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BEFORE THE

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: : Project No.

SUPPLYER HEADER PROJECT : PF15-5-000

ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE PROJECT : PF15-6-000

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Prince Edward County High School

1482 Zion Hill Road

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Tuesday, March 17, 2015

The above-entitled matter came on for technical
conference, pursuant to notice, at 7:00 p.m., Kevin Bowman,
the moderator.

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

2 (7:00 p.m.)

3 MR. BOWMAN: Okay. We're going to go ahead and
4 get started. So if everyone could grab a seat.

5 (Pause.)

6 MR. BOWMAN: Good evening, everyone. On behalf
7 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC, I
8 would like to welcome all of you here tonight for the public
9 scoping meeting for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Supply
10 Header projects.11 Let the record show that the public scoping
12 meeting in Farmville, Virginia on March 17th began at 7:05
13 p.m.14 My name is Kevin Bowman and I'm an environmental
15 scientist with the FERC's Office of Energy Projects. Here
16 with me tonight at the table representing FERC is Jeff
17 Mackenthun, and outside at the sign-in who you may have
18 already met tonight representing FERC is David Hanobic,
19 Kristin Lenz, and Melissa Dellwo.20 Also, just a quick reminder, if you haven't
21 already, please do silence or turn off your cell phones.22 So we are here tonight to provide some
23 information on the federal process in relation to the
24 Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Supply Header Projects and to
25 hear your comments and concerns about these projects.

1 Fundamentally the purpose of tonight's meeting is
2 to provide each of you with an opportunity to give us your
3 comments and tell us what additional environmental issues
4 you think we should address in our analysis of these
5 proposed projects.

6 We have already received numerous comments
7 concerning the projects including alternatives which is one
8 of the areas that we're hoping to seek input from you
9 tonight.

10 We included affected landowners for each of the
11 alternatives on our mailing list for our Notice of Intent
12 which we mailed out a few weeks ago which requested comments
13 on the projects and announced tonight's meeting. All of
14 your comments will help us determine what to study as we
15 prepare an environmental impact statement or EIS for the
16 proposed projects.

17 The FERC is the lead federal agency responsible
18 for the National Environmental Policy Act or NEPA review of
19 the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Supply Header projects, and
20 is the lead agency for the preparation of the EIS.

21 NEPA requires FERC to analyze the environmental
22 impacts, consider alternatives, and identify appropriate
23 mitigation measures where necessary on any proposal before
24 it makes a decision on whether to authorize or deny the
25 projects.

1 Currently, the United States Forest Service, the
2 U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Great Dismal Swamp National
3 Wildlife Refuge, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau
4 of Land Management are currently cooperating agencies for
5 the review of these projects. Additional federal, state,
6 and local agencies with special expertise are welcome to
7 cooperate as well in our review.

8 I do want to clarify that the proposed project is
9 not conceived by and is not promoted by FERC or the
10 cooperating agencies. FERC merely reviews applications for
11 the authority to build and operate interstate natural gas
12 pipelines. And Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC and Dominion
13 Transmission, Inc. are in the process of preparing
14 applications to submit to FERC. Once an application is
15 submitted, our obligation is to review that application and
16 prepare an analysis of those environmental impacts.

17 Tonight's meeting is not a public hearing. We
18 are not here to debate the proposal or make any
19 determinations on its fate. We are here to listen to your
20 concerns so that we can consider them in our analysis.

21 Pipeline proposals often encounter objections.
22 Some are general in nature and some are based on potential
23 environmental impacts. Both categories are important to
24 FERC, but they are addressed in different ways.

25 General objections to the project will be

1 considered during the Commission's public convenience and
2 necessity review whereas environmental and safety impacts
3 are addressed by FERC environmental staff in the
4 environmental impact statement.

5 On February 27th, 2015, the FERC issued a notice
6 of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for
7 the projects and announced the locations of tonight's
8 meetings, how to file comments, and the deadlines for
9 getting those comments to us.

10 All affected landowners on our mailing list as
11 well as other stakeholders received that notice of intent in
12 their mail.

13 In that notice we asked that you try to submit
14 your comments to us by April 28th, 2015. However, the end
15 of the scoping period is not the end of public involvement,
16 nor will it be the only opportunity to provide comments to
17 FERC. We will continue to accept comments after the
18 deadline during the prefiling process for these projects.
19 But for us to adequately assess your comments, analyze them,
20 and research the issues, we do ask that you try to get us
21 those comments by the end of the deadline.

22 So as I just mentioned Atlantic Coast Pipeline
23 and Supply Header projects are currently in what we call our
24 "prefiling process". That means an application has not been
25 submitted to the FERC at this time. We consider the

1 prefiling process to be amongst other things an extension of
2 our scoping process.

3 For us, the scoping process is a learning period
4 for FERC. It is where we educate ourselves about the
5 project, the potential issues, and the environmental
6 impacts.

7 So during the scoping process, we're gathering
8 information. The general sources that we are using right
9 now are first the information provided by the applicants,
10 input from other federal, state, and local agencies, our own
11 field work, and research of different issues, and of course,
12 information from the public in the form of comments.

13 Now, once we gather the information developed
14 during the scoping process, an application formally filed by
15 an applicant, we will analyze it and prepare a draft
16 environmental impact statement and we will distribute that
17 draft for public comment.

18 It will include an examination of the proposed
19 facility locations as well as alternative sites. It will
20 assess the project's effects on water bodies and wetlands,
21 vegetation and wildlife, endangered species, cultural
22 resources, soils, land use, air quality, safety, and
23 socioeconomic impacts.

24 We will mail the EIS to our mailing list. So if
25 you didn't receive our notice of intent in the mail, do make

1 sure you give us your mailing address, and you can give that
2 to us at the sign-in table outside the auditorium. Also,
3 the mailed version of the environmental impact statement
4 will be a CD. So if you prefer to have a hard copy mailed
5 to you, please do let us know that information and you can
6 let the FERC staff outside the auditorium know that
7 information.

8 After the draft EIS is mailed out, there will be
9 a public comment period for you to give us comments on the
10 draft EIS. So during that period we will hold another
11 public meeting similar to this one, maybe in the same
12 location if it's available, and ask for you to comment on
13 the information in the draft EIS and provide feedback. At
14 the end of that public comment period, we will begin
15 organizing all the information gathered to date on the
16 projects and prepare a final EIS that addresses all of the
17 comments we received throughout the scoping period and the
18 comments on the draft EIS.

19 This will be prepared in the final EIS and it
20 will be issued, distributed to the public and it will be
21 forwarded to the Commissioners at FERC for their
22 consideration. Now, the final EIS is not a decisionmaking
23 document. It is merely our analysis of the proposed impacts
24 and our analysis of the alternatives.

25 The five Commissioners at the Federal Energy

1 Regulatory Commission, will use that document as well as
2 other information to make a determination of whether or not
3 to approve or deny the projects. These five Commissioners
4 are appointed by the president and they are confirmed by
5 Congress. Additional information about these Commissioners
6 can be found on the FERC's website at FERC.gov.

7 On December 12, 2014, Atlantic Coast Pipeline and
8 Dominion filed preliminary information with FERC about their
9 projects. According to those filings, Atlantic Coast and
10 Dominion are proposing two jointly related facilities to
11 deliver 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day to
12 markets in West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina. The
13 Atlantic Coast Pipeline facilities will consist of about 554
14 miles of pipeline ranging between 16 and 42 inches in
15 diameter from Harrison County, West Virginia to Robison
16 County, North Carolina.

17 The project would have two smaller-diameter
18 pipeline laterals extending from the mainline and would
19 terminate in Chesapeake and Brunswick Counties, Virginia.

20 It would also include three new compressor
21 stations in Lewis County, West Virginia, Buckingham County,
22 Virginia, and North Hampton County, North Carolina.

23 The supply header project would involve the
24 construction of 39 miles of 30- and 36-inch diameter
25 pipeline in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In addition to

1 those facilities Dominion would seek to modify four existing
2 compressor stations in Pennsylvania and Virginia.

3 So with that all out of the way now, we will
4 start taking some speakers.

5 I do want to point out that this meeting is being
6 recorded by a transcription service so that all of your
7 comments will be transcribed and placed into the public
8 record. For the benefit of all in attendance, and for the
9 accuracy of the transcript, when I call your name, please
10 step up to the lectern to my left and clearly state your
11 name and affiliation, if you have one, and if any
12 misspelling of your name is likely, please do spell your
13 first and last name. So in addition to the verbal
14 comments provided tonight we will also accept your written
15 comments. If you have comments and don't wish to speak
16 tonight, you can provide written comments on the comment
17 forms at the back table outside the auditorium. You can
18 drop those off with us tonight, or you can mail them in at a
19 later date.

20 Also, due to the number of speakers that we have
21 signed up tonight, we will have to limit everyone to exactly
22 three minutes. You will see up on the table tonight we do
23 have a timer for the benefit of the speaker at the lectern
24 to show how much remaining time they have left. When your
25 time has ended, I will make a mention that the time has

1 ended and I will ask that you conclude and return to your
2 seat. We don't want to limit anyone's comments, but we will
3 have to do that to get through everyone that's signed up
4 tonight.

5 If you do have detailed comments, you could
6 summarize them and then give us the full written comments at
7 the table tonight.

8 Also, if you feel a speaker has already expressed
9 your comments, you can simply state your name and your
10 endorsement of those previous comments. Once we have heard
11 something, we will make sure that it is addressed in our
12 environmental analysis.

13 Okay. So with that, I will call our first
14 speaker tonight and that will be a Mr. Steve Connor. And I
15 will mention that the second and third speakers are Kurt
16 Bowers and Jeff Kamen.

17 MR. CONNOR: My name is Steve Connor and I'm from
18 Appomattox, Virginia. I'm a real estate broker and
19 developer and have properties up and down current natural
20 gas pipeline. My father worked for natural gas pipelines
21 for 40 some years between the Transcontinental Pipeline and
22 Williams Pipeline which he retired from. I grew up within
23 300 foot of the compressor station and know that natural gas
24 is a safe, clean energy that will keep our electric bills
25 and energy bills reduced.

1 I presently own a farm that has a natural gas
2 line through it. I own a home that has three natural gas
3 pipelines and one 42-inch line in service in the yard. This
4 is one of the best ways and safest forms of energy that we
5 have and most environmentally friendly. And that natural gas
6 field doesn't pollute the streams or the air or the ground,
7 or the wildlife.

8 I strongly encourage you to support this line.
9 The economic impact that this thing will create will be in
10 the billions of dollars for our area. And if we have
11 natural gas it will reduce, like I said, your electric bills
12 as well as your heating bills.

