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BEFORE THE

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

CONNECTICUT EXPANSION PROJECT : Docket No.:

: CP14-529-000

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East Granby Community Center  
20 Center Street  
East Cranby, Connecticut 06026

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

The above-entitled matter came on for scoping  
meeting, pursuant to Commission Order, at 7:08 p.m., Elaine  
Baum, moderator.

## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MS. BAUM: Well, good evening. On behalf of the  
3 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as known as the FERC, I  
4 would like to welcome all of you tonight. This is a scoping  
5 meeting for the Connecticut Expansion Project proposed by  
6 Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company also known as Tennessee. Let  
7 the record show that the public scoping meeting in East  
8 Granby, Connecticut began at 7:08 p.m. on October 28, 2014.

9 The primary purpose of this meeting is to provide  
10 you an opportunity to comment on the Project or on the scope  
11 of the environmental analysis being prepared for the  
12 Project. My name is Elaine Baum and Im an Environmental  
13 Project Manager with the Commissions Office of Energy  
14 Projects. With me at the table tonight is Kevin Bowman with  
15 the FERC and Pam Mcwhorter from HDR. And working at the  
16 sign-in table tonight is Tony Rana with the FERC and Pat  
17 Terhaar from HDR. HDR is an environmental contractor who is  
18 assisting FERC in the preparation of the environmental  
19 assessment or EA.

20 The FERC is an independent agency that regulates  
21 the interstate transmission of natural gas and reviews  
22 proposals and authorizes construction of interstate natural  
23 gas pipelines, storage facilities and liquefied natural gas  
24 terminals. As a federal licensing agency, the FERC has the  
25 responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act

1 to consider the potential environmental impacts associated  
2 with the project which is under its consideration.

3 With regard to Tennessee's Connecticut Expansion  
4 Project, the FERC is the lead federal agency for the  
5 National Environmental Policy Act review and the preparation  
6 of the EA. As I said earlier, the primary purpose of the  
7 meeting tonight is to give you an opportunity to comment on  
8 the Project or on the environmental issues that you elect to  
9 see covered in the EA.

10 It will help us the most if your comments are as  
11 specific as possible regarding the potential environmental  
12 impacts and reasonable alternatives of the proposed project.  
13 These issues generally focus on the potential for  
14 environmental effects but may also address construction  
15 issues, mitigation, and the environmental review process.

16 In addition, this meeting is designed to provide  
17 you with an opportunity to meet with Tennessee Company  
18 representatives to ask them questions and to get more  
19 detailed information about their proposed facility locations  
20 and construction plans.

21 Tonight the agenda is a simple one. First, I'm  
22 going to describe the environmental review process and the  
23 FERC's role in this project. After that we're going to let  
24 the project sponsor, Tennessee, give a brief description of  
25 the project proposal. After that we'll hear from those of

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

4 Now, Im going to briefly describe our  
5 environmental review process for you. Currently, were at  
6 the beginning of our environmental review process and are in  
7 the public opportunities part. Approximately three months  
8 ago, Tennessee filed their application with FERC under  
9 Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and we, along with other  
10 federal, state and local agency staffs, have begun a review  
11 of the facilities that we refer to as the Connecticut  
12 Expansion Project.

13 On October 10, 2014, FERC issued a Notice of  
14 Intent or NOI to prepare an EA for this project and  
15 initiated a scoping period. This scoping or comment period  
16 will end on November 10, 2014. During our review of the  
17 project, well assemble information from a variety of sources  
18 including Tennessee, the public, other state, local and  
19 federal agencies and our own independent analysis and field  
20 work. Well analyze this information and prepare an EA that  
21 will be distributed to the public for comment.

22 Once scoping is finished, our next step will be  
23 to continue analyzing the Companys proposals and the issues  
24 that have been identified during the scoping period. This  
25 will include an examination of the proposed facility

1 locations as well as alternative sites. We'll assess the  
2 projects effects on water bodies and wetlands, vegetation  
3 and wildlife, endangered species, cultural resources,  
4 socioeconomics, soils, land use, air quality and safety.

