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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In Re:) Docket Number
TRANSCO NORTHEAST SUPPLY) PF 11-4
LINK PROJECT)
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PROCEEDINGS

(6:08 p.m.)

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

Let the record show that the public scoping meeting in Bartonsville, Pennsylvania began at 6:08 p.m., on July 19th, 2011. The primary purpose of this meeting is to provide you the 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 the environmental project manager with the Commission's Office of Energy Projects. Sitting to my right is Karen Gentile, with the Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. And to her right is Bill Braun, our contractor helping us prepare the environmental document. We also have with us David Hanobic at the sign in table. We'll stop there. We won't confuse people.

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 the construction of
5 interstate natural gas pipelines, storage facilities
6 and liquefied natural gas terminals, as well as the
7 licensing and inspection of hydro electric projects.
8 As the 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 US Army Corps of
17 Engineers has agreed to participate as a cooperating
18 agency in preparation of our environmental document.
19 They plan to use this environmental document to meet
20 their respective NEPA responsibilities associated
21 with issuing their permits.

22 As I said earlier, the primary purpose of this
23 meeting tonight is to give you, the public, an
24 opportunity to comment on the project or on the
25 environmental issues that you would like to see

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

9 In addition, after the formal part of the
10 meeting is over, you will have an opportunity to
11 meet with Transco representatives and ask them
12 questions and get more information about the
13 proposed facility locations and construction plans.

14 Tonight's agenda is simple. First, I'm going
15 to describe the environmental review process and
16 FERC's role in this project. Then, Karen Gentile
17 will speak about the Department of Transportation
18 Pipeline Hazardous Material Safety Administration
19 program. At that point, we will take time to answer
20 any questions you have about the process. After
21 that, we're going to let Transco give a more
22 complete description of the proposal. Then, we will
23 hear from you, those who have signed up to speak
24 and/or anyone who hasn't signed up to speak, we will
25 give you an opportunity to come up to the

1 microphone, one at a time, and ask questions about
2 the project. If you would like to present comments
3 tonight, please make sure you have signed the
4 speakers list at the sign in table.

5 Now, I'll briefly describe the environmental
6 review process for you. So to do this, we have a
7 beautiful flowchart for you. This flowchart was
8 appended to the notice of intent that was mailed out
9 to all the landowners. If you did not receive this,
10 we have copies with us tonight. So, you will notice
11 Transco is currently in the pre-filing process,
12 which means that a formal application has not yet
13 been filed with FERC. They entered into this in
14 early March of this year, all the way up here.

15 During this time, we have started involving
16 landowners, federal, state and local agencies and
17 interested stakeholders to start identifying the
18 issues involved with the project that need to begin
19 working on and mitigating for, throughout the
20 project, and revising any route options and/or
21 working through issues that need to be identified.

22 To do that, we started our public input
23 opportunities. Transco held public open houses,
24 which FERC attended, back in March and June of this
25 year, at which point, most of the public was invited

1 out to and many of you have shown up to, and began
2 identifying your concerns. And Transco has already
3 begun working on those issues and identifying those
4 problems to FERC.

5 We then issued, on July 1st of this year, a
6 notice of intent to prepare an environmental
7 document. That opened our public scoping period,
8 and right now, we're out here taking public
9 comments. You can submit them both in written form
10 and verbally tonight. We also take electronic
11 comments through our website. This whole
12 opportunity will end, the formal part, on August
13 15th, we will end the scoping period. However, we
14 strongly encourage you, throughout the entire
15 pre-filing process, to continue to work with Transco
16 and FERC.

17 After this point, you will continue to see and
18 hear from us. We will be issuing an environmental
19 document, and Transco will be submitting resource
20 reports. So, you will have more opportunities to
21 receive information both from Transco and from FERC.
22 And then, there will be another public input
23 opportunity after we issue the environmental
24 document, which will be issued to the public. There
25 will be a comment period associated with it. So,

1 you will have another public input opportunity.

2 I want to emphasize for you all, as I said,
3 that we are in the pre-filing process. The purpose
4 of pre-filing is to encourage the early involvement
5 of all the stakeholders to identify issues. We want
6 to do this before the environmental assessment is
7 sent out, so that we can begin to work on these
8 issues and have them resolved before we issue a
9 document.

