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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In Re:) DOCKET NO.
TRANSCO NORTHEAST SUPPLY) PF 11-4
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PROCEEDINGS

(6:05 p.m.)

MS. SUTER: Okay, we're going to ask everybody to take their seats, and we're going to get started with the meeting. Good evening. On behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC, I would like to welcome you all here tonight. This is an environmental scoping meeting for the Northeast Supply Link Project proposed by Transco.

Let the record show that the public scoping meeting in East Hanover, New Jersey, began at 6:10 p.m., on July 21st, 2011. The primary purpose of this meeting is to provide you with an opportunity to comment on the project or on the scope of the environmental analysis being prepared for the Northeast Supply Link Project. My name is Maggie Suter, and I am an environment project manager with the Commission's Office of Energy Projects. Sitting here to my right is Alisa Lykens, one of our Branch Chiefs in the Division of Gas, Engineering and Environment. To her right is Bill Braun, one of our consultants helping us prepare the environmental document. Also with us tonight, at the sign in table, is Kim Jessen, Eric Howard and Tom Hudzic.

1 The FERC is an independent agency that
2 regulates the interstate transmission of
3 electricity, natural gas and oil. FERC reviews
4 proposals and authorizes construction of interstate
5 natural gas pipelines, storage facilities and
6 liquefied natural gas terminals, as well as the
7 licensing and inspection of hydro electric projects.
8 As a federal licensing agency, the FERC has the
9 responsibility, under the National Environmental
10 Policy Act, or NEPA, to consider the potential
11 environmental impact associated with a project under
12 its consideration.

13 With regard to the Transco Northeast Supply
14 Link Project, the FERC is the lead federal agency
15 for the NEPA review and preparation of an
16 environmental document. The U.S. Army Corps of
17 Engineers has agreed to participate as a cooperating
18 agency in the preparation of an environmental
19 document. They plan to use this environmental
20 document to meet their respective NEPA
21 responsibilities associated with issuing their
22 permits.

23 As I said earlier, the primary purpose of this
24 meeting tonight is to give you an opportunity to
25 comment on the project or on the environmental

1 issues that you would like to see covered in the
2 environmental document. It will help us most if
3 your comments are as specific as possible regarding
4 the potential environmental impact, reasonable
5 alternatives of the proposed Northeast Supply Link
6 Project. These issues generally focus on the
7 potential for environmental effects, but may also
8 address construction issues, mitigation and the
9 environmental review process as a whole.

10 In addition, after the formal part of the
11 meeting is over, you will have an opportunity to
12 meet with Transco representatives, ask them
13 questions and get more detailed information about
14 the project.

15 Tonight's agenda is simple. First, I'm going
16 to describe the environmental review process and the
17 FERC's role in this project. Then, I'm going to ask
18 Transco give a more complete description of their
19 proposal. After that, we will hear from those of
20 you who have signed up to speak.

21 If you would like to present comments tonight,
22 please be sure to sign the speakers list at the sign
23 in table in the back.

24 I would like to briefly describe our
25 environmental review process for you. To do this we

1 have a flowchart that we prepared for you, which was
2 mailed out with our notice of intent, which most of
3 you should have received. If you didn't, we have
4 extra copies here with us tonight.

5 Transco entered the prefiling process here with
6 FERC, which means they have not yet filed a formal
7 application, but have begun an early review of their
8 proposal, and this began in March of this year.
9 During this time, we've begun involving the
10 stakeholders, land owners, federal, state and local
11 agencies to begin identifying the issues that you
12 would like to see considered as part of the project.

13 To do this, we have a large public input
14 opportunity for all of you. We started this by
15 participating in Transco's sponsored public open
16 houses that were held in March and June of this
17 year. We then followed that by issuing a notice of
18 intent to prepare an EA, which was issued on July
19 1st of this year, which opened a formal comment
20 period. And we are out here now with our public
21 comment meetings.

22 I'd like to make a note for you that this is
23 not the end of your opportunity to comment on this
24 project. The prefiling process encourages you to
25 comment throughout the entire prefiling process. So

1 although our scoping notice may have indicated an
2 August 15th end of comment period, we highly
3 encourage you to keep, throughout the entire
4 prefiling process, talking with Transco and with
5 FERC in identifying your issues and concerns about
6 the project.

7 At the end of the prefiling process, Transco
8 will file a formal application with FERC. At the
9 end of that, we will analyze the issues identified
10 in the project and in Transco's proposal, and
11 prepare an environmental document. That
12 environmental document will be issued to the public,
13 and you will have another public input opportunity
14 to comment on the project.