5           When complete, our analysis of the potential  
6 impacts will be published as an EA and presented to the  
7 public for a 30-day comment period. This EA will be mailed  
8 to all interested parties. Please note that because of the  
9 size of the mailing list, the mailed version of the EA will  
10 be on a CD. That means that unless you tell us otherwise,  
11 the EA that you'll find in your mailbox will be on a CD. If  
12 you prefer to have a hardcopy mailed to you, you must  
13 indicate that choice on the return mailer attached to the  
14 NOI.

15           As I mentioned earlier, our issuance of the NOI  
16 opens a formal comment period that will close on November  
17 10, 2014. The NOI encourages you to submit your comments as  
18 soon as possible in order to give us time to analyze and  
19 research the issues. If you receive the NOI in the mail,  
20 you're on our mailing list and will remain on our mailing  
21 list to receive the EA and any other supplemental notices  
22 that we may issue about this project unless you return them  
23 -- the mailer attached to the back of the NOI and indicate  
24 you wish to be removed from the mailing list.

25           If you did not receive the NOI, you should have.

1 I apologize. The mailing list for this project is large and  
2 undergoing constant revision. You can be added to our  
3 mailing list by signing up at the sign-in table in the back  
4 or by submitting comments on the project.

5 Id like to add that FERC encourages electronic  
6 filings of all comments and other documents. Instructions  
7 can be found on our website, [www.FERC.gov](http://www.FERC.gov) under the eFiling  
8 link. If you want to submit written comments, please follow  
9 the directions on the NOI. Its very important that any  
10 comments you send either electronically or by traditional  
11 mail include our internal docket number for the Project.  
12 The docket number is on the cover of the NOI. If you decide  
13 to send us a comment letter, please put that number on it.  
14 That will ensure that members of the staff evaluating the  
15 Project will get your comments as soon as possible. The  
16 docket number for this Project is CP14-529-000. Again,  
17 thats CP14-529-000.

18 Now, I want to explain the roles of the FERC  
19 Commission and of the FERC environmental staff. The five  
20 FERC Commission members who are appointed by the president  
21 with the advice and consent from the Senate are responsible  
22 for making a determination on whether to issue a Certificate  
23 of Public Convenience and Necessity to the applicant, which  
24 in this case is Tennessee. The EA prepared by the FERC  
25 environmental staff, which Im a part of, will describe the

1 Project facilities and associated environmental impacts,  
2 alternatives to the Project, mitigation to avoid or reduce  
3 impacts, and our conclusions and recommendations.

4           The EA is not a decision document. Its being  
5 prepared to disclose to the public and to the Commission the  
6 environmental impact of constructing and operating the  
7 proposed project. When it is completed, the Commission will  
8 consider the environmental information from the EA along  
9 with the non-environmental issues such as engineering,  
10 markets and rates in making its decision to approve or deny  
11 Tennessee's request for a certificate. There is no review of  
12 FERC decisions by the president or Congress, maintaining  
13 FERC's independency as a regulatory agency and providing for  
14 fair and unbiased decisions.

15           Only after taking the environmental and  
16 non-environmental factors into consideration will a  
17 Commission make its final decision on whether or not to  
18 approve the Project. If the Commission votes to approve the  
19 Project, and a Certificate of Public Convenience and  
20 Necessity is issued, Tennessee will still be required to  
21 meet the Certificate conditions outlined in the Certificate  
22 before it can begin any construction.

23           If approved, FERC environmental staff would  
24 monitor the Project throughout construction and restoration  
25 by performing inspections to document environmental

1 compliance with Tennessee's proposed plans and mitigation and  
2 the additional conditions of the FERC Certificate.

3           Before we start taking comments from you, I've  
4 asked Tennessee to provide a brief overview of the proposed  
5 Project. If you have any questions about the Project,  
6 Tennessee representatives will stay after the meeting for a  
7 little while so you can talk to them and they can answer  
8 those for you.

9           So with that, here is Jim Flynn. Thank you.

10           MR. FLYNN: Hello. My name is Jim Flynn and I'm  
11 with Tennessee Gas out of Houston, Texas. For the benefit  
12 of those people that are coming up to speak here, please be  
13 careful of this line that's feeding over here so that we don't  
14 have a tripping issue or a hazard of that nature.