13 We are doing away with coal and other things
14 which I don't know if I agree with so we can be more energy
15 independent and save money and have a better economic impact
16 in every part of the world by having this pipeline come
17 through. And these facilities are safe. Like I said, I
18 live within 300 yards of a natural gas compressor station
19 for most of my life. And I'll conclude. I thought I would
20 encourage you to use this project and it will be a great
21 economic impact.

22 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you. The Second speaker is
23 Kurt Bowers.

24 MR. BOWERS: Good evening I'm Kurt Bowers. I am
25 the Pipeline Committee Chair for the Sierra Club for the

1 state of Virginia. I live in Albemarle County I'm a
2 licensed professor engineer. And for the reasons set forth
3 below, the Sierra Club request that FERC restart the
4 commencement of the scoping period and extend the scoping
5 period from 60 to 90 days. For these reasons, a delay was
6 in extended time necessary it is necessary for residents to
7 consider and respond to the announcement by Dominion that
8 several new alternative ACP routes would be considered.

9 The new ACP alternative route significantly
10 increases the number of property owners impacted by the
11 proposed pipeline. Meetings were not scheduled in Highland,
12 Buckingham, Cumberland, Nottaway, Brunswick, Sussex, South
13 Hampton, and Greensville Counties. These are large areas
14 that I stated last night. These areas are not being
15 covered.

16 Landowners have challenged Dominion's authority
17 to survey private property for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline
18 in cases pending before the U.S. District Court in
19 Charlottesville, the western district, and in Virginia
20 circuit courts. In Nelson County alone, 70 cases are being
21 heard on April 25th, just three days before the end of the
22 scoping period. Resolution of these cases will likely
23 impact the proposed route and alternative routes for the
24 pipeline. So we need to restart the entire process.

25 The DOE, part of Energy, and the EPA report only

1 stating a modest increase in natural gas usage and
2 additional pipelines needed as mainly because the energy
3 demand is flat. Per Dominion's own figures, it's 1.8
4 percent in Virginia. The Department of Energy predicts a
5 relatively modest interstate pipeline capacity additions of
6 2.2 billion cubic feet per day annually from 2015 to 2020.
7 You all, FERC, are reviewing applications for 48 billion
8 cubic feet per day addition Marcellus capacity over the next
9 few years.

10 The Department of Energy only finds 8.4 cubic
11 feet per day are necessary. The DOE has received 49
12 requests to export more than 42 billion cubic feet per day
13 of LNG annually, most of it to be shipped to non-free trade
14 agreement countries. These are beyond the areas that we
15 have trade agreements.

16 The export of natural gas is not considered to be
17 a necessity and it's not consistent with the public
18 interest. We in the Sierra Club strongly oppose these
19 pipelines for a number of reasons and we would like to ask
20 you to not approve these pipelines.

21 Thank you so much.

22 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you. Third speaker is Jeff
23 Kamen.

24 (Appause.)

25 MR. KAMEN: Good evening. I'd like to thank the

1 members of the Commission who have journeyed all the way
2 here from Washington, D.C. It's a shame that they won't
3 give you enough time --

4 MR. BOWMAN: I'm sorry, could you spell your last
5 name real quick?

6 MR. KAMEN: I'm sorry, it's Kamen, K-a-m-e-n.

7 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

8 MR. KAMEN: First name Jeff.

9 It's really unfortunate that you guys won't have
10 time to spend time here in this part of central Virginia and
11 get to know our people and others, because once you do, you
12 really get it.

13 We live a life here that has been blessed by God
14 with beauty, clarity, quiet, unusual respect, and trust.
15 Unfortunately the FERC process flies in the face of all of
16 that.

17 You would think after hearing the opening
18 declaration by FERC, and it's not his fault, that's what
19 he's assigned to read, is that they're really here to
20 safeguard us. They're not. If you read closely what
21 they're all about, they're here to facilitate pipelines
22 across America. Once you understand that, you get to really
23 think through the whole process. What's going on here?

24 The gentle way to say that is that we have
25 arrived, with our investigative team to find that the fox

1 has been assigned to guard the hen house. And those of us
2 who live in Buckingham understand that you don't assign the
3 fox to guard the hen house unless you want the hens eaten
4 one by one, which is why the time will probably come in this
5 process when those of us who understand what's at stake here
6 will chain ourselves, with our neighbors to the fences to
7 their property. It isn't enough to be kind and generous
8 when the process moves down the road and they try to destroy
9 the environment.

10 They'll say that's not what it's about, I have a
11 minute and 17 seconds to finish this, so let me try to do it
12 very briefly.

13 Before I moved to Buckingham, and by the way, I'm
14 a member of the Sierra Club, so all three generations of my
15 family that lives in Buckingham, and why is that? Because
16 Sierra has got it right. The government, unfortunately, has
17 a problem.

18 By the way, there are other government agencies
19 that have it right. They have little budget, but their job
20 is to log in on all the pipeline related incidents. More
21 than 500 last year, nine deaths, 44 serious injuries. They
22 should say it.

23 Well, no. I spent a long career in journalism,
24 more than 25 years, studying and reporting on terrorism. I
25 can tell you this, from everything I've read, Dominion and

1 the government have done nothing to shield this community
2 from the potential impact of a terrorist attack on the
3 compressor station or the pipeline. Think about it. We are
4 in a time of rising terrorist danger in America and across
5 the world, and they're going to give them a big, fat, juicy,
6 ugly target. And don't kid yourself. If that happens, it
7 won't be a localized problem on somebody else's property, it
8 will affect you.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you. The fourth speaker is
12 Joe Abbate.

13 MR. ABBATE: Thank you very much for the
14 opportunity to speak. I'm Joe Abbate. I represent the
15 Yogaville Community --

16 MR. BOWMAN: Please spell your last name, please?

17 MR. ABBATE: Huh?

18 MR. BOWMAN: Can you spell your name, please?

19 MR. ABBATE: A-b-b-a-t-e.

20 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

21 MR. ABBATE: Okay. I represent the Yogaville
22 Community Association. Everyone who would like a gas
23 pipeline in your backyard, against your will, please raise
24 your hand.

25 (Showing of hands.)

1 (Laughter.)

2 MR. ABBATE: Okay. We have a few. I just wanted
3 to get that on the record that there was, out of about 300
4 there was a couple hands raised.

5 Now, the construction of the pipeline and
6 compressor station greatly impacts the necessary peace and
7 quiet and pure environment necessary for our community's
8 ongoing religious practice, meditation, yoga exercises, and
9 we attract yoga students and teachers coming for training to
10 enjoy that atmosphere. Their contributions to our nonprofit
11 religious organization allow us to exist. We have been a
12 thriving organization in Buckingham County, growing 50
13 percent over the past five years. We have 10,000 students
14 worldwide who come, get trained, go out and provide yoga all
15 over the world. Our center is key to their service and
16 their training.

17 Construction would impact the Yogaville
18 community's rural roads, highways, restricting necessary
19 access for guests, teachers, and our own personnel that are
20 building homes in our community, impacting our own village
21 development and impacting our services. We recommend
22 postponement and the development of a joint mitigation plan
23 involving Yogaville and Dominion at the very least.

24 We also would like a third-party objective
25 economic study of the potential costs to our community and

1 Buckingham County so that we could preserve whatever growth
2 of business is occurring there and preserve our Yogaville
3 brand and we would feel that it's only fair that Dominion
4 would be happy to compensate us for all damages to our
5 ongoing services.

6 We have not had the time to conduct our own
7 detailed economic impact since we've had an alternative
8 draft thrown at us very quickly. And we think that is
9 unfair and we should, just as you have your own impact
10 study, have our own.

11 The super compressor station has the potential
12 for great damage, pollution, fire, of course, but Dominion's
13 capability would preserve some of this to a certain degree.
14 We've seen that there are still leaks, there are still
15 fires, and they are put out through various mitigation
16 techniques.

17 The recent announcement from the White House and
18 EPA on January 14th noted additional methane and VOC
19 emissions of upward to 40 percent more than previously ever
20 measured along the pipeline, which is buried, and at the
21 compressor station. We would like to see --

22 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired, sir.

23 MR. ABBATE: We would like to see this postponed
24 until these EPA guidelines could be incorporated. Thank you
25 very much.

1 (Applause.)

2 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number five is Chad Oba.

3 MS. OBA: My name is Chad Oba, I reside in
4 Buckingham County and I'm deeply concerned about the impact
5 of ACP proposed by Dominion Resources on my county, my
6 neighbors and on my own personal residence.

7 I am particularly concerned with the proposed
8 siting of the compressor station and the adverse effects it
9 will have on human health and quality of life. I live in a
10 neighborhood of largely lower income and/or African American
11 people, many of whom are elderly and at risk for negative
12 health effects from the compressor station.

13 Although Dominion has assured me at a public
14 meeting held in Nelson County that there will be no
15 mitigation measures -- that there will be mitigation
16 measures in place to offset the toxic emissions that
17 aggravate and contribute to problematic health conditions I
18 found through research and communications with other
19 citizens who live near compressor stations, some that were
20 recently built or contracted to be built by Dominion that
21 this has not been their experience.

22 It is not my intent here to elaborate on that
23 because I would use all of my five minutes and more.

24 My concern is that to me this is an environment
25 justice issue of huge proportions. It is indeed distressing

1 to me that human health and the quality of life for all
2 people is hardly being considered and seems to be such a
3 small part of the environmental impact statement. This is
4 about humanity as well as all the other environmental issues
5 that may be spoken up here and that have been submitted to
6 you already and passed and in future comments.

7 According to a National Institutes of Health
8 Study published in 2011, African Americans and lower income
9 populations are much more likely to live in areas with the
10 quote/unquote, worst air quality, leaving them at risk for a
11 number of conditions that can be directly linked to methane
12 and other emissions from gas pipelines and compressor
13 stations.

14 The quality goals set forth under the National
15 Environmental Policy Act identify procedures to address
16 environmental justice concerns to ensure for all Americans
17 safe, healthful, productive, and aesthetically and
18 culturally pleasing surroundings. A compressor station does
19 not give you that.

20 To attain the widest range of beneficial uses of
21 the environment without degradation, risks to health or
22 safety or other undesirable or unintended consequences, to
23 preserve important historic, cultural, and natural aspects
24 of our natural heritage and maintain wherever possible an
25 environment that supports diversity and a variety of

1 individual choice and to achieve a balance between
2 population and resource use which will permit high standards
3 of living and a wide sharing of life's amenities.

4 This proposed ACP proposed project will
5 significantly affect the quality of life for all who live
6 near the pipeline and the compressor station. There's no
7 doubt about that.

8 And I talk about -- I'm not going to have time
9 for all of this. Agencies are further directed to identify
10 potential effects, mitigation measures in consultation with
11 affected communities and to improve the accessibility of
12 meetings, documents, and notices. This has simply not
13 happened. This was mentioned earlier by --

14 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired.

