 What do you have to say about the fact that Transco
17 already has a start date on their website? I mean,
18 isn't that presumptuous? I mean, that makes it seem
19 like they know this is going to happen, and we're
20 all blowing smoke

21 MS. LYKENS: That's an anticipated date.
22 They claim they have a customer that's interested,
23 and that customer has given them a date of when they
24 would like to receive the gas. So, they backtrack.
25 They to come to FERC, and they say, "This is our

1 anticipated, we would like to do the process." And
2 so, when they come to us with a schedule we ask them
3 to consider all the environmental review that's
4 going to be involved and include in that schedule
5 the review time not only for FERC, but also all the
6 other agencies that are involved.

7 So, it is supposed to be a process that allows
8 several months or years even, depending on the size
9 and scope of the project. But it is very typical
10 for a company to come to FERC and say, "We have a
11 customer that would like gas by this date, and we
12 want to start the process now."

13 MS. HEFFNER: You're all welcome on my
14 property, but they are not. They have to stay on
15 the street.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. CHEN: Bee-Lian Chen, you already have
18 my name spelling. I want to reemphasize the
19 precedent that 12 years ago the request was denied.
20 And my understanding is because there wasn't enough
21 contract for the need. And what I would like FERC
22 to this time, is when they present the contract to
23 you, we the public would like to know what kind of
24 contract was signed. Because we are kind of sick of
25 government doing backdoor deals. So, make it

1 transparent to the public, we deserve that. Thank
2 you.

3 MS. LYKENS: I saw his hand first, back
4 there.

5 MR. IMBRIACO: My name is James Imbriaco,
6 that's I-M-B-R-I-A-C-O. I live at 8 Acorn Lane
7 Clinton Township. I'm a member of the Clinton
8 Township Council. For 15 years, I served as
9 chairman of the Clinton Township Planning Board.
10 Prior to that, I was a member of the Township Board
11 of Adjustment. And as I said, I live on Acorn Lane,
12 where this pipeline will traverse. So, I speak here
13 as a member of our community. I join in the
14 comments of the members of our community. I also
15 speak on behalf of my family and my neighbors on
16 Acorn Lane.

17 I had not really intended to speak tonight
18 because so many of my neighbors and members of other
19 communities that will be impacted by this pipeline
20 have so eloquently articulated so many issues that I
21 think are important to the decision on this
22 application when it is filed. But I can tell you
23 that in my experience as a public official, I know
24 something about public policy, and I know something
25 about land-use, public policy in particular.

1 And it cannot possibly be good, rational public
2 policy to build a pipeline of this nature in so
3 densely populated neighborhoods that will impact
4 these homes and these residents for years and years
5 to come.

6 The environmental impacts alone are beyond
7 fathoming. It's just impossible to believe that
8 there will be no impact on groundwater, that there
9 will be no impact on storm water, that there will be
10 no impact on flora and fauna. And let me ask you
11 this. If there is a contract that's already been
12 mentioned, I'd like to see that contract. Because I
13 want to know if that contract has a terminable at
14 will clause. Does this customer have the right to
15 walk from this contract at any time it so desires?
16 Because if it does, that's no contract. This sounds
17 like a cozy relationship to me. And I've seen
18 contracts with those kinds of clauses. I am an
19 attorney also. And those kinds of clauses are very
20 frequently bargained into contracts just like this,
21 supply contracts.

22 Now, there's just one other point I would like
23 to underscore. And that's the safety and security
24 issue. Unfortunately, some years ago our nation
25 experienced the tragedy of the shuttles Columbia and

1 Challenger. If the best and brightest engineers at
2 NASA could not build machines that were safe and
3 secure for the heroes that piloted those machines,
4 do we really believe that the engineers at Williams
5 can construct this pipeline through these properties
6 without risk of harm to our neighbors?

7 Do you think this is really good public policy?
8 And if our roles were reversed, if each of you were
9 standing here and we were sitting there, what
10 arguments would you be making to protect your homes
11 and your families and your residences and your
12 neighborhoods? That's all I have to say.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. LYKENS: Was there another hand?