15           The Connecticut Expansion Project is designed to  
16 move 72 million additional cubic feet of gas across the  
17 Tennessee system by upgrading three sections of our line to  
18 move the gas here to serve Connecticut markets. We are  
19 serving the local LDCs; Connecticut Natural, Southern  
20 Connecticut and Yankee Gas. We're tying in down at our  
21 existing meter station facility in East Granby, right close  
22 to the Bradley Airport.

23           The line itself in Connecticut is proposed to be  
24 8.1 miles long. It's a 24 inch diameter line designed, as I  
25 said, to move 72 million cubic feet of gas down for

1 consumption purely in Connecticut. An offshoot of building  
2 the Project is that we will have the ability, should the gas  
3 not be needed in Connecticut, that it could also serve and  
4 reinforce the market in Massachusetts.

5           The Project itself, as I said, is composed of  
6 three different sections. We have a 1.4 mile, 36 inch  
7 extension in New York State in the town of Bethlehem, New  
8 York. Our existing 36 inch line ends there. We're just  
9 moving it an additional 1.4 miles further down the road for  
10 hydraulic reasons. We have a section -- section of the line  
11 -- second section of the line which is in Massachusetts in  
12 the area of Sandisfield. There, we're building an additional  
13 3.8 miles of line to, in the sense, do the same thing,  
14 increase the hydraulic pressure coming this way to serve the  
15 markets and -- and to give us a stronger supply into the  
16 area.

17           And the third area here is a new loop of our  
18 existing Tennessee Gas 300 line system. The LOOPS in New  
19 York and Massachusetts are along, what we call our 200 line  
20 system that comes across Western New York and then all the  
21 way across Massachusetts and on up into New Hampshire. Our  
22 300 line system comes across Pennsylvania, New Jersey and  
23 then up into Connecticut and ends right up here in Agawam,  
24 at our compressor station facility right there off of  
25 Highway 75.

1           The target for this is to try and get this line,  
2 assuming were able to get the -- the requisite permissions  
3 from all the agencies. Target construction is 2016. We  
4 would potentially do some early tree clearing in the fall of  
5 2015 to be in environmental compliance.

6           We would work through the system here, and we  
7 really certainly do appreciate everybody taking the time out  
8 of their schedules to attend here tonight. We value your  
9 input not only onto the formal record here, but if we can  
10 help out at all, on the alignment sheets and discussions of  
11 your own personal property, wed be happy to do so and try  
12 and take all of that information into account as part of our  
13 overall construction program and what would be our eventual  
14 construction drawing, should we be approved. Thank you.

15           MS. BAUM: Thanks, Jim. All right. Were now  
16 going to begin the part of the meeting when we hear your  
17 comments. Speakers will go in order of the sign up on the  
18 speakers list which was on the table in the back.

19           If you prefer, you may hand us written comments  
20 tonight or send them into the Commission by following the  
21 procedures outlined in the Notice of Intent. Theres also a  
22 form on the sign-in table that you can use to write comments  
23 on and give them to me. That form also gives instructions  
24 on how to mail them. Whether you provide your comments  
25 verbally or mail them in, theyll be considered equally by

1 FERC.

2 I want to reiterate that we are here to hear your  
3 comments on environmental issues or concerns on the Project.  
4 Also, I want to clarify, this is a project being proposed by  
5 Tennessee. Its not a project being proposed by FERC. FERC  
6 is an advocate for the environmental review process.

7 If you have questions about the FERC process,  
8 well stick around for a little while after the meeting and  
9 try and answer those questions for you.

10 Im sure you have also noticed this meeting is  
11 being recorded by a transcription service. This is being  
12 done so that all of your comments will be transcribed and  
13 put into the public record. To help the court reporter  
14 produce an accurate record of this meeting, I ask that when  
15 I call your name and number, you come down to the front  
16 where the microphone stand is right here. State your name  
17 and spell it for the record. Identify any agency or group  
18 that youre representing and define any acronyms that you may  
19 use. If youre in the middle of the aisle or in the back of  
20 the room and you know youre -- you want to talk or -- just  
21 make sure start making your way towards the front.