10 As I said, on July 1st, we issued a notice of
11 intent to prepare an environmental document for this
12 project and initiated the scoping period. This
13 scoping period will end on August 15th, although we
14 will encourage you to continue to identify your
15 concerns to Transco and FERC throughout the entire
16 prefiling process.

17 We will gather information from a variety of
18 sources that will include Transco, the public,
19 federal, state and local agencies and our own
20 independent analysis and fieldwork. We will use all
21 of that information to prepare our environmental
22 document and distribute that to the public for
23 comments.

24 Our next steps after that will be to begin
25 analyzing the company's proposal and identify the

1 issues that have been identified during the scoping.
2 We will include an examination of the proposed
3 facility locations as well as alternative sites. We
4 will analyze the project's effects on water bodies
5 and wetlands, vegetation and wildlife, endangered
6 species, cultural resources, soils, land use,
7 including residential impacts, air quality and
8 safety. When complete, our analysis of the
9 potential impacts will be published in an EA and
10 presented to the public for a 30 day comment period.
11 This EA will be mailed to all interested parties.
12 Please note, that because of the size of our mailing
13 list, the mail version of EA is often on a CD. That
14 means that unless you otherwise tell us, the EA you
15 will find in your mailbox will be on a CD. If you
16 prefer to have a hardcopy mailed from us, you must
17 indicate that choice on the return mailer that was
18 attached to that NOI, or you can let us know
19 tonight, through the sign in sheet that was at the
20 sign in table.

21 As I mentioned earlier, our issuance of the NOI
22 opened the formal comment period. That will close
23 on August 15th. The NOI encourages you to submit
24 your comments as soon as possible, in order to give
25 us time to analyze and research the issues. If you

1 receive the NOI in the mail, you are on our mailing
2 list and will continue to stay on our mailing list
3 and receive the EA, unless you identify otherwise.

4 If we missed you and somehow you were not on
5 our mailing list, I do apologize. Our mailing list
6 is quite large and under constant revision. Please
7 make sure you sign in at the sign in table or submit
8 comments on the project, and that will ensure that
9 you are placed on our mailing list. We also have
10 extra copies of the NOI here tonight, so if you did
11 not receive it, you may pick up a copy tonight.

12 I would like to add that FERC encourages
13 electronic filing of all comments and other
14 documents. We have a brochure that explains how to
15 do this on our website if you have any problems. It
16 was also provided on the CD that was included with
17 the NOI that was mailed out to you. Instructions
18 can also be found on our website. If you want to
19 submit written comments, instructions on how to do
20 this were found in the NOI.

21 It is very important that any comments that you
22 submit on this project, either electronically or by
23 traditional mail, include our internal document
24 number for this project. The docket number was on
25 the cover of the NOI and is available at the sign in

1 table. If you decide to send a comment letter,
2 please make sure that the docket number is on it.
3 That docket number is PF 11-4. This will ensure
4 that members of the staff evaluating the project
5 will get your comments as soon as possible.

6 I'd like to briefly explain the role of the
7 FERC Commission and the environmental staff. The
8 five-member commission is responsible for making a
9 determination on whether to issue a certificate of
10 public convenience and necessity to the applicant or
11 in this case, Transco. The EA prepared by the FERC
12 environmental staff, which I am a part of, describes
13 the project facilities and the associated
14 environmental impacts associated to the project,
15 alternatives to the project, mitigation to avoid or
16 reduce the impacts and our conclusions and
17 recommendations. The EA is not a decision document.
18 It is being prepared to disclose to the public and
19 to the Commission the environmental impact of
20 constructing and operating the proposed project.
21 When it is completed, the Commission will consider
22 the environmental information from the EA, along
23 with nonenvironmental issues, such as engineering,
24 markets and rates, in making this decision to
25 approve or deny Transco a certificate.

1 There is no review of FERC's decision by the
2 President or Congress, maintaining FERC's
3 independence as a regulatory agency, and providing
4 for fair and unbiased decisions. Now that I've gone
5 through the FERC process, I would like to hand it
6 over to Karen Gentile, so that she can give a quick
7 explanation of DOT's program.