15 MS. OBA: Can I just end it?

16 MR. BOWMAN: No, I'm sorry, your time is expired.

17 Thank you.

18 MS. OBA: Thank you very much.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number six is Dhyani

21 Simonine.

22 MS. SIMONINE: My golly, you said that well. I'd
23 like to address -- I'm from Friends of Buckingham and also
24 from Yogaville -- to the important resources that are being
25 affected by the Atlantic Coast Pipeline in either -- first

1 saw the route corridor that we received and the alternate.
2 This is a very sensitive area. It is absolutely full of
3 native American cultural remnants. It has six native
4 American towns buried and also Souixian burial grounds.
5 Youngville itself has a Souixian burial ground. The kinds
6 of archeological expeditions which have been held by all
7 major universities, UVA, William and Mary, Longwood, all the
8 ones in the area, have found artifacts and such of a
9 collection that there were 20,000 artifacts in one
10 collection. Your machines will be stalled all the time
11 because you'll have to stop to have an archeologist come in
12 to see what kinds of things have been uprooted now.

13 Also, the James River is a major, major
14 historical resource recreationally and historically. And
15 this is a fact that you may not know, there is resolution
16 number 44 which was voted unanimously by both the delegates
17 and the senate in 1988 establishing the area from Lynchburg
18 to the falls of Richmond as a protected area for development
19 of historical resources. Part of that resolution reads,
20 "Will enhance the cultural heritage of the cities, towns,
21 and counties along the river banks and serve as an example
22 to other regions and states. Resolved by the House of
23 Delegates, the Senate concurring that 148 miles of the James
24 River from the Waterworks down in Lynchburg to the foot of
25 the falls in Richmond, including the James River and Canala

1 Canal, henceforth recognized as the James River Bento
2 Vestible Trail." And this has vital importance in promoting
3 the history of Virginia. They also give accolades to the
4 nation's first operating canal system whose elected
5 president was George Washington.

6 You will find buried in the bottom of this river
7 sluices, dams, all sorts of fisheries and canal systems
8 which lifted the level of the water where it could operate.

9 So this is going to be another very unfortunate
10 idea of drilling underneath the James River and putting
11 pipelines underneath.

12 Thank you very much for your attention and thank
13 you for taking our comments.

14 (Applause.)

15 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you. Our seventh speaker is
16 Swami Jyotirmayananda.

17 MS. JYOTIRMAYANANDA: Good evening. You will see
18 here --

19 MR. BOWMAN: Can you spell that one for me?

20 MS. JYOTIRMAYANANADA: This might take all night,
21 but I'll try.

22 MR. BOWMAN: I won't count you on the time.

23 MS. JYOTIRMAYANANADA:

24 J-y-o-t-i-r-m-a-y-a-n-a-n-d-a.

25 MR. BOWMAN: Thanks.

1 MS. JYOTIRMAYANANADA: There you go. So you will
2 see here an image of the Lotus Shrine, Universal Shrine at
3 Yogaville in Buckingham, Virginia. This was taken at our
4 25th anniversary of the shrine.

5 Thank you, Jean. Thank you. Could you hold that
6 up again? Stay up a little longer.

7 So I would like to share with you from our 20th
8 anniversary of the Universal Shrine a letter from the
9 Commonwealth of Virginia, Office of the Governor.

10 "Dear Friends, On behalf of the citizens of the
11 Commonwealth of Virginia I offer my heartiest
12 congratulations to the members of the Yogaville Community as
13 a light of Truth Universal Shrine Lotus and Buckingham
14 celebrates its 20th anniversary. Since 1986 Lotus has
15 worked to promote interfaith understanding and world peace.
16 Through these two decades Lotus has become a place where
17 spiritual leaders and other visitors from across Virginia
18 and the world can gather to participate in interfaith
19 services and celebrate the idea of spiritual unity and
20 diversity. Lotus serves as a living monument to its founder,
21 Reverend Swami Saatchi Dayananda whose goal of promoting
22 interfaith dialect and cooperation has become a vital part
23 of the Commonwealth.

24 Countless people have benefitted from the
25 existence of this center for teaching and learning. I wish

1 to thank the Yogaville community, the Lotus advisory council
2 for the excellent work that they do and for bringing people
3 of all faiths together in such a positive manner.

4 Congratulations on this historical achievement and best
5 wishes for many years of continued success and blessings.

6 Sincerely, Timothy M. Kane."

7 My part was setting up the interfaith displays on
8 the lower level of the shrine assisted by the Smithsonian in
9 Washington, D.C. The upper level has a central, as high as
10 the ceiling that splits off into 12 rays going over each
11 altar *scripture of the faith.

12 We have about 10,000 visitors each year that come
13 to Lotus for prayer, meditation, healing and education.
14 Just recently we opened another Lotus in India, India and
15 the only other one I know about is outside of New Delhi
16 sponsored by the Pi faith. So these are unique interfaith
17 monuments in the world and very few. There are, of course a
18 few in small chapels in airports and hospitals. So this is
19 a very unique shrine we have in Buckingham County and it
20 deserves all our protection.

21 Even --

22 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired.

23 MS. JYOTIRMAYANADA: Oh, okay.

24 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number eight is Swami
2 Dayananda.

3 MS. DAYANANDA: My name is Swami Dayananda,
4 D-a-y-a-n-a-n-d-a. I am one of the 15 monks. Three of my
5 other sisters are here tonight.

6 Before I begin to speak, especially -- I just
7 want to share with you all that I stand in support with all
8 of the people from Buckingham and Prince Edward Counties
9 that are here in opposition to the pipeline.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. DAYANANDA: I would like to talk about the
12 educational and cultural services that we do at the Ashram
13 or Yogaville because those are very greatly compromised by
14 ACP a project by Dominion. As you hear, Yogaville is a
15 religious community or a religious nonprofit organization
16 and that is an international headquarters also for many
17 centers around the world. One of my services is to train
18 and certify yoga teachers.

19 We have probably trained and certified many, many
20 thousands of teachers who go out and contribute to the
21 health and well-being of older people, many, many people.
22 But the research I've done and the research that I've read
23 on pipeline and a compressor station make me very
24 uncomfortable that those things would be near our teaching
25 facilities and near to anyone, in fact.

1 They would disrupt our educational and cultural
2 activities. We also invite many yoga teachers of other
3 schools. One example is Richard Miller who offers yoga for
4 veterans who are suffering from post-traumatic stress
5 syndrome. Walter Reed Hospitals has offered his programs.
6 So we are wishing to really help promote and contribute
7 toward the health and well being of all people. That's what
8 we are about. Not just doing yoga for our own selves, and
9 staying in a comfortable peaceful place. We want to serve.
10 Our motto is love all, serve all. And this is what we wish
11 to achieve at Yogaville.

12 We have a plan to build on our ground Louts
13 University also. We also have a fine arts society that
14 teaches classical music -- Indian school, Indian dance, we
15 have summer -- children's summer camp. Pipeline and
16 compressor station I feel really threatens these beautiful
17 programs.

18 We have others who are here tonight. We teach
19 yoga education, yoga philosophy. They learn vegetarian food
20 and so on. Anyway, we are trying to live, peaceful, useful,
21 eastern life. We wouldlike FERC to please study impact
22 study on foreign education and cultural aspect for our life.

23 Thank you very much.

24 (Applause.)

25 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

1 Our ninth speaker is Swami Priyaanada.

2 MS. PRIYAANADA: Good evening. Thank you so much
3 for coming to our beautiful county and our lovely state.
4 And Happy Saint Patrick's Day.

5 I am here because I live -- I was born and raised
6 and educated in West Virginia. I live in Virginia and I
7 have family all the way down to North Carolina. So the
8 whole scope of this pipeline really concerns my heart.

9 I currently serve as the archivist of Saki
10 Dayananda Ashram, and I am on the energy task force there.
11 As the archivist, I contacted the national archives back in
12 the '90s to explain who Saki Dayananda was, the scope of his
13 work and after doing so the curator said, "Young lady, you
14 have a national treasure there. Take very good care of it."
15 And we have been doing our best to preserve this archives
16 and also now the University of Virginia has come forth and
17 asked to incorporate the lotus, Swami Saki Dayananda's
18 interfaith work and the teachings of yoga in their special
19 collection. So we feel we have something special here and
20 one thing that might show you the greatness of that, this is
21 a picture, some of you may not know who the back of this
22 person is, if you aren't from Yogaville. But most of you
23 will probably know who all of these people are sitting in
24 that vast area. This is Woodstock, 1966 and the gentleman
25 sitting there is Swami Saki Dayananda. He opened the

1 Woodstock Festival.

2 At that time he said, Rashni Gandhi, the grandson
3 of Mahout Gandhi asked him, "What's happening in America?"
4 And he said, "America has been leading the world in the
5 material field and now it is time for them to lead the world
6 in the spiritual field." And that is what we have been
7 trying to do at Yogaville over all of this period of time.
8 And we feel that part of that spiritual work has to do with
9 how we take care of our mother earth.

10 The state of Massachusetts now has 350 of its 351
11 cities in solar energy. They have created 100,000 jobs
12 there.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. PRIYAANADA: And there are 6,000 firms
15 involved in that great state. We want that here in
16 Virginia. We will change our cars. We will put solar
17 panels, we want the opportunity to have clean energy because
18 as the Secretary of State said in his recent remarks in
19 Washington, there is no planet B.

20 Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you. I do want to just mention
23 please don't interrupt the speaker while they're talking. I
24 hate to have their time be taken away from, you know,
25 audible agreement or disagreement.

1 Speaker number ten is Katie Register.

2 MS. REGISTER: Hello, my name is Katie Register.

3 I am a landowner in Prince Edward County and I'd like to
4 support that last comment. There is no planet B, that's for
5 sure.

6 Dominion proposes to build this pipeline through
7 the land my husband and I own. As a landowner I must say
8 that Dominion's handling of this project thus far has
9 inspired no confidence in the process. As an earlier
10 speaker mentioned, trust is a critical part of our
11 community.

12 I am concerned about many things. I am concerned
13 about accidents with gas lines. I'm concerned with the
14 ability of our rural community's emergency preparedness to
15 handle any said emergencies if they come up as they did in
16 Appomattox a few years ago. I am concerned about the
17 constitutionality of the law in Virginia that allows gas
18 companies to trespass on private property. I am concerned
19 about the environmental impacts of the pipeline on streams
20 and on water quality. There are more than 70 freshwater
21 muscels, these are related to clams and oysters, fresh water
22 that are found in Virginia's rivers and streams. It's one
23 of the, between West Virginia and Virginia, most fresh water
24 muscels on earth are found in this rare part of our planet.