22 I also ask that everybody all from the audience  
23 respect the speaker and refrain from any audible show of  
24 disagreement or agreement. And with that, were -- well call  
25 our first speaker. It is number one, Scott Gustafson.

1 Please come on up.

2 MR. GUSTAFSON: Good evening. The name is Scott  
3 Gustafson. Its S-C-O-T-T G-U-S-T-A-F-S-O-N. I am  
4 arepresentative of the Laborers International Union of North  
5 America. More specifically, Im here tonight to speak on  
6 behalf of the 8,000 Laborers Union members and their  
7 families who live here and work here in Connecticut and who  
8 support the Expansion Project, the Connecticut Expansion of  
9 the Tennessee gas pipeline.

10 They support it because theyre excited about the  
11 opportunities that this project will create for work. They  
12 -- they support it because theyre excited about the fact  
13 that as energy consumers, theres an opportunity for lower  
14 energy costs.

15 The Laborers Union has a trained -- we do a lot  
16 of gas work here in Connecticut. We have a very  
17 well-trained workforce. We have a training school in  
18 Pomfret, Connecticut where we train thousands of workers  
19 every year in gas work and in environmental work. The fact  
20 of the matter is, is that our members understand  
21 environmental impacts and they are very well-trained in  
22 environmental mitigation in gas line construction.

23 Kinder-Morgan is a company that we work with all  
24 around the country. They are a very, very good company.  
25 They have refined the construction process and our members

1 are well-trained in that process. So again, were here  
2 tonight to support the Connecticut Expansion Project on  
3 behalf of our 8,000 members, and think this is a very good  
4 project not only for our members but for the local region,  
5 for the economy. As we all know, the New England region has  
6 the highest gas prices and energy prices in the country, and  
7 projections that those prices are going to raise some 37  
8 percent this year with the -- with electric generation. The  
9 fact of the matter is that we need this gas in the region to  
10 lower those costs and benefit consumers and families so  
11 thats why were here tonight. Thank you very much.

12 MS. BAUM: Thank you for your comments. Okay.  
13 Next on the list is number two. Martha come on up.

14 MS. KLEIN: Hi. My name is Martha Klein,  
15 K-L-E-I-N. My background is in nursing and public health.  
16 I live in Norfolk, Connecticut and the pipelines arent  
17 directly going through my town, but theyre going very near  
18 my town.

19 MS. BAUM: Can you try talking into the  
20 microphone?

21 MS. KLEIN: Oh, Im sorry.

22 MS. BAUM: Thats okay. Thats all right.

23 MS. KLEIN: Oh, Im challenged vertically. Hows  
24 that?

25 MS. BAUM: Thats better. Thank you.

1 MS. KLEIN: Because I talk really loud. I dont  
2 want to be too loud, okay?

3 MS. BAUM: No. As long as -- we want everyone to  
4 hear.

5 MS. KLEIN: Im Martha Klein, K-L-E-I-N. My  
6 background is in nursing and public health. I live in  
7 Norfolk, Connecticut.

8 The pipelines dont go through the town of Norfolk  
9 but theyre coming in very close to my town, and Im concerned  
10 about what the effects could be of the pipelines. I just  
11 want to make a couple of comments and then say what I hope  
12 would be in part of the EA.

13 Methane is natural gas. Methane is completely  
14 unregulated by the EPA. Methane is 86 times more potent  
15 than carbon dioxide as a climate-changing global greenhouse  
16 gas. So that means just to reiterate, that its 86 times  
17 more powerful than carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the  
18 atmosphere. There is no agency in the United States that is  
19 monitoring or regulating the flood of methane thats  
20 presenting going into our atmosphere. I do mean flood.  
21 Responsible estimates by UCS and other scientific  
22 organizations say its about five percent of all methane  
23 thats drilled or fracked or extracted is leaked into the  
24 atmosphere. And representatives from Tennessee understand  
25 well how that happens; partly accidentally through well

1 leaks, transportation leaks, partly intentionally through  
2 industry practices like flaring and so forth.