8 MS. GENTILE: Good evening everybody. As
9 Maggie mentioned, my name is Karen Gentile, and I am
10 one of the community assistants and technical
11 services managers for the Eastern Region's Office of
12 Pipeline Safety, commonly referred to as OPS, which
13 is a branch of the United States Department of
14 Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Material
15 Safety Administration, commonly referred to as
16 PHMSA.

17 I'd like to thank FERC for the opportunity to
18 provide an overview of the OPS Pipeline Safety
19 Program. Upon request from FERC, our office
20 provides support on the National Environmental
21 Policy Act analysis. If Williams Transco receives
22 permission from FERC for this natural gas pipeline
23 project, the Office of Pipeline Safety will be
24 maintain regulatory oversight over the safety of the
25 pipeline. This oversight includes inspections to

1 ensure that the pipeline is constructed of suitable
2 materials, that it is welded in accordance with
3 industry standards by qualified welders, installed
4 to the proper depths, protected from external
5 corrosion and properly pressure tested before its
6 use.

7 Beyond the construction process, we conduct
8 periodic inspections of operations and maintenance
9 requirements that are contained in Title 49 of the
10 Federal Regulations Part 192, covering natural gas
11 pipelines. The operator must establish
12 comprehensive written procedures describing the
13 types and frequencies of monitoring to ensure the
14 continued safe operations of the pipeline. The
15 monitoring that an operator must perform includes
16 the adequacy of external corrosion prevention
17 systems, the operability of pipeline valves and
18 pressure control equipment, patrols of the
19 right-of-way and leak detection surveys.

20 In addition to this routine monitoring, PHMSA
21 regulations now require transmission pipeline
22 operators to implement integrity management
23 programs. These programs require periodic
24 integrity assessments of transmission pipelines in
25 highly populated areas. These assessments provide a

1 comprehensive understanding of the pipeline's
2 condition and associated risks.

3 In-line inspection tools, commonly referred to
4 as pigs, provide detailed information about pipeline
5 conditions. During an integrity inspection, sensors
6 and computers are sent through the pipeline. These
7 devices can indicate pipe deformations and changes
8 in wall thickness of the pipeline. By analyzing the
9 data collected by these in-line inspections,
10 operators can locate and repair areas of the
11 pipeline that may have been damaged or have
12 deteriorated. Integrity management programs require
13 operators to detect and correct damages to their
14 pipeline in highly populated areas before the damage
15 results in any leaks.

16 A well constructed and maintained pipeline must
17 also be properly operated. Operators must ensure
18 that personnel performing operations, maintenance
19 and emergency response activities are qualified to
20 perform those activities. The aim of this
21 initiative is to minimize operator error. Operators
22 must implement training and testing programs for
23 employees and contractors whose performance is
24 critical to maintaining the safety of the pipeline.

25 Operators must also implement public awareness

1 programs to improve awareness of the pipelines in
2 the communities. Operators communicate this
3 pipeline information to include to the public living
4 along the right-of-way, to emergency responders, to
5 local public officials and to excavators. The
6 public awareness programs emphasize the importance
7 of calling the one call system prior to excavating.
8 These notifications allow all participating utility
9 owners, including pipeline operators, to mark the
10 locations of their facilities and monitor the
11 excavation to help ensure that the facilities are
12 not damaged.

13 Another key message for the stakeholder
14 audiences include how to recognize a pipeline
15 emergency, how to respond accordingly and how to
16 report potential emergency, and to aid in the rapid
17 response by both the pipeline operators as well as
18 community emergency responders.

19 If safety inspections find inadequate
20 procedures or that an operator is not following
21 their procedures, OPS is authorized to require
22 remedial actions, assesses civil penalties and
23 initiate criminal actions. Safety is the primary
24 mission of OPS, and we understand how important this
25 mission is to your community.

1 Again, I want to thank you for the opportunity
2 to provide an overview of the OPS programs.

3 MS. SUTER: Thank you Karen. Before we
4 start taking comments from you, I've asked Transco
5 to provide a brief overview of the proposed project.
6 So, I would like Cindy Ivey to come on up.