25 About half of those 70 species in Virginia are

1 rare, threatened, or endangered with extinction mostly
2 because of habitat loss. Some of these muscles have been
3 documented in the Appomattox River which flows through
4 Farmville.

5 I want assurances that fresh water muscles
6 surveys will be completed on each and every river and stream
7 that this pipeline proposes to impact, even the tiny,
8 first-order streams which are incredibly important aquatic
9 habitats. And I know for a fact that many of the streams in
10 Virginia have not ever been surveyed for these rare and
11 endangered muscles.

12 I pay taxes on my land, but more importantly I
13 love my land, I take care of it, and I feel I should be able
14 to determine who does or does not come onto our land.

15 I further urge FERC to require that pipelines, if
16 allowed, must be built on current easements to the extent
17 possible.

18 Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

21 Our next speaker is Mayor Patricia Alexander.

22 I'm going to need each of your names if you're
23 going to be --

24 MS. ALEXANDER: Why don't you just write Patricia
25 Alexander, that's one of my legal names. That will do.

1 That will do.

2 Thank you for coming and listening to our
3 comments. Appreciate it very much. It's lovely to see
4 everybody here. I'm going to sing a little song and if you
5 know the chorus, of course, you can join in.

6 (Singing This Land is Your Land.)

7 (Applause.)

8 (Singing Oh Beautiful.)

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. ALEXANDER: Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

13 The next speaker is John Clemons.

14 MR. CLEMONS: Thank you. I'd like to suggest
15 that if this fracking continues that possibly a power
16 station could be built right at the site of the fracking
17 which would reduce or maybe even eliminate the need for the
18 pipeline and the power would be sent across the existing
19 grid. That's one suggestion.

20 The other suggestion is that I really support the
21 idea of looking for existing easements using railroad lines,
22 power lines, existing gas pipeline routes, highway
23 easements, any other easements that are previously granted
24 and built. Partner with other energy companies, gas
25 companies, railroads, V-DOT, federal highway personnel,

1 county and state governments to find the least intrusive
2 route that has the most impact on -- that has the least
3 impact on the environment and the citizens.

4 Railroads are probably going to experience a
5 large drop in revenue as utilities change from coal to gas.
6 So railroads might welcome sharing their line easements to
7 regain some revenue. Cooperative routing could make this
8 line installation a model for the entire nation.

9 Thank you very much.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. BOWMAN: Reverend Parman Basel.

12 REV. BASEL: Right. I'm an integral yoga
13 minister. My wife and I lived in Yogaville for the past
14 30-some years. I first of all want to say that I'm not only
15 concerned about Yogaville, and I want to strongly endorse
16 the suggestions of the Sierra Club and that Joe Abbate made
17 about restarting the scoping process because of the very
18 late changes that were made by Dominion's proposals. You
19 know, the whole thing from one end to the other, fracking,
20 pipeline compressor stations, I oppose completely for anyone
21 anywhere along those routes. I hate the idea of being
22 complicit in fracking which has been found to be -- has been
23 made to be illegal in New York state most recently, in
24 Canada, in many places in Europe, and many other states and
25 counties in the United States. And by endorsing or allowing

1 the pipeline to come through that's largely counting fracked
2 natural gas, which is one of the most destructive processes
3 on the planet, and it destroys property rights and health
4 and human life, we are automatically complicit in that. So
5 I oppose that.

6 Now, as to Yogaville. It is amazing and shocking
7 that the latest route is 1.1 miles from Yogaville. This is
8 one of the gems of the entire planet. It's the biggest
9 tourist attraction by far in Buckingham County. I'm not
10 saying that everything else isn't beautiful and wonderful
11 and we love everyone. But this is land that as was said,
12 10,000 people a year come through for teacher training, for
13 retreats, for silent retreats, instruction and meditation,
14 and the yoga that is taught there is not your corner-store
15 yoga. This is the yoga that's used by Dr. Dean Hornish, the
16 most famous doctor who proved that heart disease can be
17 reversed, uses integral yoga which is taught at Yogaville.
18 This is why so many people come there. Lotus is unique. A
19 great botanist from NIH came down a few years back and said
20 that he was going to write his final book on the medicinal
21 plants growing on Yogaville along its streams.

22 We are very afraid, not just in some sort of
23 vague, aesthetic way. If we look at the data from other
24 counties, where there have been pipelines and compressor
25 stations, there are leaks, there are accidents, the

1 compressor stations vent toxic gas, and they actually state
2 that the lengths of time that they're going to give for
3 notifications to surrounding schools, to pregnant women.
4 This is from Dominion themselves and companies like them.
5 So there's no doubt that this stuff is toxic. So how much
6 of a risk do you want to take?

7 And the noise pollution from them is a huge
8 concern. If the pristine quiet, the clear, clean air and
9 ware are disturbed, basically we've lost our way of life.
10 And I ask that FERC --

11 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired.

12 REV. BASEL: -- look to your conscience and think
13 would I recommend this for my own family, for my own mother
14 and pass that message on to the FERC Commissioners if you
15 have the ability to pass a message like that. I want them
16 to look to their hearts --

17 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired, please

18 REV. BASEL: -- one brave person --

19 MR. BOWMAN: Sir? Thank you.

20 (Appause.)

21 REV. BASEL: One honest person.

22 (Appause.)

23 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is Marie Flowers.

24 MS. FLOWERS: Hi, I live in Buckingham County and
25 I live nowhere near Yogaville. I became interested in the

1 pipeline because I'm very much against fracking and I've
2 learned a lot.

3 Anyway, these are some of the areas that I'm
4 concerned about. The area that I live in, the pipeline will
5 intersect with the Columbia pipeline somewhere close by.

6 Secondly, I went to a meeting sponsored by
7 Dominion. The spokes people said that natural gas coming
8 through the pipeline is for domestic consumption. I believe
9 there is a processing plant being constructed at Cove Point
10 in Maryland and Dominion has contracts to sell gas to India
11 and perhaps other Asian countries and I feel we have been
12 lied to.

13 Thirdly, I have received some research which
14 states many environmental and safety regulations such as
15 coal ash stored in the Chesapeake energy center and highly
16 toxic chemicals are being leached into the waterways. And
17 I'm assuming that this research is correct because if they
18 were false Dominion would have many lawsuits. And even
19 though the fracking is not happening in Virginia, I believe
20 we all live on the same planet and I'm just as concerned
21 about people that live in West Virginia or Mississippi to
22 have a clean environment and clean water to drink.

23 And thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 MR. BOWMAN: Number 15, James Armstrong.

1 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, James Armstrong. As with so
2 many things in life, the environment is the only -- this is
3 the only environment we have, so you have to do the right
4 thing just because it's the right thing to do. There are no
5 second chances.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. BOWMAN: Marie Gillespie?

8 MS. GILLESPIE: That's Gillespie, G-i double
9 l-e-s-p-i-e. Good evening to the moderator and to other
10 representatives of FERC. My name is Marie Gillespie and I
11 along with my husband Silas are residents, landowners, and
12 home owners in Buckingham County, one of the most beautiful,
13 peaceful, tranquil, and friendly places in the United States
14 of America.

15 We relocated here from a major metropolis 20
16 years ago after vacationing and visiting with friends over
17 the years. We were drawn by the pristine environment. We
18 liked the atmosphere and the clean air and refreshing water.
19 Now after this pipeline coming I've done some research and I
20 discovered the hazards mainly of a compressor station, the
21 negative effect on the air, water, and soil. I was aghast
22 that my paradise was to be involved without my consent,
23 limited notification and seemingly no concern for the health
24 and well-being of my family and myself.

25 I acknowledge that there might be some economic

1 benefits to our county, but I'm concerned about the quality
2 of life of the significant number of residents, many black,
3 and many low-income who are greatly compromised. I'm
4 concerned about the fact that presently we have a number of
5 elderly and several residents with chronic illnesses that
6 will only be aggravated by the noise and the gas emissions
7 and other factors associated with the compressor station.

8 Many years ago my college health education
9 professor helped us to understand that health is a quality
10 of one's response to life's situations. Well, the union
11 mill and the Store Road Community is entering to an
12 unhealthy phase of life already even before the construction
13 of the compressor station. Neighbors are experiencing
14 already sleepless nights, headaches, elevated blood pressure
15 and depression. And one neighbor has even been hesitant
16 about leaving her home for fear that when she comes home
17 someone will be digging on her land.

18 The problem exhibited by me and other residents
19 of the community are a small measure to which we understand
20 will occur if the compressor station is built in our front
21 and back yards. Reports from other states bear this out.
22 Residents of New York have shown that -- have reported that
23 the blow-down events of the venting caused by contaminants
24 in the air and water within 15 miles of Morgan Station.
25 They further report that these blow downs have happened up

1 to four times in one week causing the surrounding air to
2 smell like rotten eggs that actually burn when inhaled.

3 In addition to my concern for our health, we are
4 also concerned about the economic devaluation of our home
5 because of its proximity to the planned compressor station.
6 How can I, my family, community look forward to a lifetime
7 of good health when we are subjected to the emissions of
8 methane, nitrous oxide, and other gases and the quiet taken
9 away. Have we made a terrible choice in choosing Buckingham
10 County to spend our golden years?

11 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is expired.

12 MS. GILLESPIE: Thank you.

13 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 MR. BOWMAN: Reverend Paul M. Wilson.

16 REV. WILSON: Thank you. My name is Reverend
17 Paul M. Wilson. I am a proud member of the Friends of
18 Buckingham. I live in Amelia County and serve as pastor of
19 Union Hill Baptist Church which is located on Union Hill
20 Road here in Buckingham and the Union Road Missionary
21 Baptist Church which is located on Shelter Store Road in
22 Buckingham. Our churches are about one mile apart and I
23 wanted to inform you that the compressor station will be
24 within a mile or so of both of our churches.

25 Okay. Hold on. Oh, I've been a pastor in

1 Buckingham for more than 16 years and I'm in Buckingham
2 County two to three times a week at a minimum. We have a
3 membership between both of the churches of somewhere around
4 300.

5 I also own and operate funeral homes in
6 Southside, Virginia and we serve Buckingham County as well.
7 I also today represent the United Baptist Association of
8 Central Virginia and the Women's Missionary Education
9 Convention located in Buckingham County. Reverend Mary
10 Duncan is our moderator and Ms. Merritt is our convention
11 president. I am the immediate past moderator of the
12 aforementioned association and current board member. Our
13 association represents 23 Baptist churches in Buckingham
14 County, boasting a membership of more than 4,000 members.
15 We adopted a resolution which is a company in opposition of
16 the proposed pipeline and pumping station for the following
17 reasons: Land and property devaluation, eminent domain
18 issues, health hazards, potential risks, the inconvenience
19 and anticipated noise levels of the pumping station, the
20 lack of meaningful and gainful employment to the local
21 citizens, the negative impact on our churches and culture,
22 risks of destroying natural habitats for animals and
23 wetlands, destroying communities and families, and other
24 impacts too numerous to mention, and there are already
25 mentioned or will be expressed by others.