15 I'd like to emphasize for all of you that the
16 prefiling process encourages the involvement of all
17 interested stakeholders in a manner that allows for
18 the early identification and resolution of
19 environmental issues. And again, as of today, no
20 formal application has been filed with FERC, but we
21 have begun working with federal, state and local
22 agencies in reviewing the project.

23 As I said, on July 1st we issued a notice of
24 intent to prepare an environmental assessment for
25 this project and initiated our scoping period. And

1 the scoping comment period will end on August 15th,
2 2011. We do encourage you to identify your concerns
3 about this project to both Transco and FERC
4 throughout the entire pre-filing process, even after
5 the close of the comment period.

6 During our review of the project, we will
7 assemble information from a variety of sources
8 including Transco, the public, other state and local
9 and federal agencies and our own independent
10 analysis and field work. We will analyze this
11 information and prepare an environmental assessment
12 that will be distributed to the public for comment.

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

23 When complete, our analysis of potential
24 impacts will be published as an EA and presented to
25 the public for a 30 day comment period. This EA

1 will be mailed to all interested parties. I'd like
2 to note that because of the size of the mailing
3 list, the mailed version of our EA will be on a CD.
4 That means that unless you indicate otherwise, the
5 EA you will find in your mailbox will be on a CD.
6 If you prefer to have a hard copy mailed to you, you
7 must indicate that choice on the return mailer that
8 was attached to the NOI, or you can also indicate
9 that on the attendance sheet at the sign in table
10 here tonight.

11 As I mentioned earlier, the issuance of our NOI
12 opened a formal comment period that will close on
13 August 15th. The NOI encourages you submit your
14 comments as soon as possible, so that we can have as
15 much time as possible to research the issues that
16 you've identified.

17 If you received the NOI in the mail, you are on
18 our mailing list and will receive a copy of the EA
19 and any other supplemental notices that we issue
20 about the project unless you return the mailer
21 attached to the back of the NOI and indicate that
22 you wish to be removed from our mailing list. As I
23 mentioned, we have extra copies of the NOI here
24 tonight, if you did not receive it.

25 I do apologize if you did not receive the NOI,

1 our mailing list is quite large and undergoing
2 constant revision. You can be added to our mailing
3 list by either submitting comments on the project or
4 by signing in at the sign in table here this
5 evening.

6 I'd like to add that FERC strongly encourages
7 electronic filing of comments and other documents.
8 There is a small brochure that explains FERC's
9 E-filing system, which was included on a CD that was
10 mailed in the NOI and is available on our website.
11 We also have extra copies of this CD here with us
12 tonight. Instructions can also be found on our
13 website.

14 If you want to submit written comments, please
15 follow the directions in the NOI. It is very
16 important that any comments you send, either
17 electronically or by traditional mail, include our
18 internal docket number for the project. The docket
19 number was on the cover of the NOI and is available
20 at the sign in table. If you decide to send us a
21 comment letter, please put that number on it. That
22 will ensure that members of staff evaluating the
23 project will get your comments as soon as possible.
24 The docket number for the Northeast Supply Link
25 Project is PF 11-4.

1 I'd like to explain briefly the roles of the
2 FERC Commission and the FERC environmental staff.
3 The five member Commission is responsible for making
4 a determination on whether to issue a certificate of
5 public convenience and necessity to the applicant,
6 or in this case, Transco. The EA prepared by the
7 FERC environmental staff, which I'm a part of,
8 describes the project, facilities and the associated
9 environmental impacts, alternatives to the project,
10 mitigation to avoid or reduce impacts and our
11 conclusions and recommendations. The EA is not a
12 decision document. It is being prepared to disclose
13 to the public and to the Commission the
14 environmental impact of constructing and operating
15 the proposed project.

16 When it is completed, the Commission will
17 consider the environmental information from the EA,
18 along with the non-environmental issues such as
19 engineering, markets and rates, in making its
20 decision to approve or deny Transco's request for a
21 certificate. There is no review of FERC's decisions
22 by the President or Congress, maintaining FERC's
23 independence as a regulatory agency and providing
24 for fair and unbiased decisions.

25 Before we start taking your comments, I have

1 asked Transco to provide a brief overview of their
2 proposed project. I'd like to ask Cindy Ivey to
3 come up.