7 MS. IVEY: Good evening. Thank you for
8 the opportunity. My name is Cindy Ivey, and I'm the
9 manager of public outreach for the Transco Pipeline.
10 Before I actually read our comments into the record,
11 I do want to note that there is a map up here that
12 is an overall project map that I will refer to in
13 the comments, as far as the facilities are
14 concerned. And we also have some maps in the back
15 that I know some of you were looking at before the
16 meeting started.

17 The Transco Interstate Pipeline System
18 originates in South Texas and ends in New York City.
19 The pipeline delivers gas from supply areas in the
20 Gulf coast, Midcontinent and Appalachia, and
21 delivers to market areas in the Southeast,
22 Midcontinent and Northeast. The pipeline system
23 transports eight percent of the natural gas consumed
24 in the United States. It consists of more than
25 10,000 miles of pipe and has 47 compressor stations.

1 Transco currently transports more than 30 percent of
2 the natural gas used in Pennsylvania through 44
3 delivery points throughout the state. We have
4 served this area for decades through connections to
5 UGI and UGI Central Penn Gas.

6 Williams has received requests from two
7 producers and one marketer to increase natural gas
8 deliveries to this region by November 2013.
9 Williams is developing the Northeast Supply Link
10 Project to serve the existing demand for natural
11 gas, as well as the projected growth in demand along
12 Transco's path in the Northeast.

13 Transco proposed the Northeast Supply Link
14 Project. It involves a combination of additional
15 pipeline facilities, compression facilities,
16 pipeline uprates and modifications to existing
17 infrastructure in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New
18 York. The major components of the project include
19 12.3 miles of new pipeline, 1 greenfield compressor
20 station, 27 miles of pipeline uprates, additional
21 horsepower at an existing compressor station and
22 modifications to various meter stations. In this
23 area, we are proposing to add the Palmerton Loop,
24 which consists of 3.2 miles of 42 inch pipeline to
25 the parallel to the three existing lines already in

1 service in this area. The new line would extend an
2 existing fourth line near Mountain Road and extend
3 slightly more than three miles, ending near Meixel
4 Valley Road, all in Ross Township.

5 The company held an open house for this loop on
6 March 31st. Based on comments that we heard during
7 this meeting, we have made several modifications to
8 our proposed route that will reduce impacts to
9 trees, a bog turtle habitat and some residential
10 properties.

11 The company meets or exceeds all federal
12 regulations established by the Pipeline Hazardous
13 Materials and Safety Administration for constructing
14 and operating its interstate gas pipeline systems.
15 Transco has maintained the integrity of all lines
16 since their installation in accordance with federal
17 regulations. Our integrity plan focuses first on
18 prevention, followed by detection and mitigation.
19 We have invested more than one billion dollars in
20 pipeline maintenance and integrity related
21 enhancements since 2002.

22 The energy information administration estimates
23 that natural gas consumption in the United States is
24 expected to grow by .6 percent per year. Their
25 projection is slightly higher in the mid-Atlantic

1 region at .8 percent per year. If our project is
2 approved, it would provide access to new sources of
3 domestic natural gas supply and would support the
4 liability of the energy infrastructure and continued
5 growth in the Northeast region.

6 Transco's customers generally include local
7 distribution companies, electric power plants, large
8 industrial customers, producers and marketers.
9 Transco has fully executed contracts for the
10 additional capacity of 250,000 dekatherms per day on
11 a long-term basis. Transco entered the prefiling
12 process on March 2nd. We plan to submit our formal
13 application in November of this year, and we are
14 requesting a schedule that will allow construction
15 to begin around November of 2012 and an in-service
16 date of November 2013.

17 MS. SUTER: Thank you Cindy. After our
18 meeting here is adjourned, representatives from
19 Transco will be available with project maps and will
20 be on hand to answer questions about the project.