1 We see no immediate benefit to our area.
2 Dominion is simply asking us to sell our heritage and
3 renounce our birth rights to sort of be like Judas Iscariot
4 of the Holy Bible, kiss what we know to be true and sell out
5 for 30 pieces of silver. And once realizing what is to be
6 and what may be done, to commit suicide as Judas did. Or
7 simply for us or rather community genocide. This is being
8 done -- the pipeline, for financial gain for others and
9 brings no more than destruction and ruin to our community
10 and way of life.

11 Is it the money, or is it about the quality of
12 life? The money or quality of life?

13 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired.

14 (Applause.)

15 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number 18, Mercedes
16 Villaman.

17 MS. VILLAMAN: My name is Mercedes Villaman. I
18 live in Yogaville since 1999. Take a deep breath --
19 attention to our breathing. That's what we learned there.
20 1999 I arrive there with my broken heart and wings and there
21 was yoga people, there was Buckingham, not only Yogaville,
22 but the people of Buckingham. We've been together there.
23 Yogaville offers a source of employment. And
24 another way that you will get together the Baptists, the
25 mentorists and it is like a safe haven not only for the

1 10,000 that come every year, for us. I have \$500 and I
2 bought that land. That was my only thing that I have, the
3 land that they want to put the pipe through. It has a
4 sycamore creek over there which is a tributary. So passing
5 that pipe over there imagine what's going to happen.

6 The other creeks in other lands, I don't know,
7 but I would have to guess. And then the process we know is
8 not for us. I am thinking, well, you know, I'm using gas.
9 I feel like I'm kind of responsible for this little thing.
10 I'm trying to put up solar energy and I'm right now
11 scratching every penny because I'm going to go for it. I'm
12 only on Social Security and that land is the only thing that
13 I have in my life. Amazed, I come to America and become a
14 senior -- how do you call it, American citizen from out of,
15 you know, a dictatorship and here, here I am people with
16 money come to my land and say, "you have to give it to me
17 because I can." My vote, I don't know if I should use it,
18 but I still believe that when I pledge allegiance to the
19 flat of the United States of America and to defend the
20 constitution, this constitution is and was present. And
21 they want to take the only thing that I have, and the only
22 community that I'm going to retire to my two granddaughter
23 and my daughter have benefit there. We have been together
24 like a family there and the way you put it is like that.
25 Wow, I should have not used gas because now I'm like a --

1 yes, I should --

2 (Laughter.)

3 MS. VILLAMAN: -- so, you know, I don't agree
4 with the others. You say, what, that's the tree? So you
5 want to pass the bag so even if I don't get the --you going
6 to just stick the pipe through our land.

7 (Laughter.)

8 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is expired.

9 MS. VILLAMAN: Thank you so much. And for those
10 roots that doesn't go and get your money anyway.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 19 is Mike Huntley.

13 MR. HUNTLEY: Howdy. I am Mike Huntley,
14 H-u-n-t-l-e-y. I live on the proposed bypass. At present I
15 get maybe two gallons of water a minute in my well. I fear
16 any type of construction may affect that. I have neighbors
17 who do not even get one gallon a minute. We're all
18 terrified what this going to do to our water. There's also
19 wetlands on both sides of my property. The sycamore creek,
20 my -- and I'm not from here -- crick.

21 (Laughter.)

22 MR. HUNTLEY: It's the source of the Sycamore
23 River. It's one of the few creeks that run begin in
24 Buckingham and run into the James. They want to build right
25 beside this creek.

1 I went to Nelson County the other day and I found
2 my home is not even on the map and the pipeline is 400 feet
3 from my front door, 350 from my barn. I have an 1800 square
4 foot log home. I have a 40 by 40 foot barn and out
5 building. It's nowhere on the maps that the pipeline folks
6 had at Nelson County High School not too long ago, a week or
7 so ago. Kind of shocked at that.

8 I worked hard all my life, this is my dream home,
9 this is my serenity, I put everything I have in building
10 this home. I'm a 100-percent disabled United States Marine.
11 I fought in 1968. I'm standing here shaking like a leaf and
12 I won't sleep tonight and I darn sure won't sleep if this
13 pipeline goes through.

14 I went back there to be left alone. My home is
15 gated, it's posted, it's my land. Never did I think that a
16 bunch of American businessmen could take my land, and I find
17 this appalling. I find it an insult and it's disgraceful
18 what they're doing to not only me, but my neighbors. Thank
19 you.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number 20 is Lee Morrison.

22 MS. MORRISON: My official name is Victoria Lee
23 Morrison, M-o-r-r-i-s-o-n. The alternate route is not
24 designed to go across my land, the land in my name. But
25 it's going to cross my husband's land. It's going to cross

1 the land where I live. This is very, very distressing.
2 This is such a nightmare. The water issue, especially. I
3 have a well on my land, a strong two gallons, well, that's
4 wonderful. I have a rental property there, I have to tell
5 people not to wash two loads of laundry and take a shower at
6 the same time.

7 I have a neighbor right next door who have
8 grandchildren that come to visit and they ask her if they
9 can flush the toilet. This is the United States of America
10 where people should be able to flush their toilets every
11 time. In fact, it's encouraged.

12 (Laughter.)

13 MS. MORRISON: That's kind of the level of safety
14 that we cherish and it's diminished by this kind of
15 activity.

16 I'm terrified for what's going to happen with our
17 well, and what's going to happen with my rental property.
18 Who would want to rent a property close to this dangerous
19 situation?

20 I don't have prepared notes, I just have great
21 fears and a request that the study period be extended, that
22 all voices are heard. I know I traveled almost an hour to
23 get here as did most of the people in this room because we
24 don't have a voice near our house. And most of the people
25 that live in Buckingham County don't have the resources or

1 the energy to skip their dinner, feed their dogs early, get
2 in their car and spend the gas money to come this far for
3 something that they fear will happen anyway. I don't even
4 want to say that out loud. But that's the truth of it.

5 Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

8 Speaker 21 is Taylor Harvie.

9 MR. HARVIE: Thank you, sir. T-a-y-l-o-r
10 H-a-r-v-i-e. Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name
11 is Taylor Harvie, I'm the County Administrator in Amelia.
12 Except for four years away at college, I've lived my entire
13 life on the home farm in Amelia.

14 In full disclosure, I want to state that this
15 pipeline is not planned currently to go through Amelia
16 County. It passes just to the west of us. But that having
17 been said, we're in full support of the project in general
18 knowing that lots of details will need to be ironed out to
19 lessen the adverse impact on individual landowners.

20 Amelia citizens, its economic development efforts
21 and those of the greater region will benefit if the line is
22 constructed. A large percentage of economic development
23 calls -- Amelia need natural gas. Without that we are
24 simply not competitive. Amelia will work to bring the line
25 into the county if the route brings it close in proximity.

1 I'd also like to point out that the Plantation Petroleum
2 Pipeline was constructed in Amelia County 50 years ago and
3 has been in continuous operation ever since. Our
4 agriculture and our rural way of life have not suffered.

5 Thank you.

6 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

7 Speaker number 22 is Quinn Robinson.

8 MR. ROBINSON: Yes, pardon me. Quinn Robinson,
9 R-o-b-i-n-s-o-n. I hate to disagree with what the previous
10 speaker said, but anyone who seriously studied this, there's
11 no economic benefit for most of Virginia or for Buckingham
12 County in particular.

13 I live in Buckingham County in an area called
14 Andersonville. The pipeline is planned to come through one
15 of my fields. This property has been in the family since
16 1852. I retired ten years ago for reasons of health to
17 restore and fix up the farm and I didn't anticipate this. I
18 don't want to share my property with Dominion and I will not
19 do so. They will have to force me. And I don't think they
20 want to deal with that. You don't screw around with old,
21 sick people.

22 (Laughter.)

23 MR. ROBINSON: You can get pretty desperate and
24 who knows what will happen. But this is one of the ones
25 that endorsed this project. It's a big mistake. And for me

1 and the board of supervisors go through some prayer and they
2 have the pledge of allegiance, and every time I hear the
3 words, "liberty and justice for all" that kind of thing,
4 this is not in any way acceptable and there's no way this is
5 justice, and I think that the Virginians voted several years
6 ago to put an end to the eminent domain, taking private
7 property for purposes not related to the public welfare.
8 That should be respected.

9 And in terms of FERC, I don't know exactly what
10 you're doing. You don't seem to be regulating much of
11 anything. You're enabling these people. And when we go to
12 these meetings, the open house, and some of you have been
13 there, you know, there's no coherent information exchanged.
14 It's just an extension of the intimidation and coercion that
15 goes on between Dominion's representatives and those
16 landowners getting these letters. And every time you have
17 to write them you have to have it certified, so it's like
18 \$6-7 a shot just to say no. And I said it four or five
19 times, but they keep on writing. And you really want to
20 authorize these people to build a pipeline when they can't
21 get their system addressed to who and what and when.

22 I'm not really sure why we're here. If half of
23 what I've learned since they started pestering me early last
24 year, I guess in June, if half of it is true about the
25 hazards of the people and the toxic chemicals, then this is

1 a no-brainer. You could close it down right now, tell it to
2 go away. We don't need it and they want it. And whenever
3 any issue comes forward like this, it's who is in control
4 and in whose interest. This is certainly not in ours. And
5 I hope very seriously that fracking will be outlawed
6 nationally within ten years and then this will be just a bad
7 dream. Please, put an end to this.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you. Speaker 23 is Ronald
10 Reames.

11 MR. REAMES: First of all, if that song comes out
12 on CD, I would like to have a copy.

13 (Laughter.) (Applause.)

14 MR. REAMES: My name is Ronald Reames. I've been
15 a citizen of Prince Edward County for over 30 years now,
16 landowner in the district. I have a cattle farm and this is
17 coming right through the middle of it. I've tried to work
18 with Dominion on this thing, trying to get some answers and
19 they basically just keep saying eminent domain which, you
20 know, you all can more or less give them a free ticket
21 through it, I guess. But I want to know what I'm going to
22 get out of this? This is land that we cleaned up by hand
23 and we will leave to our children. And I'm not getting any
24 answers out of Dominion. All I'm getting is people coming
25 out there and survey, and whatnot.