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

10 The Transco interstate pipeline system
11 originates in South Texas and ends in New York City.
12 The pipeline delivers gas from supply areas in the
13 Gulf Coast, Midcontinent and Appalachia and delivers
14 to market areas in the Southeast, Midcontinent and
15 the Northeast. This pipeline system transports
16 eight percent of the natural gas consumed in the
17 United States. It consists of more than 10,000
18 miles of pipe and has 47 compressor stations.
19 Transco currently transports more than 60 percent of
20 the natural gas used in New Jersey, through 59
21 delivery points throughout the state. We also
22 provide more than 50 percent of the natural gas used
23 in New York City. We have served this region for
24 decades through connections to customers, including
25 PSE&G, Con Edison and National Grid.

1 Williams has received requests from two
2 producers and one marketer to increase natural gas
3 deliveries to this region by November 2013.
4 Williams is developing the Northeast Supply Link
5 Project to serve the existing demand for natural gas
6 as well as the projected growth in demand along
7 Transco's path in the Northeast. Transco's proposed
8 Northeast Supply Link Project involves a combination
9 of additional pipeline facilities, compression
10 facilities, pipeline uprates and modifications to
11 existing infrastructure in Pennsylvania, New Jersey
12 and New York.

13 The major components of the project include
14 12.3 miles of new pipeline, 1 greenfield compressor
15 station, 27 miles of pipeline uprates, additional
16 horsepower at an existing compressor station and
17 modifications to various meter stations. In this
18 region, we are proposing four project components.
19 The first is to build a 25,000 horsepower electric
20 motor driven compressor station on Eagle Rock Avenue
21 in the borough of Roseland. The company is
22 currently in negotiations to purchase two properties
23 for the compressor station, located at 563 and 565
24 Eagle Rock Avenue, for a total of approximately nine
25 acres. These properties are located adjacent to our

1 existing metering and regulating station in
2 Roseland. The compressor station design includes
3 robust safety and security measures, including 24
4 hour monitoring, security cameras, fencing and
5 automatic emergency shut down systems.

6 Transco is incorporating a sustainable design
7 approach in the development of this compressor
8 facility, representing the company's first green
9 station. By utilizing sensitive design, Transco
10 aims to promote sustainable practices and reduce
11 environmental impact.

12 We are currently investigating the use of low
13 impact and energy efficient building materials,
14 renewable energy sources to power offices, smart
15 lighting and native vegetation. The use of electric
16 compression would also reduce noise level and reduce
17 greenhouse gas emissions.

18 Due to population density changes in the area,
19 the company is also proposing to replace .4 miles of
20 our Caldwell B Line, near the intersection of I 280
21 and Eisenhower Parkway, with heavier walled 36 inch
22 pipeline.

23 The third and fourth components are called
24 pipeline uprates. This is a process that pipeline
25 operators use to increase the throughput in certain

1 existing pipeline segments that are not being used
2 to their full design capacity. Utilizing this
3 existing infrastructure would allow the company to
4 transport more natural gas without building
5 additional pipeline facilities, by increasing the
6 pressure to carry additional volumes of gas.

7 The company is proposing to uprate 25 miles of
8 our 36 inch Caldwell B Line, which runs through 16
9 municipalities in Essex, Passaic, Bergen and Hudson
10 counties. Additionally, we are proposing to uprate
11 our Long Island Extension, a 1.4 mile section of 24
12 inch pipeline that runs primarily under the
13 Verrazano Narrows in Richmond and King's County, New
14 York.

15 To facilitate the increase in capacity for
16 these two lines, several of our meter stations would
17 also need to be modified due to increased flow
18 volumes.

19 There are a number of procedures that the
20 company is required to perform before a pipeline
21 uprate can be completed. The company meets or
22 exceeds all federal regulations established by the
23 Pipeline Hazardous Materials and Safety
24 Administration, which regulates all interstate gas
25 pipeline systems once they are in service.

1 Transco has maintained the integrity of all
2 lines since their installation in accordance with
3 federal regulations. Our integrity plan focuses on
4 prevention first and foremost, followed by detection
5 and mitigation. We have invested more than one
6 billion dollars in pipeline maintenance and
7 integrity related enhancements since 2002.

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

17 Transco's customers generally include local
18 distribution companies, electric power plants, large
19 industrial customers, producers and marketers.
20 Transco has fully executed contracts for the
21 additional capacity of 250,000 decatherms per day,
22 on a long-term basis. Transco entered the pre-filing
23 process on March 2nd. We plan to submit our formal
24 application in November of this year, and we are
25 requesting a schedule that would allow construction

1 to begin around November of 2012, with an in-service
2 date of November 2013.