21 We will now begin the important part of the
22 meeting, where we hear your comments. We will
23 first take comments from those who have signed up on
24 the speakers list, which was at the table at the
25 back. If you would prefer, you may hand us written

1 comments tonight or send them in to the Commission,
2 by following the procedures outlined in the NOI.
3 There is a form on the sign in table that you can
4 use to write comments on, and give them to me or one
5 of my consultants here tonight. There are
6 instructions on the form detailing how to mail them
7 in later, if you prefer to do so. Whether you
8 provide comments verbally tonight or mail them in,
9 they will be considered equally at FERC.

10 I'm sure that you have noted that this meeting
11 is being recorded by a transcription service. This
12 is being done so that all of your comments and
13 questions will be transcribed and put into the
14 public record. To help the court reporter produce
15 an accurate record of this meeting tonight, I ask
16 that you please follow some ground rules.

17 When your name is called, please step up to the
18 microphone and state your name and spell it for the
19 record. Identify any agency or group you are
20 representing, and define any acronyms that you may
21 use. I also ask that everybody in the audience
22 please respect the speaker. We are now ready to
23 call our first speaker, which is Martha Rezeli?

24 MS. REZELI: Thank you. Martha Rezeli,
25 M-A-R-T-H-A, R-E-Z-E-L-I, and I'm a homeowner. My

1 question is, actually, I would ask you to please
2 discuss your safety record, relevant to the
3 installation and ongoing operation of the pipelines
4 that you already have in place.

5 And I suppose I'm asking you, is it Bill Braun,
6 or to whom am I asking that question? Please don't
7 tell me you weren't ready to discuss the safety . .
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9 You're going like this, and I thought somebody
10 has got to be able to discuss safety here. Thank
11 you.

12 MS. SUTER: Sorry, we're sharing
13 microphones. We have to go back and forth a little
14 bit. To address the individual record of any
15 individual company, your question should be
16 addressed to Transco, specifically, or to any
17 individual company, specifically.

18 We do have DOT here tonight, who can address
19 safety procedures and their overall program. But if
20 you have questions to direct directly to Transco
21 about their program, that would go at the end of the
22 evening after the formal part. We can answer any
23 specific questions about our individual programs or
24 procedures about the process. Any specific impacts
25 related for the project, that's what we're here

1 tonight, is to get your questions and concerns about
2 what they might be, so that we can evaluate them and
3 prepare them in our environmental document, and
4 disclose those to you at that time. We have to
5 evaluate the project, and that's why we're here
6 tonight, is to find out what your questions and
7 concerns are.

8 MS. REZELI: But that's a question and
9 concern, and I'm sorry, I don't mean to . . . to me
10 that's nonresponsive, in that

11 MS. SUTER: You have to talk into this.

12 COURT REPORTER: You have to speak at the
13 podium.

14 MS. REZELI: To me, and I don't wish to be
15 rude, but that's nonresponsive because certainly the
16 safety of the pipeline has an impact on the
17 environment. I think we can all agree on that. And
18 I believe, please correct me if I'm wrong, that it
19 is Transco Williams who is leading this endeavor.
20 So, I'm not sure how that question is not relevant
21 to this audience tonight.

22 MS. SUTER: I don't want to imply that the
23 question is not relevant. Your questions and all
24 questions are definitely relevant. What I'm saying
25 is that not all answers are going to be able to be

1 provided tonight. A lot of the questions that you
2 are asking, what we're looking for tonight is for
3 you to identify the questions and concerns that you
4 want us to be able to answer for you. And that's
5 what we're going to be looking into, so that we can
6 evaluate those questions and ask them of Transco
7 throughout our pre-filing process and our review
8 process. So that when we prepare our environmental
9 document, which will cover safety - safety will be
10 one of the topics that's covered in our
11 environmental document - we know what information we
12 need to include and answer for you in our document.

13 MS. REZELI: Thank you.

14 MS. SUTER: That was the only speaker that
15 we had signed up on our speakers list. However, if
16 anybody else here tonight has questions about our
17 process or anything else that they would like to ask
18 of us, just raise your hand, and you can come up to
19 the microphone. You're already standing, so come on
20 up.