1 As a truck driver, I've seen the wrath of this
2 thing from up in South Hill, Brunswick County and all the
3 way up to Red Cliff 57. Let me tell you something, you all
4 need to drive around and see what this thing has done.
5 There's some pretty big holes in the ground and it's coming
6 close to a lot of people's homes.

7 I came here tonight and I thought maybe I was
8 going to get some answers to questions, but I'm sure at the
9 wrong meeting.

10 (Laughter.)

11 MR. REAMES: I wish before you all make you all
12 decision get with Dominion and tell them to get with the
13 property owners, let us know what you plan to pay out, and
14 how long it's going to be. This is damage not just to us,
15 but we're going to inherit it to our children. You've got
16 to think about them. This is not just for us. This is our
17 children and our children's children. I really wish you all
18 would look at that before you make your decision.

19 Thank you.

20 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

21 (Applause.).

22 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 24 is Viola Baskerville.

23 MS. BASKERVILLE: Good evening. My name is Viola
24 Baskerville, B-a-s-k-e-r-v-i-l-l-e. My maiden name is
25 Osborne.

1 I'm here tonight on behalf of about a dozen heirs
2 and descendents of William C. Osborne who started a family
3 farm in 1906. Would some of those members please stand up,
4 family members? Other family members are in Texas, New
5 Jersey, Philadelphia, and also still living in Virginia.

6 I support most of the comments that were made
7 earlier except for speaker number one and the second speaker
8 from Amelia. I am a former elected official, a former
9 member of the House of Delegates, and former Secretary for
10 Administration of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

11 I would like to now secede the remaining of my
12 time to our family attorney, Mr. Michael Coughlin.

13 MR. COUGHLIN: Hello, my name is Michael
14 Coughlin. I'm a property rights attorney.

15 MR. BOWMAN: Can you spell that name?

16 MR. COUGHLIN: My last name is spelled
17 C-o-u-g-h-l-i-n. On behalf of my clients and Ms.
18 Baskerville, they object to the project as it runs through
19 the middle of one of the parcels, through a wooded area, and
20 through a working farm on another tract. One parcel has
21 been in the family for over 70 years. Another parcel has
22 been in the family for over 110 years.

23 The proposed gas line will forever negatively
24 impact the character of the properties and provide no
25 benefits to our clients. It complicates their ability to

1 farm or timber their property. There's a possible
2 disruption of artisan wells.

3 My clients also have grave concerns regarding the
4 environmental impact of a compressor station proposed for
5 Buckingham County. We request that FERC's environmental
6 impact statement make a finding of an adverse impact as to
7 this owner.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. BASKERVILLE: I would like to also add, since
11 I have about a minute left that the gentleman before me that
12 talked about legacy, this is my grandfather's legacy to us.
13 I would like to leave a legacy to my own grandchildren. And
14 I implore you to listen to the people of Buckingham County.
15 They are the salt of the earth. They understand what is
16 meant by preserving the environment. They understand what
17 gift they have here. And I agree that there needs to be
18 more time for citizens to listen. I drove up -- I thought
19 the parking lot was full and we would have all these people
20 in here. I'm really disappointed about the timing of this
21 and the ability for a greater number of citizen from
22 Buckingham to speak.

23 Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 25 is Elizabeth Fales.

1 MS. FALES: Hi, there, I would just like to make
2 a public statement that I support many of the statements of
3 the landowners tonight and residents, particularly Sierra
4 Club Kirk Bowers and comments and to note that. I am very,
5 very concerned about the impact on landowners and our
6 neighbors and the health and environmental impacts.

7 Yogaville is an amazing and beautiful place, more
8 than 700 precious acres and some of the most sacred terrain
9 I've ever experienced in the United States with a greater
10 purpose to teach truth -- that is reflected in religious and
11 spiritual paths which is so essential in our times. And
12 this proposed pipeline ne route is coming within one mile
13 from the Yogaville sacred sites. The Light of Truth
14 Universal shrine, the Integral yoga school where my daughter
15 and many other children have attended.

16 And also there's another concerting problem
17 regarding a compressor station which is proposed to be
18 located within six miles. And another concerned that's
19 dangerously close is the juncture of this proposed pipeline
20 with other pipelines which increases the risk for
21 explosions. And could be very, very serious if that occurs.

22 If you haven't explored Buckingham County and
23 Yogaville, I encourage you to do so. It's a truly sacred
24 land and place where all people to gather together from all
25 walks of life. One family that's visiting right now has

1 traveled from Australia, a 30-hour trip to Virginia's
2 Yogaville community five times in their daughter's lifetime
3 in the past ten years. It is a deeply meaningful and sacred
4 place in ways I cannot begin to fully convey to you and it
5 has had profound and deep impact on my daughter and I. And
6 many of the thousands of people visit every single year.
7 And also the hundreds of people who live near these very
8 concerning things that I've just mentioned about the
9 compressor station, the juncture of the proposed pipeline
10 with the other pipelines and the pipeline running within
11 possibly a mile from Yogaville, this sacred community and
12 retreat center is unlike any other I've encountered or
13 visited, with common and mutual desire for peaceful
14 relations and harmony across the globe. And I just want to
15 say that I deeply, deeply feel for those property owners and
16 those who are here tonight to state that this is a private
17 company that is coming through their property to make a
18 profit and it isn't necessary, it's not going to benefit
19 Virginia and this is really something that I just hope the
20 people making these decisions do every single thing they can
21 to make sure they protect people and I thank you for hearing
22 my comments and I just -- I hope that we all live in
23 integrity and we do what we really need to do to protect
24 every single county --

25 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is expired.

1 (Applause.)

2 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number 26 is Kenda Hanuman.

3 MS. HANUMAN: Good evening. Kenda Hanuman,
4 K-e-n-d-a H-a-n-u-m-a-n. I came to Buckingham 21 years ago
5 as a visitor. I've built three homes and worked here ever
6 since. The historic nature of the county and the
7 surrounding environmental peace and quiet has affected many
8 in my community in the same way. That community is
9 Yogaville. We are now being told it would be of great
10 economic benefit to the County of Buckingham to become the
11 home of 25 miles of 42-inch, 1400 pound per square inch
12 methane transporting pipeline and a 32,000 horse power
13 compressor station that will run 24/7.

14 I question what the real cost will be to the
15 citizens of this rural area.

16 Dominion's record entitled "Economic Impacts of
17 the Atlantic Coastline Pipeline" fails to be a credible and
18 comprehensive analysis. The economic and social costs to
19 the communities of construction, monitoring and maintenance
20 including the effect of natural gas exports on domestic gas
21 prices which are our real costs are neither acknowledged nor
22 addressed in the report. The flagrant omission of these
23 costs is both deceitful and disingenuous. Wide range and
24 unaddressed costs in the report include over 21 items, not
25 the least of which is loss of property rights through

1 eminent domain to hundreds of property owners. A few of the
2 long list are, loss to businesses during construction,
3 sedimentation and impacts to water supplies, costs to
4 national forests, the AT and the Blue Ridge Parkway, costs
5 of local emergency service and first responders, costs to
6 water soil and personal property in the event of an
7 explosion or accident, costs to local and regional renewable
8 wind, solar, and other businesses because they have to
9 compete with dirty carbon intensive energy, health and
10 climate costs due to leakage at the source down at the
11 compressor stations, during construction, loss of property
12 taxes, due to devaluing properties. It goes on and on.
13 Especially health. Who will really benefit besides
14 Dominion's billionaire CEO Tom Sparrow and the stockholders.

15 Friends of Nelson Augusta County Alliance and
16 soon to be included Friends of Buckingham where I am a
17 member of the steering committee are producing a report on
18 the economic and socioeconomic costs to the counties of the
19 construction, maintenance, operation, monitoring of the
20 pipeline and the compressor station.

21 Fossil fuel is a bridge to nowhere. The market
22 price has dropped significantly in the last few months,
23 claim scientists, 97 percent of which relate this to the
24 emissions from burning fossil fuels. We need sustainability
25 in our economy here in the struggling heart of Virginia.

1 I ask you to extend the scoping period to at
2 least 90 full days, provide time to prepare a detailed
3 feedback to the FERC.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. BOWMAN: The 27th speaker will be R. D.
7 McCaw.

8 MR. McCAW: Now, does he work for FERC or not?
9 My name is R. D. McCaw, M-c-C-a-w. That is my last name. I
10 am the chairman of the board of trustees of Yogaville and
11 also the chairman of our planning committee.

12 Yogaville is an unincorporated town with
13 approximately 270 residents. Within Yogaville is over 2,500
14 acres with over three miles of public road and ten miles of
15 private roads. There are 12 major subdivisions in the
16 Yogaville center district and there are a variety of
17 businesses in Yogaville. One of the largest employers,
18 employs over 45 people and there are other business that
19 employ probably just over as many as 150 people employed in
20 Yogaville.

21 Yogaville is one of the second largest population
22 centers in Buckingham after Dilmer. It makes no sense for
23 an industrial enterprise such as a pipeline to be located in
24 and near a developed area of Buckingham County.

25 I ask that the pipeline -- that the FERC do a

1 study on the pipeline's adverse social economic impact on
2 those currently working and living in Yogaville. I also ask
3 that there be an adverse social impact study for the future
4 development of Yogaville. One of the things the pipeline
5 will do is going through the Yogaville area, the Yogaville
6 area designated for future growth and areas we proposed for
7 future growth. So by putting this pipeline in here you're
8 going to be restricting the amount of growth that happens in
9 Yogaville.

10 Now I'm going to give the written comments and
11 now I'm going to go a little bit off of it. One of the
12 things I have to say to everybody as a landowner, get an
13 attorney. There are attorneys that will represent you for
14 free. There are attorneys that if you want to fight them
15 coming on your land will represent you for free. If you
16 want to then -- if there's ever domainship there are eminent
17 domain attorneys that will represent you on a contingency
18 basis. And if you don't have an attorney, it's like the guy
19 who goes into jail and he's got the next thing you know he's
20 confessing. And so, you need to have an attorney.

21 Pipeline -- the Dominion with the pipeline, and
22 not having an attorney is foolish. I'll give you my e-mail
23 address if you want to e-mail me and ask me for possible
24 referrals. I have nothing to do with the attorneys, we
25 actually in Yogaville have hired an attorney who is working

1 for free for us. And so my e-mail is
2 Yogaville1008@gmail.com.
3 Y-o-g-a-v-i-l-l-e-1-0-0-8@gmail.com. So if you want to, you
4 can tell your friends, et cetera, e-mail me, I'll do what I
5 can to help you get an attorney.