3 MS. SUTER: Thank you Cindy. After our
4 meeting here is adjourned, representatives from
5 Transco will be available with project maps and will
6 be on hand to answer additional questions about the
7 project.

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

22 I'm sure you have noted this evening that this
23 meeting is being recorded by a transcription
24 service. This is being done so that all of your
25 comments and questions will be transcribed and put

1 into the public record. To help the court reporter
2 produce an accurate record of this meeting, I ask
3 that you please follow some ground rules. When your
4 name is called, please step up to the microphone and
5 state your name and spell it for the record.
6 Identify any agency or group you're representing and
7 define any acronyms that you may use. I also ask
8 that everybody in the audience, please respect the
9 speaker. We are now ready to call our first
10 speaker. The first name on the list is Joseph
11 Scarpelli.

12 MR. SCARPELLI: Good evening. I'm
13 Commissioner Joseph Scarpelli. I'm an elected
14 official in the Township of Nutley. Last name is
15 spelled S-C-A-R-P-E-L-L-I.

16 Our concern in the township is two. It's the
17 need for this project in the first place and safety.
18 When we hear that the request for this whole project
19 comes from suppliers and marketers, that's a
20 concern, not from end users. It makes us worry that
21 this is more about profits more than need, and we
22 think that this project is speculative.

23 As far as the safety concerns. As this
24 pipeline, which is 36 inches in the Township of
25 Nutley, runs throughout the town, it runs through

1 residential neighborhoods. Most of the homes are
2 within yards of the pipeline. We have many homes
3 that are within five or six feet of this pipeline.
4 Safety is a concern to our residents every day
5 because of the pipeline. When we hear that we're
6 going to uprate the pipe and bring the pressure up
7 to the maximum allowable by law, it's very much a
8 concern to us. It's a concern, especially in light
9 of recently an explosion in Maryland.

10 So as far as the Township is concerned, we, at
11 our next meeting, are going to have a formal
12 resolution opposing the project. I'm sure it will
13 be passed, and we want to go on the record as
14 opposing this project. Thank you.

15 MS. SUTER: Thank you. The next speaker
16 is Barbara Collins?

17 MS. COLEMAN: My name is Barbara Coleman,
18 and I am also a resident of Nutley.

19 MS. SUTER: Spell your last name.

20 MS. COLEMAN: C-O-L-E-M-A-N. Ten years
21 ago we were faced with Transco trying to put through
22 an additional pipe. Ten years ago the states that
23 they were planning to go through formed a coalition.
24 With our strength and with the bipartisan
25 cooperation of all our elected officials, we were

1 able to defeat the project for exactly the same
2 reasons that are being proposed again tonight.

3 And I noticed though that they changed the
4 route. I've noticed that there's a lot of different
5 little nuances, but it all boils down to the same
6 thing.

7 Also what concerns me is that I wasn't notified
8 of any of this, and I was an avid activist against
9 them. And Mr. Waddington, who is now passed away,
10 who was president of Transco, was certainly familiar
11 with me. He was familiar with me.

12 I just find that kind of suspect, that none of
13 us who live right on the pipeline seems to know
14 about this project. We just found out. We, in
15 fact, as a coalition from across the pipeline route,
16 formed a group that went down to visit FERC, and
17 that was back in 1999 I believe, and we had very
18 good representation there with our congressman and
19 others. And with that, FERC made a very intelligent
20 and wise decision to turn down the project. Which I
21 am hoping that you will consider again tonight.

22 This is a need? No. This is greed? Yes. And
23 with that same thing in mind, we want our rights to
24 be preserved.

25 By the way, this pipeline will go past

1 Montclair University and the dorms. It's going
2 through the most dense part of the State of New
3 Jersey, and it's all because they want to build
4 substations to get more money from these little gas
5 companies, because of deregulation. We know this.
6 We did this before, and I'm telling you, we're going
7 to do it again. Thank you.

8 MS. SUTER: Thank you. Nobody else signed
9 up on the speaker's list, but we have plenty of time
10 here, if anybody else wants to come up to the
11 microphone, one at a time, just raise your hand and
12 you can come up. Just make sure you speak into the
13 microphone and state and spell your name.