21 MR. SELIER: My name is Elmer Selier,
22 E-L-M-E-R, S-E-L-I-E-R. I am a landowner in Ross
23 Township, 160 acres, and I am opposed to the
24 proposal, specifically, the route that it is taking.
25 I'm interested to see this be within 25 feet of the

1 other three lines. And if this can't be
2 accomplished, this really is not necessary.

3 I'm also opposed to the mapping. They've had
4 the map right from the time we met in Ross Township
5 using my driveway as an access road. That's what
6 they refer to it as. It's not an access road. It
7 is a private drive that I built myself. And they
8 are referring to my horse training track as a
9 driveway. This is erroneous and it's misleading.
10 I'm opposed to the whole project. There are better
11 ways to do it. I've written two letters to FERC and
12 one to Transco, themselves, no response. I don't
13 expect a response from FERC. I expect Transco to
14 read it and act accordingly. They haven't as far as
15 the maps go.

16 There are environmental issues. I was looking
17 to see if there was somebody from the agencies that
18 profess to represent the state of bog turtles.
19 Nobody here from the Nature Conservancy, nobody here
20 from the Fish and Wildlife, nobody here from
21 National Land Trust, nobody here but the Cherry
22 Valley Wildlife Refuge. This is why I didn't put my
23 name on the list, I wanted to see if these people
24 were going to speak and do anything for them. Bog
25 turtles are not just habitat, they are documented.

1 They're there. They are endangered and threatened.
2 So, I guess that's all I have to say about it.

3 MS. SUTER: Come on up.

4 MR. OXFORTH: My name is William Oxforth,
5 O-X-F-O-R-T-H. I am a land owner and one of the
6 primary concerns I have is the safety of the
7 distances between these pipelines. We already have
8 three pipelines across the property. This will be
9 the fourth and the original setup for this was to go
10 about 15 feet away from the side of my house, which,
11 that is totally inappropriate, safety wise and
12 everything else.

13 And years ago when I spoke to Transco about the
14 size and the distances between these pipes, I got a
15 vague answer at that point, "No more pipes are ever
16 going to be allowed in this area. You don't have to
17 worry about nothing." Okay? One question I had at
18 the time was "Geez, you know, why don't you take
19 this pipe and criss cross it here and move it to the
20 other side of the property, keep it away from the
21 house?" "Nah, (phonetic) we don't criss cross
22 lines."

23 Well, right up the hill they criss crossed a
24 line. It was to their convenience. All right? Now
25 I understand that the new proposal is that they're

1 willing to criss cross this line in front of the
2 house. All right? But the situation is that it's
3 at the far end of the property and they're going to
4 need another right-of-way.

5 I'm totally opposed to this thing. It's going
6 to be so much volume going through a heavily
7 populated area, and even though there has been no
8 accidents or anything else, I just think that
9 Transco, themselves, has not been up front, forward,
10 truthful or anything else to the landowners or
11 anything else in the area, about the processes of
12 putting pipes in. When they're talking to the
13 customers out there, it's very vague and they try to
14 have a lot of smokescreens about what is going on,
15 so they can see how far they can go one way and
16 maybe manipulate something else in. So, they are
17 not above board with any of this stuff, and the
18 millions and millions of dollars that they are going
19 to make on this, it is going to ruin the area that
20 is going through.

21 Yes, there's environmental issues. There's
22 also issues of property values in the area. People
23 in this area are not going to be able to sell their
24 homes. All right? Right now, we've got these
25 pipelines in there that they've changed and they've

1 upgraded sizes and everything else in the meantime.
2 And now this monster comes into effect that is going
3 to push more gas through this. The only one that's
4 getting anything out of this is Transco. Okay?

5 At one point, it was asked years ago if people
6 in the area could somehow hook up and get free
7 service or something out of this. They are using
8 our property, we're getting nothing out of it.
9 Okay? And, "No, we don't do that." Okay, so
10 they're giving nothing to the public. They are
11 getting everything out of it. It is costing the
12 landowner everything they have. The property values
13 are diminishing and even though this thing might be
14 safe, it's an accident looking for a place to
15 happen.