6 Thank you very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 28 is Ernie Moore.

9 MR. MOORE: Hi, my name is Ernie Moore,
10 M-o-o-r-e. I'm the acting executive director of Yogaville.
11 I echo the sentiments of all my Yogaville family members and
12 Buckingham community neighbors, and Buckingham community
13 itself. I wanted to talk a bit about -- I did the lion's
14 share of the construction in Yogaville. I came here from
15 Texas, a big oil state, you know, having learned a lot of
16 skills working with my father who was a welder in the oil
17 industry back when I was a kid. I started welding when I
18 was a four-year-old. So I'm pretty familiar with pipeline.

19 I'll talk about that a little more later. But
20 having been involved in the excavation and land clearing and
21 site development of Yogaville I'm pretty familiar with all
22 the topography and geology of that area. And I am certainly
23 echoing the concerns of the water wells. We have very
24 limited supplies of water and many wells that are in the
25 same category as the other gentleman the one down in the

1 area. We have watched for years now different geological
2 things have happened and people's water wells that used to
3 make more make a lot less now. So this is one of the areas
4 of concern that we have.

5 Also where we're coming across the James River,
6 we want the FERC to work with that environmental impact
7 statement so that we are certain. We know that geology,
8 there's always fractures, there's fractures, that's why that
9 river sits where it is because of the factures in the
10 geology of the earth and everything, you know, finds its way
11 out to that level. So that said, we want them to work on
12 that.

13 I also want to make a bigger comment on our
14 experience with Dominion Power. We had a meeting with
15 Dominion representatives a couple of months back. We got
16 the assistance of Delegate Matt Farrish to create a system
17 and they came to Yogaville, there was about 15 to 20 of
18 their representatives there. We showed them our property,
19 gave them a tour, expressed our concerns. They had answers
20 for all our concerns and then after we said our goodbyes,
21 three days later we look in the paper and the -- we told
22 them, they knew exactly where the pipeline was previously
23 going to run. And three days later we read in the
24 newspaper, they've moved it right next to our property.
25 And we had set up meetings with them for several hours

1 talking and expressing our concerns and not one of them ever
2 mentioned, you know, anything about any concerns. So I was
3 hoping, you know, we had a dialogue going there, but it
4 seemed like it was a one-way street for us. So that's the
5 end of my time.

6 Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

9 Speaker number 29 is Shanti Das.

10 MS. DAS: Hi, my name is Shanti Das and I am 11
11 years old. Yogaville is one of my homes. I love all the
12 plants and animals. They are all so beautiful, but a lot of
13 these beautiful creatures are going extinct or don't have
14 homes anymore because people are making decisions that are
15 harming our planet. Pipelines and compressor stations are
16 taking over their homes and land.

17 It seems like you don't really care about our
18 country because you are putting the people of this country
19 in danger every time you approve a pipeline.

20 If you approve this pipeline you will be failing
21 your future generations. I love my friends who will be
22 living very, very close to the proposed pipeline. You want
23 to put the pipeline through beautiful forests, but you need
24 to remember those are the homes of creatures just like you
25 and me. You also need to think about the people of this

1 country.

2 There has been a lot of research about if you
3 live near a compressor station or a pipeline what impacts it
4 can do to your health. Here is a list of potential health
5 impacts of gas infrastructure. The most common complaints
6 are skin or rash irritation, eye irritation, upper
7 respiratory problems such as congestion, sore throat, and
8 nose bleeds, headaches -- also headaches, movement
9 disorders, and dizziness.

10 Physiological problems such as anxiety,
11 depression and stress, also irritability.

12 Long-term consequences include birth defects,
13 cancer, premature and premature mortality.

14 There are a few times in my life that I was
15 around a gas leak for very short periods of time in a
16 building before, before we knew what the problem was. And I
17 have gotten nose bleeds during that time.

18 Children are even more vulnerable because their
19 bodies are smaller than adults and that means smaller
20 amounts of chemicals will harm us. But do you care? It
21 doesn't really seem like it. We need to fix this and we
22 need to fix this now. Please do not help the pipeline or
23 compressor station go through Buckingham or anywhere.

24 Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

2 Speaker number 30 is Carlos Arostegui.

3 MR. AROSTEGUI: I've forgotten how uncomfortable
4 high school auditorium chairs are.

5 I was planning for a little bit longer time, so
6 I'm going to have to blow through this real fast.

7 My name is Carlos Arostegui, C-a-r-l-o-s last
8 name A-r-o-s-t-e-g-u-i. Basically our concerns center on
9 water, quality of life, and property rights. We own and
10 operate Whispering Creek Farm in western Buckingham County.
11 It's a small biodynamic dairy. Our farm has a number of
12 creeks, all of which feed into Walton's Fork right below the
13 place where the ACP is going to cross it. Those creeks
14 drain every drop of surface runoff that go off our land.
15 During heavy rains we can grow -- we can have torrents in
16 these creeks 30 feet wide. We're concerned what kind of
17 flooding we may expect with the construction there because
18 all of that water is going to have to go somewhere.

19 We are fortunate, our well is very good. We get
20 good flow, good pressure. But my water concern centers on
21 the fact that the pipeline is going to go through one of our
22 biggest pastures and the front part of that according to
23 USDA soil survey has a water table that is seven to 30
24 inches deep below ground and bedrock is at 51 inches below
25 the ground. So the pipe is going to sit in water, there's

1 going to be blasting through bedrock, but what is that going
2 to do to our well, the shock from the explosions?

3 But primarily what's going to happen if when
4 there's a leak and the pipe is sitting in the water? And
5 this concoction is bubbling through the water, it's going to
6 contaminate our water table or an aquifer.

7 Okay. Let me just pop on down here. We have
8 been able to pinpoint the location of the compressor station
9 and it's going to be within a mile of our front door.
10 Anyway, so let's move on to what I consider to really be the
11 most important thing, property rights. Our feeling is, if
12 it makes sense to build a pipeline Dominion should build it
13 as long as they use existing utility corridors, and if they
14 do that, the opposition to the pipeline will likely melt
15 away. But if the only way they can get the numbers to work
16 is to trample on the rights of property owners, then we say
17 that their business case really has no merit.

18 Just to share a little bit of background with
19 you, I'm originally from Cuba, my family owned a farm there,
20 diversified farm, sugar cane, beef, dairy, and poultry. And
21 in 1963 Castro's militia came in and seized our land, so you
22 can see that this is pictures of the land. We have worked
23 very hard to pay for our land. We own it free and clear,
24 our land is not for sale. We are going to fight this with
25 every legal means that we can muster. We have already

1 assembled our legal team, we are ready, we are waiting,
2 bring them on.

3 (Applause.)

4 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

5 Speaker 31 is Heather Nolen.

6 MS. NOLEN: Good evening. My name is Heather
7 Nolen and my last name is spelled N-o-l-e-n. I'm a citizen
8 of Buckingham County. I'm grateful to live in the Yogaville
9 community and I'm a co-chair of the Friends of Buckingham.
10 And tonight I would like to urge that the Atlantic Coast
11 Pipeline project be stopped now because I believe that it is
12 actually undermining the basic fundamentals of our
13 democracy. I hope that at this juncture, the process could
14 begin to demonstrate respect for a fully informed citizenry
15 and fair, open, and honest debate. To date the experience
16 of Buckingham citizens who have been asking Dominion the
17 hard questions has not been satisfactory.

18 In fact, we've been lied to repeatedly and so
19 have the public officials on whom we rely.

20 I attended the first open house in September 2014
21 and expressed concern that the format did not lend itself to
22 citizens being able to fully understand the ACP plan. A
23 Dominion employee informed me that the second open house
24 would be held in Buckingham in January 2015 where there
25 would be a presentation style format and the audience would

1 have an opportunity to ask questions. The second open house
2 never materialized.

3 Curiously, a Dominion employee told me yet
4 another untruth at the first open house that none of the gas
5 that would flow through the Atlantic Coast Pipeline would
6 actually be extracted by using fracking. I later checked
7 this with the U.S. Department of Transportation and was told
8 that this was not possible.

9 Yet FERC endorses a process of open houses
10 conducted by the industry where the industry in this case,
11 Dominion, is responsible for the truth, but the truth is not
12 what is being told.

13 In December it was reported by Buckingham County
14 officials, our own board of supervisors who had received
15 information from Dominion and from FERC that the scoping
16 meeting would be held in Buckingham County. At an open
17 house in January one that was not a presentation style
18 design, as promised, I was again told by a Dominion employee
19 that the scoping meeting would be in Buckingham because
20 Buckingham was one of the proposed sites for the compressor
21 station. Only one of three on the ACP route. Yet every
22 Buckingham County resident will be impacted by this
23 compressor station. Many individuals living close to what
24 is believed to be one of the sites do not have computers nor
25 e-mail and may be unable to travel at night.

1 How does FERC expect to ensure that the public is
2 fully informed if you say that you will have meetings and
3 then you don't?

4 How can we count on this process if Dominion is
5 saying that they will give presentations and then they don't
6 give them?

7 Dominion and the FERC have failed to fully inform
8 the public of the ACP and what it means for our community.
9 Every effort seems to have been made to keep the
10 conversation and the debate out of Buckingham. The
11 campaign of misinformation the withholding of information I
12 believe should be enough to bring the process to a
13 screeching halt. This is not a process that should be
14 brokered by the industry, FERC, the company, Dominion, and
15 the individual landowner. Everyone in the Buckingham
16 community will be put at risk for health problems from toxic
17 emissions, leaks, and possible explosions.

18 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired.

19 MS. NOLEN: This process has now been opened and
20 Buckingham residents are now fully informed about the
21 proposal. Thank you.

22 (Appause.)

23 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

24 Speaker 32 is Sita Rose.

25 MS. ROSE: My name is Sita Tracy Rose, R-o-s-e.

1 I have been living in Yogaville for over a few years now.
2 I've lived all over this country and I have to say this is
3 one place that truly is home to me.

4 I'm curious. How many people here have kids?

5 (Showing of hands.)

6 MS. ROSE: How many people have grandchildren?

7 (Showing of hands.)

8 MS. ROSE: There's an ecological, sustainable
9 philosophy that asks people that are making current
10 decisions to look at what they're doing for seven
11 generations, to think about the impact that they're having
12 on what is yet to come. And they say that's estimated at
13 140 years. I haven't heard of a pipeline yet that is older
14 than 50, and those are the ones you hear about cracking,
15 falling apart, having leaks. It's not really a matter of
16 like oh, maybe nothing will happen, maybe we won't have an
17 explosion. This is all going to decay.

18 And when I heard Obama say something like we're
19 going to have gas for 100 years, that's nothing. That's
20 nothing. It's one of the most short-sighted decisions with
21 the strongest environmental impact in a negative way that
22 I've ever -- I'm just appalled by what feels like greed a
23 really short-sighted greed to infect the environment, poison
24 our water, our air, and harm our people.