14 MR. CURCIO: Hi, my name is Mark Curcio.
15 I am the OEM coordinator for East Hanover Township.
16 C-U-R-C-I-O.

17 I just was curios. There is a current project
18 by PSE&G called Susquehanna Roseland. Are any of
19 you familiar with that? The compressor station,
20 where you are going to put it, is right on top of
21 where that high tension wire is going to be
22 terminated. From a security standpoint, I know they
23 mentioned that there was going to be monitoring and
24 what not. Really have to take a look at that
25 location, those two things overlapping. You could

1 knock out both the electric and the gas for a good
2 part of the eastern seaboard.

3 So, just mentioning that. Just make sure there
4 is security and that there is somebody looking at
5 that project too and where they are putting their
6 stuff. Because there's two different federal
7 agencies here, and I don't know whether or not you
8 guys are talking to each other. So, that's my only
9 comment. Thank you.

10 MS. SUTER: Thank you. Did anybody else
11 want to speak? Sure, come on up.

12 MR. BISCARI: Hi, my name is John Biscari.
13 I did go to the meeting in Nutley. My name is B, as
14 in boy, I-S-C-A-R-I.

15 Our town doesn't have firefighting apparatus.
16 When you fight a gas fire you need a foam firetruck.
17 You need grease trailers also. Grease trailers are
18 when they pump the grease into the piping it stops
19 the gas flow. How do I know all this? I have 33
20 years of experience in the natural gas pipeline
21 national grid, and I am against this project also.

22 Transco wheels, wheeling is term for
23 transporting gas, 8.6 billion cubic feet a day.
24 That's more than Delaware uses in one week.
25 Delaware uses one billion cubic feet, and to run

1 that underneath our town and anybody else's town is
2 disastrous.

3 I worked in the plant. They do a controlled
4 burn. When they do a controlled burn, they have too
5 much gas to burn off. It rattles the ground. It
6 makes the ground shake underneath you. This is in
7 Masbeth Avenue. That's the closest firetruck there
8 is, over 65 miles away to fight this fire if any
9 disaster happens.

10 And at a controlled burn, it shakes the floor
11 maybe about 300 feet away. If there's a disaster in
12 any part of New Jersey, the pipe ruptures, if they
13 shut the valve, which Transco has had problems with
14 not knowing that their valves opened to vent. In
15 2004, one of their valves opened up and vented gas
16 without knowing. They say they can shut the valves
17 off. They don't have total control over it. And by
18 the time they shut the valve off, that pipe is going
19 to burn for at least a day or two. And we don't
20 burn 8 billion cubic feet on a controlled burn a
21 day. So, that's going to burn for quite a while.
22 Does New Jersey have the apparatus for this? Does
23 your town? I don't think so. Thank you.

24 MS. SUTER: Thank you. Is there anybody
25 else who would like to speak?

1 MR. DILIZIA: Good evening everyone. My
2 name is Carlo Dilizia, D-I-L-I-Z-I-A. I am the
3 Health and Human Services Director for the East
4 Hanover Township and the borough of Roseland. I
5 just have one quick comment. And I'm trying to
6 grasp a lot of information in a short period of
7 time. And those that know me, I'm a stickler when
8 it comes to detail. So, I do need time to review a
9 lot of this stuff.

10 I did notice that you do have an aggressive
11 timeline from proposal to implementation, but you
12 know, you probably have the resources to get that
13 done. The only thing that I do ask is once the
14 environmental assessment is completed and/or
15 submitted, I would just certainly hope that we would
16 have a true 30 days to review it and comment.

17 I get a lot of these, and sometimes it's not 30
18 days, it's more like 3 days. And that's it, thank
19 you.

20 MS. SUTER: Thank you for your comments.
21 Come on up, Sir.

22 MR. SCARPELLI: Good evening. My name is
23 Ralph Scarpelli, S-C-A-R-P-E-L-L-I. I live in
24 Nutley, 102 Milton Avenue. I'm approximately eight
25 feet off of the line of where this pipe is.

1 In 1959, this pipe was dug and put through the
2 town of Nutley. The pipe is 51 years old. In that
3 time, they've increased the pressure, I believe,
4 once. But this pipe, I believe, is not capable of
5 what they are saying it is, and I feel by increasing
6 the pressure, it's going to put more pressure on
7 this pipe. They last came to us 10 years back
8 approximately, and wanted to add pipe, because from
9 my understanding, they said the pipe that was
10 existing was in deterioration and needed to be
11 changed.

12 They had eminent domain with some of the homes.
13 In the home where I lived, they needed 45 feet. I
14 would have lost my home, and all the way down that
15 corridor of Nutley, those homes would have been
16 taken.