3           Taking all these facts into consideration that  
4 methane is 86 times stronger than carbon dioxide at trapping  
5 heat in the atmosphere, that methane is leaking, that no  
6 agency in the U.S. is currently regulating methane -- taking  
7 all these facts into consideration, it becomes clear that  
8 FERC is the default regulatory agency of methane. If you  
9 are the body that is going to approve the pipelines; that  
10 FERC is the agency that has the final permitting authority,  
11 then you are directly responsible for the environmental  
12 results that will occur. FERC has been on record as saying  
13 that you dont think its part of your decision making process  
14 to look at climate change but, in fact, if FERC is the one  
15 that approves Connecticut Expansion, NED, A- Atlantic Bridge  
16 and Access Northeast, you are increasing the amount of  
17 methane in the atmosphere significantly, causing significant  
18 increase in climate disruption.

19           So if you are the agency that permits the  
20 pipeline, youre responsible for the results. The  
21 environmental assessment for the Connecticut Expansion  
22 Project of the Tennessee Gas Company must include an  
23 accurate projection of the environmental effects of both of  
24 piping this high pressure fracked gas across our state, but  
25 also the environmental assessment needs to look at the

1 effect of switching power plants from coal or gas -- from --  
2 from coal or oil, excuse me -- from coal or oil to gas.

3           According again to UCS and other responsible  
4 scientific organizations, switching from coal or oil to gas  
5 will continue to lead to catastrophic environmental results.  
6 Increases in the temperature, the global temperature that  
7 potentially are catastrophic. We now know based on the  
8 current science that any environmental benefits from gas  
9 relative to other fossil fuels are illusory.

10           Furthermore as part of the environmental  
11 assessment, you need to look at low-demand studies as have  
12 been done in other states but not yet in Connecticut.  
13 Perhaps the organization here who plans to do the EA could  
14 do that low-demand study.

15           Can people in Connecticut currently use less  
16 power per capita than virtually anyone in any other state of  
17 the nation, except for Vermont and one other state? And I  
18 forget if its Hawaii or California. People in Connecticut,  
19 we are Yankees. We are very conservative. We dont use a  
20 lot of power, and we have no intention of using a lot of  
21 power. So it looks that the low-demand scenario is very  
22 likely to continue into the future. There isnt a huge  
23 increased need for power or for gas in the State of  
24 Connecticut. That is not a real need. Thats an industry  
25 desire. Simply by sealing the leaks in current methane

1 production, we could negate the need for any pipeline  
2 expansions.

3           The environmental assessment must include the  
4 impact of, not just of transport but of switching our power  
5 plants to fracked gas. And an accurate assessment of what  
6 the effect of using methane to produce electric power will  
7 be. Particularly I know from the assessment process, you  
8 dont look at things like the effect of your approvals on  
9 climate but you do indeed look at air quality. And  
10 certainly all this methane is going to have a drastic effect  
11 on air quality in the State of Connecticut. Thank you.

12           MS. BAUM: Thank you. Okay. Next up is number  
13 three, Arnold Piantentini. Sorry if I said that  
14 incorrectly.

15           MR. PIANCENTINI: No, you didnt.

16           MS. BAUM: Okay. Great.

17           MR. PIANCENTINI: Very good.

18           MS. BAUM: Thank you.

19           MR. PIANCENTINI: Good evening.

20           My name is Arnold Piantentini. Thats  
21 P-I-A-C-E-N-T-I-N-I. Im from Richmond, Massachusetts.

22           There are currently three pipes that enter  
23 Massachusetts in Richmond and continue on down towards  
24 Sandisfield in Connecticut.

25           Chairman Cheryl LaFleur, in her 4 October 6th

1 letters to Senator Warren, Senator Markey, Representative  
2 Neal and Representative McGovern, state that I can assure  
3 you that our decision on whether to authorize this project  
4 will be based on a careful review of the issues relating to  
5 this project and will be rooted in the law, facts and  
6 science. I was happy to read this.

7           So it's in the vein of those comments that the  
8 following comments are made on the following related  
9 subjects. And the subjects are, demand for energy in  
10 Connecticut and need for the pipeline.