15 MR. HAHN: Mark Hahn, H-A-H-N. That's a
16 little hard to follow. I'd just like to know, there
17 are different agencies here. Of these requests that
18 have been made, will we be notified specifically to
19 our requests? Personally, will you be calling us to
20 say, "We've considered your request, this is what
21 we've considered"?

22 MS. LYKENS: The way the Commission works
23 and intercepts the comments, all your comments are
24 officially in the record. The staff will review
25 each and every one of the comments, and they will be

1 addressed in the environmental document. We won't
2 necessarily mail you back directly with response.
3 Because it's part of the public record and everyone
4 will be able . . . the Commission document itself is
5 our response to your concerns.

6 MR. HAHN: Okay, thank you.

7 MS. DINCUFF: Eileen Dincuff,
8 D-I-N-C-U-F-F. I want to publicly thank Mr.
9 Councilman Imbriaco, and I want to say, everything
10 that he said, I agree.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. LYKENS: Is there anybody else that
13 would like to speak?

14 MS. SOWDER: My name is Inovelvia Sowder,
15 S-O-W-D-E-R. I've already spoken, and I would like
16 to address the representative of Transco, if I may.
17 Would she be willing to share her place of
18 residence, and would she be interested in purchasing
19 some property in a quiet cul-de-sac in Clinton
20 Township?

21 MS. LYKENS: Any other comments tonight?

22 MS. SOWDER: I was serious.

23 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Where does she
24 live? It would be nice to know. We all introduced
25 ourselves, where we're from. Where are you from?

1 MS. LYKENS: She does not need to answer
2 that.

3 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: How about you
4 ladies? Where are you from? Not address, just
5 town.

6 MS. LYKENS: I'm from Manassas, Virginia.
7 Manassas is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the
8 Civil War this weekend. So, we encourage you all to
9 come out and see our town of Manassas, Virginia. I
10 do live near Transco's system as well. So, I am
11 aware of the system that comes through the Manassas
12 area. I do live near where the system does go
13 through my area as well.

14 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: How about you?

15 MS. GENTILE: I work out of Trenton, New
16 Jersey. I live in New Jersey. I'm a long time New
17 Jersey resident.

18 MS. SUTER: Right now, I live in
19 Germantown, Maryland. Although I did grow up in
20 northern New Jersey in Morris County for 22 years.
21 So, I am familiar with Transco's system as well. I
22 think I pass one of your compressor stations on my
23 train ride every day. And I also, as I said, was a
24 New Jersey resident for 22 years.

25 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: We have one

1 person left, that we would really appreciate if she
2 would address us.

3 MS. SUTER: Do you want to answer?

4 MS. IVEY: The company has been asked to
5 not necessarily respond individually to questions,
6 which is why you find us being silent here. It is
7 the FERC's meeting, so we have been asked to follow
8 a particular process. We will be available
9 afterwards. I live in Houston, Texas, and I travel
10 to New Jersey quite a bit, and I came directly for
11 this meeting.

12 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Thank you very
13 much. I'm sorry, there's one more gentleman. I
14 didn't see you.

15 MR. BRAUN: I'm a Minnesotan, but I've
16 been assisting the FERC in these types of projects
17 in Pennsylvania and New Jersey for about three or
18 four years now.

19 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Thank you very
20 much.

21 MS. HEFFNER: Patty Heffner,
22 H-E-F-F-N-E-R. Do the people ever win these kind of
23 things? Give us something to hope for here.
24 Because there was no need, and we hope "No need"
25 that's what we hear, there's really no need. But on

1 environmental grounds and all the other concerns-

2 MS. LYKENS: Alternatives is the heart of
3 the NEPA document, and if there is a need, if we
4 find an alternative is not suitable, we can and we
5 will recommend other alternatives be used.

6 MS. HEFFNER: Okay, thank you.

7 MS. LYKENS: If there is no other
8 questions or comments, I'll go ahead and close the
9 meeting.

10 MR. RAMORE: Frank Ramore, R-A-M-O-R-E,
11 again. And I would just like to ask you all to
12 consider us an endangered species. If we were all
13 rabbits in little rabbit holes, you wouldn't think
14 of running a plow right through, that would really
15 be tough to get your mind around. And everyone of
16 us has lives and families and involvements and are
17 human beings, homo sapiens. Consider us as kindly
18 as you would any bog turtle. Thank you
19 (Applause.)