17 Thank God that our people got together and put
18 this thing down. We feel it's wrong for these
19 people to come in and go through our town to profit
20 themselves. They have other routes that can be used
21 to do this, they choose not to because it is too
22 costly. They feel they can come in to these small
23 areas and do what they please. And that's not the
24 way it should be. You people have the opportunity
25 to tell them to stop. You can't take an increase

1 pressure on a pipe, double of what it was or is, 50
2 years old.

3 I foresee when they do run these tests, they'll
4 find problems with the pipe and get what they tried
5 to get 10 years back, new pipes with increased
6 pressure. And we don't count anymore. There's
7 children, there's parks, there's investments we
8 have. We have a fire department that is incapable
9 of taking care of anything disastrous, and the first
10 responders, if they come, they're out of the
11 picture. So, we're going to lose quite a few
12 people. We know this by living there. Everyday, I
13 go to my house, turn the key, thank God I'm still
14 there. But this is what's presented to us. It's
15 wrong.

16 The Public Service doesn't get involved,
17 because exactly three feet off their line is a tower
18 that wasn't there originally when the pipe was put
19 in.

20 So, we have two extra towers next to us that
21 weren't there previous to this pipe being put in.

22 When they wanted to go with this last, 10 years
23 back, it wasn't remove the public service pipe, it
24 was get rid of the homes. It's wrong. At first I
25 wanted to be heard by you. I'd like you to come to

1 the area and look what has transpired there in the
2 last 15 to 20 years. The grid stations that the
3 Public Services put in, the lines that Transco has
4 put in there and all because of politics. I hope
5 you can put a stop to it. This goes from Texas up.
6 Texas seems to rule New Jersey, rule all of these
7 states, and this is wrong. Everyone of these people
8 that talked to us in Nutley came from Texas. Why
9 are they dominating over the northern seaboard,
10 eastern corridor? I believe it's wrong, and I would
11 like you to follow up on that. Thank you.

12 MS. SUTER: Thank you. Did anybody else
13 want to come up? No? Okay. Before I close the
14 meeting, I just want to remind you all of a couple
15 of items that I mentioned at the beginning speech,
16 in case any of you came in a little bit later.

17 We have a bunch of materials with us here
18 tonight, for those of you who did not receive our
19 scoping notice. We have extra copies of it tonight.
20 We encourage you to sign up on our mailing list, to
21 ensure that you do receive a copy of the EA and any
22 other mailings that we do send out. That will
23 ensure that get on and stay on our mailing list.

24 We will issue the EA for a 30 day comment
25 period, a true 30 day comment period. And all of

1 the environmental issues that I identified in my
2 scoping speech will be covered in our environmental
3 assessment. And that is where you will see most of
4 the answers to your types of questions and the
5 issues that you've brought up. That is where we
6 respond to all of your issues, is through
7 environmental document.

8 So with no more speakers on our list, I'm going
9 to conclude the formal part of the meeting. On
10 behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,
11 I'd like to thank you all for coming tonight. Let
12 the record show that the Transco Northeast Supply
13 Link Scoping Meeting in East Hanover, New Jersey
14 concluded at 6:45 p.m.. Representatives from
15 Transco and FERC will be around to answer questions.

16 MS. COLEMAN: I have a question for FERC.
17 Did you-

18 COURT REPORTER: If this is part of the
19 record.

20 MS. SUTER: Yes. Come on up.

21 MS. COLEMAN: Since you are concerned with
22 the environment, I was wondering, did you have any
23 opportunity to notify any of the environmental
24 agencies in our state, such as the Sierra Club, the
25 people that are involved with the Meadowlands and

1 preserving the wildlife there and certain vegetation
2 and whatever. Have they been notified?

3 MS. SUTER: They were included on our
4 mailing list. The Sierra Club came and spoke at our
5 scoping meeting last night.

6 MS. COLEMAN: Where was that, what scoping
7 meeting?

8 MS. SUTER: That was in Clinton, New
9 Jersey.

10 MS. COLEMAN: In Clinton?

11 MS. SUTER: It was another segment of the
12 project, but that's where they chose to come and
13 speak.

14 MS. COLEMAN: Okay, I wanted to make sure,
15 because I'll be in touch with them. Thank you.

16 MS. SUTER: Do I need to reclose?

17 COURT REPORTER: It's up to you.

18 MS. SUTER: I'm going to just reclose. So
19 again, let the record show that the Northeast Supply
20 Link Scoping Meeting in East Hanover, New Jersey
21 concluded at 6:46 p.m..

22 (WHEREUPON, The proceedings were concluded at 6:46
23 p.m..)

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