11           Fact. To determine the need for the so-called  
12 demand in Connecticut, FERC should require the officials of  
13 the State of Connecticut to develop a comprehensive energy  
14 plan for a low-demand analysis. Massachusetts and  
15 Connecticut are operating in low-demand scenarios. The  
16 incremental energy supplied by the proposed project is very  
17 small in comparison to Connecticut's overall usage, so a  
18 detailed study is justified to quantify the demand and to  
19 evaluate the alternatives for meeting any such demand.

20           Science. Global climate change is very real.  
21 Fossil fuels contribute towards global climate change. Sea  
22 levels are rising and ice is disappearing rapidly.

23           Economic facts. Recent World Bank study ranks  
24 136 cities likely to experience damage by flooding. In the  
25 top ten were five United States cities. Miami is ranked

1 number two. New York number three, New Orleans number four,  
2 Tampa number seven, Boston number eight. Aggregate  
3 worldwide damages from rising sea levels could climb to \$1  
4 trillion -- that's trillion with a T -- per year by 2050.  
5 Damages from other manifestations of climate change such as  
6 droughts, wildfires, violent storms are not included in this  
7 estimate.

8 Law. FERC must -- FERC must require the State of  
9 Connecticut to compare the cost of providing this small  
10 amount of incremental energy via the remedies of  
11 conservation such as fixing gas leaks in energy efficiency  
12 projects and an increase in the dependence on renewables.  
13 In order to shave peak needs in the short-term, other  
14 remedies such as transmission to balance grid capacity and  
15 use existing hydroelectric in Canada should be a part of  
16 this analysis. If needed as a bridge to meet short-term  
17 peak needs, the use -- the use of existing LNG should also  
18 be a part of this analysis. Cost-benefit analysis versus  
19 alternatives is a requirement of NEPA.

20 This analysis should be looked at over the  
21 pay-down period of the proposed project. There is growing  
22 evidence that the U.S. may be in a bubble with respect to  
23 fracked gas availability. In addition, restrictions on  
24 fracking are increasing across our country. The useful life  
25 of the investment in this Project, CP-14-529, may well be

1 much less than its pay-down period of 30 to 40 years.

2 Further investment in delivering energy to  
3 Connecticut should be via alternatives as defined by such a  
4 comprehensive energy plan.

5 I thank you for a careful and detailed study of  
6 the facts, laws and sciences as they relate to this proposed  
7 project.

8 A personal comment. I believe that those of us  
9 who are in a position to influence the future are ethically  
10 duty-bound to act with care and regard for the wellbeing of  
11 younger and future generations and youre among them. Im  
12 surprised to see such young faces. I thought I was going to  
13 see a bunch of gray hairs here. I hope that FERC is able to  
14 adopt this view. Thank you. Arnold Piancentini, Im an  
15 intervenor in the Connecticut Expansion Project.

16 MS. BAUM: Thank you. Next up is number four,  
17 Adam Lupino.

18 MR. LUPINO: Adam Lupino, L-U-P-I-N-O. Im also  
19 here representing the Laborers New England region,  
20 specifically the Connecticut Laborers, and advocating that  
21 were in support of the Connecticut Expansion Project.

22 We have a trained and skilled workforce thats  
23 ready in Connecticut to build this -- this expansion as well  
24 as supporting other natural gas projects and natural gas  
25 infrastructure expansion to the region as we think its

1 important for the economy.

2 But also Id like to add, and I know Scott  
3 mentioned a lot of the proposals that were supporting, part  
4 of our training program as always in other facets of  
5 construction, always includes environmental awareness and  
6 understanding how that pipe gets put in the ground and how  
7 that pipe needs to be left.

8 We take that into, you know, very seriously. We  
9 work with our employers on that to make sure that we are  
10 environmentally conscious in all of our training programs  
11 and all of our projects to make sure that pipe gets into the  
12 ground safely, meets industry standards and functions in --  
13 and is safe for homeowners and -- and businesses and -- and  
14 consumers in that area.

15 So we are in support of this project. We have  
16 the trained workforce ready to go, and we think this is a  
17 no-brainer for Connecticut and the region. So thank you.