16 And I'm really upset with the way they've
17 handled this, as far as like one minute, "No, we
18 don't do this. We don't buy property. We don't do
19 this. We don't criss cross lines." When it's to
20 their convenience, they miraculously can work
21 miracles. Okay? And now they want this monster in
22 there, they're willing to criss cross lines to put
23 this thing in. I don't think it's a good project.
24 Thank you.

25 MS. SUTER: Has anybody else? Come on up.

1 MS. BROAD: My name is Betty Broad,
2 B-R-O-A-D. I really just am learning about all of
3 this. I am in business, and I do run into some of
4 these problems. I am a realtor and this does come
5 up.

6 Now I know when there is an oil tank in the
7 ground on a property, it's now required to be raised
8 up and out of the property. And the gentleman back
9 here said something, there's no compensation to our
10 state, our county, our township, or the land owner.
11 I don't know, I'm asking this question. To anyone
12 where this goes through their land, how does that
13 work? Who's going to answer, that group afterwards
14 from the company?

15 SPEAKER IN THE AUDIENCE: It's in the
16 deed.

17 MS. BROAD: It's in the deed?

18 SPEAKER IN THE AUDIENCE: It's in the
19 deed.

20 MS. BROAD: It's in your deed?

21 SPEAKER IN THE AUDIENCE: If you have a
22 pipeline running across your property, or even a
23 power line.

24 MS. BROAD: Yeah.

25 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: When you

1 bought that property, that is in the deed.

2 MS. BROAD: But now this new one that's
3 running across. Sorry, I don't really want to do
4 this, but what about people coming in from out of
5 the area? I wouldn't buy-

6 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: It makes no
7 difference, it's a legal thing. You buy the
8 property, whoever your lawyer is, or whoever is
9 handling your real estate transaction, should advise
10 you that there is a right-of-way across your
11 property for whatever it is, whether it's a power
12 line or pipeline or whatever. At that point, before
13 you buy that property, you should know.

14 MS. BROAD: Well, I know on the deed.

15 MS. SUTER: He's got to be able to get
16 this conversation. We can't go back and forth
17 because he's got to be able to get the conversation.
18 It's got to all be on the record, sorry.

19 MS. BROAD: That's okay. I don't really
20 want to be doing this, I just-

21 MS. SUTER: You have an understandable
22 question. I think your question is best asked to
23 Transco, and they can answer it for you after the
24 meeting, is the best way to go about it.

25 MS. BROAD: Okay.

1 MS. SUTER: If your property is being
2 affected or you have questions about-

3 MS. BROAD: No, not personally, but just-

4 MS. SUTER: the process as a whole. They
5 can talk to you about the easement negotiation
6 process and how compensation works. I think,
7 definitely, talk to you in detail about how the
8 whole process is run.

9 MR. REZELI: My name is Anthony Rezeli,
10 R-E-Z-E-L-I. One question I have is would it be
11 possible to get some sort of diagram of the existing
12 pipelines that are underground now? I mean detailed
13 drawings, showing me where, according to my property
14 line, where the last pipe is and then find out what
15 the centerline distance between that last pipe, the
16 existing last pipe, and where the 42 inch line is
17 going to end up. Because I would like to study
18 that, to see how much it's going to impact my tree
19 line. I want to see how many trees they are going
20 to have to take down, or no trees or whatever.

21 So if it would be possible, get some specific
22 numbers or diagram? Because I work for an oil
23 company, so I know how this stuff works. So, if it
24 would be possible, I'd appreciate that.

25 MS. SUTER: Transco should have some maps

1 with them tonight, and the maps should show the
2 existing lines and the new line on them. So, you
3 should be able to see those tonight. And through
4 our process, they will file alignment sheets on the
5 record, which will show the existing lines and the
6 new line.

7 Did anybody else have any questions? All
8 right, that's the end of everyone who wanted to
9 speak. Without any more speakers, the formal part
10 of this meeting will close. On behalf of the
11 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, I'd like to
12 thank all of you for coming tonight. Let the record
13 show that the Northeast Supply Link Scoping Meeting
14 in Barnesville, Pennsylvania concluded at 6:47 p.m..
15 Bartonsville, sorry.

16 (WHEREUPON, The proceedings were concluded at 6:47
17 p.m.)

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