20 MS. LYKENS: Thank you.

21 MR. VOORHEES: Hi everybody, my name is
22 Tom Voorhees, V-O-O-R-H-E-E-S. I'm here tonight
23 because my wife Elly told me about this pipeline
24 about a week ago, and I think I heard, in my busy
25 life of trying to provide for my family and being a

1 long-time resident, I heard something about
2 pipeline. So that sounds interesting, so at the
3 last minute, came along here tonight. So I stand
4 here before you as a neighbor whose house has just
5 landed on my head.

6 I am completely stunned that something like
7 this could be going on in this township. I don't
8 know if this pipeline goes through my backyard.
9 Maybe it does, maybe it doesn't. I know some of the
10 people who spoke here tonight, who are directly
11 affected by it, and the fact that I don't know some
12 of the others who are affected by it means nothing.
13 They are my neighbors, and this is my community.
14 And so of course, I feel compelled to stand up here
15 and say I'm adamantly and vehemently opposed to this
16 project, and I would think that anybody who hasn't
17 come to the mic before this ends, because there's
18 not that many of us here, which is a tribute to your
19 mailing campaign. Because the fact that we are in a
20 Holiday Inn and not Giant Stadium right now for the
21 amount of citizens in this town, who I guarantee you
22 have no idea this is going on. And I tell you right
23 now, I'm going to be on the phone nonstop to
24 everybody I know, until this thing comes to a
25 conclusion that is satisfactory to this community.

1 You're right, I feel like a mouse right now.
2 There has got to be a mobilization that brings this
3 voice together, because this is stunning to me.
4 Unbelievable that we are all sitting in this room .
5 . . the fact that again, that with all the thousands
6 of people that live in this community, that this
7 meeting is not being held at the high school? This
8 is what we've got? I just want to be up here and
9 say it's Tom Voorhees, I am opposed, and as many
10 people who haven't got up to say, "I object" should
11 at least get on the record tonight as a start.

12 This is unbelievable, and you're right it
13 doesn't serve the public good at all. It serves
14 their interests of which, it's well been said here
15 tonight. And I thank everybody for your preparation
16 and time and research for educating me tonight to
17 this travesty. And you're right, Ivan. You've said
18 it before, that's shameful, the way this is trying
19 to be played out.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. LYKENS: One more.

22 MR. KAPLAN: Hi, my name is Rich Kaplan,
23 K-A-P-L-A-N. I live on 2 Acorn Lane. This pipeline
24 runs directly through my back yard, about 200 feet,
25 parallel with my home. It directly affects me and

1 my family. On the chart, the gentleman came out to
2 our home to try to show us where it would lie. It's
3 about, maybe 15 feet from my kitchen window.

4 We have two pipelines that already run through,
5 we know that. Apparently, the way they are going to
6 construct this, to try and avoid my home a little
7 bit, is to make this third pipe dangerously close to
8 the other two. Closer than I think it's supposed to
9 be. So I'd like that on the record, and I'd like
10 that to be reviewed.

11 I'd like a guarantee. Can you guarantee that
12 this construction and this work is not going to
13 affect the well water that supplies my home? That
14 it won't affect the foundation of my home? Either
15 in the next year or next 10 years?

16 And even if this thing goes through and they
17 have all their nice fancy plans about how they are
18 going to be careful, are you going to watch them 12
19 hours a day, six days a week, and make sure that
20 somebody operating that backhoe doesn't back into my
21 house or into a 100 foot tree that shades my home?
22 One of the reasons I bought my home. Just in case
23 you're not sure, I oppose this project.

24 (Applause.)

25 MS. LYKENS: I don't see any more hands.

1 All right, I'll go ahead and close the formal part
2 of this meeting tonight. Please stay. We're
3 available for questions afterwards, and Transco has
4 got the maps there, and you can talk to the
5 representatives if you would like. Thank you again
6 for coming, I appreciate it.

7 Let the record show that this, the Clinton, New
8 Jersey public scoping meeting, ended at 8:30. Thank
9 you.

10 (WHEREUPON, The proceedings were concluded at 8:30
11 p.m..)

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