18 MS. BAUM: Thank you. Next up number five,  
19 Norma.

20 MS. COLACCINO: Colaccino.

21 MS. BAUM: Thank you.

22 MS. COLACCINO: Hello. My name is Norma  
23 Colaccino, C-O-L-A-C-C-I-N-O. Im president of the  
24 Thistledown Association which is a street in Suffield,  
25 Connecticut. And as president, Im responsible to oversee

1 the common areas. And those common areas are obviously  
2 owned by, jointly, by the residents of the street.

3 We currently have a pipeline going through which  
4 we did give an easement to Tennessee Gas. So Im here to  
5 talk about my experience with that so far.

6 And I would say firstly, they were somewhat  
7 irresponsible with their use of chemicals, given that on our  
8 street, we all have wells for our drinking water. And to  
9 exfoliate where the pipeline goes through, they used a  
10 chemical exfoliant which then goes into the ground and into  
11 our well water. So needless to say, the residents were very  
12 upset with that. We had to contact a lawyer and have a  
13 lawyer send a letter to have them cease and desist. And  
14 they said that they would. I want to make sure that they do  
15 not in the future use chemicals to exfoliate. They can mow  
16 it or do whatever they need to do manually, but they cannot  
17 use chemicals because we all drink that water. Our children  
18 drink that water.

19 Number two, my experience in dealing with  
20 Tennessee Gas. Last spring, they said that they wanted to  
21 be -- come on the property. I said, okay, fine but I just  
22 want you to know were planting plants up -- close to your  
23 area. They, in fact, told me that I could not plant plants  
24 on my property. I -- I was aghast. I thought that they  
25 were arrogant. They said that I had -- I had to get their

1 permission if it was near the pipeline. I thought they were  
2 uncooperative. I thought they were rude, and I just think  
3 in dealing with the public they need to be careful. Dealing  
4 with homeowners, property owners, they need to be careful  
5 how they approach that. Yes, they have an easement. Yes,  
6 they have rights, but they cannot infringe on the rights of  
7 the homeowners.

8           So, anyway, those are my comments and I just  
9 think go forward. That Tennessee Gas needs to be more  
10 responsible and more polite in dealing with homeowners.  
11 Thank you.

12           MS. BAUM: Thank you. Okay. Next, we have Jen,  
13 number six.

14           MS. SISKIND: Thank you. Good evening. My name  
15 is Jennifer Siskind. Last name is spelled S-I-S-K-I-N-D.

16           Im opposed to the pipeline project because of all  
17 of the reasons previously stated, but in moving forward with  
18 the pipeline, Id like FERC to be looking at the following  
19 items:

20           Identify where all the vernal pools are and the  
21 associated upland habitat required by amphibian species.  
22 They require the vernal pools for breeding habitat.  
23 Identify and map all the potentially -- potentially all the  
24 areas that could potentially require blasting in order to  
25 bury the pipeline. Identify and map all invasive species

1 currently in and along the right-of-way and develop a plan  
2 to remove the invasive species and restore the ecosystem.  
3 Test the water quality of all wells, wetlands and waterways  
4 to provide before data to assess any environmental impacts  
5 that may occur during or after construction if this pipeline  
6 were allowed to be built. Require a complete assessment of  
7 the greenhouse gas emissions that this additional pipeline  
8 will lead to, including both the emissions during  
9 construction and the increased emissions resulting from the  
10 extracting and burning that the increased amount of fracked  
11 gas that would travel through the pipeline. And lastly,  
12 that you require a listing of all chemicals used in the  
13 process of installing the pipeline, including chemicals that  
14 are within the pipes themselves. Thank you very much.

15 MS. BAUM: Thank you.

16 That was the end of our official speakers list.

17 Is there anybody else who would like to speak tonight?

18 Anybody? Okay. All right.

19 Well, in that case without any more speakers,  
20 well conclude this formal part of the meeting. Id like to  
21 again reiterate that any comments received tonight will be  
22 addressed in the EA. If anyone has additional questions,  
23 again, well stay for a little while to try and answer those  
24 for you.

25 And on behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory

1 Commission, Id like to thank all of you for coming tonight.

2 And let the record show that the Connecticut Expansion

3 Project scoping meeting in East Granby, Connecticut

4 concluded at 7:43 p.m. Thank you.

5 (Whereupon at 7:43 p.m., the meeting was

6 concluded.)

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