25 One of the things that they say and teach us at

1 Yogaville is thinking of a yoga action, a perfect correct
2 action, one that is a benefit to somebody and harm to no
3 one. I would please beg you to consider this.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

7 The 33rd speaker is Krisna Joe.

8 MR. JOE: So some things about natural gas. I'm
9 originally from New Jersey and right outside our New Jersey
10 Institute, every week there is a PC&G guy which is basically
11 like Dominion down here that is there checking it, drilling
12 holes, trying to find where this leak is that they smell
13 that no one can really find. This has gone on for years
14 now. And I hate to see that happen down here. You know,
15 coming from New Jersey, this is what we drink. We don't
16 drink out of the faucet, we can't because of all of the
17 pollution that people have done over time. FERC probably
18 had their hands into, you know, allowing this to happen.
19 Granted, we wouldn't have grown, but still, I mean, what's
20 the price, you know, that we have to pay.

21 So, you know, being now in Yogaville and seeing
22 that I don't have to drink out of a bottle, and the only
23 reason why I'm carrying this because I fill it from the tap
24 at Yogaville. You know, I would really hate to see the
25 environment here and anywhere throughout any community being

1 impacted by greed as Sita said because it's really all about
2 money. That's what all of this is about. It has nothing to
3 do with the well-being of us as individuals or communities.
4 It's just about a big corporation making money.

5 So, you know, what I'm asking FERC to do is to go
6 back to Dominion and tell them to get the FERC out of here
7 because we really don't want them here. We don't want them
8 here if they're going to, you know, make empty promises and
9 lie and that's what FERC has been designed for is to protect
10 the environment. And the environment is not only that which
11 is around us, but the environment is here, ourselves. And
12 by colluding what is around us, by these construction --
13 this construction that they're going to do, let me tell you,
14 I've been in construction and I do technology now and there
15 is nothing clean about the construction. I don't care if
16 I'm doing tile work or something else, and on the scale that
17 they're talking, there is nothing clean about it. Nothing.
18 So if anyone in FERC thinks that something is going to be
19 clean here, they're kidding themselves and it really is just
20 about somebody palming some money from a big company like
21 Dominion which all they want is control. I mean, you look
22 up the name and that's really what it stands for, you know,
23 the definition of Dominion is control and that's all they're
24 trying to do.

25 So I urge FERC to go around and check like with

1 EC&G and if they really need power that bad, then put some
2 solar panels on each tower just as we've done in New Jersey.
3 I know one is solar and the other is gas, but there are
4 other ways and alternative methods here. We don't have to
5 destroy what we have and what we've built over time just
6 for, you know, some money that none of us are going to
7 benefit from, that's for sure.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

11 Speaker number 34 is Michael Coughlin.

12 MR. COUGHLIN: Hello, I'm Michael Coughlin again
13 speaking on behalf of Gloria Adams. Ms. Adams owns the
14 property located at 0 Campground Road in Chester, Virginia.
15 She objects as well to the proposed gas pipeline which goes
16 through her property. The reason is that it goes through a
17 forested area of her property which would forever have to be
18 unforested. It also leaves a corner of her property
19 stranded and essentially inaccessible. This again has no
20 benefit to her and only a benefit to Dominion.

21 Now speaking on my own behalf. And I would just
22 ask that FERC consider the cumulative impact of this project
23 on the environment. There are little impacts on some
24 properties, big impacts on others. When you add all that
25 up, the fact that it's going through national forests, going

1 through national parkland, the impact is enormous. In
2 addition, it's not just the impact of this particular
3 project. This could happen again in another 50 years, and
4 another 50 years. And I believe the FERC review process is,
5 in a way, designed to look at these projects as a microcosm.
6 Just look at this one particular project. That can't be the
7 way that we do business in this country forever. We can't
8 just look at our planet as a way and a means to just extract
9 resources that have a finite supply.

10 I know this isn't your gentlemen's job, you're
11 not the president of the United States. You're not elected
12 officials, but something needs to change and at some point.
13 We cannot have a spaghetti on the wall national energy
14 policy where we do everything instead of doing the right
15 thing.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

19 Speaker 35 is Thomas Baldwin.

20 MR. BALDWIN: Thank you. Whoop, started to early
21 for me. All right. Thanks.

22 I'm Thomas Baldwin, B-a-l-d-w-i-n, like the
23 piano. I own five parcels of property in Cumberland County
24 that will be directly affected. And I have a couple
25 concerns. I have a lot of concerns, but two of them are

1 that normally more things are included in the easement than
2 just the pipeline. I haven't seen anything yet that tells
3 me exactly what they're going to do. So I don't know what
4 I'm giving up. I don't know what rights I may have to give
5 up. But I think in the studies we need to make sure that
6 every right that they're asking for is included in these
7 studies. Because I know they've got to have access and a
8 lot of other things.

9 On the transmission right-of-ways they also get
10 the right to do communications, pipelines and other things
11 with their easement. So we need to make sure all those
12 things are studied.

13 And that is my major concern or one of them.

14 A couple of comments and especially to our county
15 administrator, any county that thinks in this rural area
16 that they're going to get a tap off of this 42-inch,
17 14000-pound gas line better have a power of grant in their
18 back pocket, because that's the only way you're going to get
19 one.

20 The other thing we need to think about as
21 landowners is land use values. They give it for timberland,
22 certainly this is going to devalue the land not only that is
23 owned, but all the land that's going to be affected or near
24 it, the values of it. And certainly it should be reduced
25 for land value.

1 Thank you very much.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

4 Speaker 36 is Kern McDermott. Or it may be
5 Karen.

6 MR. McDERMOTT: I want to thank the mike man for
7 jumping up and down so much this evening.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. McDERMOTT: Good evening. My name is Kenn
10 McDermott. Ken with two n's, McDermott, M-c-D-e-r-m-o-t-t.
11 My wife and I live in Buckingham County, about ten miles
12 south of Scottsville, and we're about a mile away from an
13 existing natural gas pipeline that went in, in the late
14 '50s. It's been an uneventful pipeline from our
15 perspective. My wife and I built -- started building our
16 home there in 1982, so that's 33 years. We have neighbors
17 that raise cattle on the pipeline. I know some of the
18 issues discussed are real issues and they need to be dealt
19 with. But during my 20 years of active duty in the United
20 States Navy, which by the way I took an oath to defend and
21 protect the constitution of the United States from all
22 enemies foreign and domestic, and a couple of those rights
23 that that constitution guarantees are the right to peaceably
24 assemble which we're doing tonight, and to speak freely.
25 It's a good thing I'm a big guy because I would

1 feel intimidated otherwise. Because I'm going to be a
2 proponent of this pipeline. You all have made some great
3 arguments, but I feel, based on some data from the
4 University of Virginia where I served on the staff for 28
5 years, and the U.S. Census Bureau, Virginia is expected to
6 gain a half a million more people by -- within five years.
7 So by 2020 we're going to have another 500,000 people. I'm
8 not an energy expert, but I use a lot of energy. And I know
9 you all use energy. We've got to get it from somewhere.
10 Natural gas is one of the best, cheapest, and the best uses
11 to generate electricity with.

12 One of my submarine veterans is the manager of
13 one of the power plants that uses natural gas. I served
14 most of my 20 years aboard submarines and another
15 controversial energy source was nuclear reactors. I slept
16 and lived with them submerged for many years and the
17 dosimeter that I had to wear that we read showed I had less
18 radiation than if I had been out in the sunlight for the
19 same amount of time. So if it's done right, if it's done
20 safely, and it's operated correctly, these energy sources
21 can benefit all of us.

22 With more people coming in, if you had more
23 energy, you're going to have cheaper energy. If you don't
24 bring it in, you're going to have to pay for it from
25 someplace.

1 I've toured the lotus temple and they use energy.
2 We've got to get it from somewhere. And the, oh, not in my
3 backyard syndrome just can't continue. We have to work
4 together to figure out the best way to bring in more energy,
5 to do it safely, and to do it efficiently.

6 And I think that's all I have to say.

7 Thank you very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

10 Speaker 37 is Irene Leech.

11 MS. LEECH: I am here as a landowner who expects
12 that the Dominion pipeline will cross through over a mile in
13 the very center and active part of the farm that my family
14 has owned for over 100 years. And that we are trying to
15 keep sustainable so that it can go to the next generation.
16 And I fear that this pipeline will keep that from happening.

17 As I said, it goes through our pastureland and
18 our cropland. It goes near all of our buildings and our
19 homes. And while others are speaking to you of concern
20 about it going through the forest area, I would frankly, if
21 I have to give up part of my property and honestly I don't
22 want to live within miles of this. But I don't feel it's
23 safe. I'm planning to retire here, but I may not do it if
24 this is there. Because I think it is a great danger.

25 Like one of the other earlier speakers said, I

1 believe that the fact that this pipeline and the existing
2 one will cross is a terrorist target and people laugh at me
3 when I say that, but folks, I teach at Virginia Tech, I was
4 there for the things that happened there. My husband has
5 worked at the Pentagon and was there in the Washington area
6 working on that project on 911. Things happen.

7 And so I know there is an amount of risk. And we
8 aren't given adequate information.

9 Information has been the most frustrating thing
10 related to this project. We have not been able to get
11 answers. We have not been able to get complete information.
12 We've not been able to get truth about what is going to
13 happen to us. If this goes through the middle of our farm,
14 it's going to cost us money in how we operate. We have been
15 trying to improve the quail habitat. We have been fencing
16 our cattle out of the streams to improve the water. We have
17 wells that this will go near and possibly harm the quantity
18 of water. Our wells already don't give us a lot of water
19 and this winter some froze and didn't have enough water
20 pressure to keep going. So these are concerns that we have.

21 I'm very concerned that our constitutional rights
22 are not being taken care of. I am a part of a business.
23 And my business hires other people and contributes to the
24 county. But a business that does nothing in our county can
25 come along and disrupt my business, possibly destroying it.

1

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

4 Speaker number 38 is Lee Williams.

5 MS. WILLIAMS: Good evening, thanks for staying
6 so late on a Tuesday night. Thanks for the panel as well.
7 Again, Lee Anne Williams. L-e-e A-n-n-e W-i-l-l-i-a-m-s.
8 I'm a property owner in Nelson County and I have just some
9 comments.

10 I am against the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. The
11 collusion between corporations and the state has become so
12 boorish almost as if the community standing in the way of
13 these projects are viewed as little more than overburden.
14 The ugliest of words used by the extractionist industry to
15 describe the waste earth that must be removed to access tar
16 sands or a mineral deposit. Like the trees, soil, rocks,
17 and clay the industry machines scrape up masticate, and pile
18 in great dying heaps, democracy is getting torn into rubble
19 too, chewed up and tossed aside to make way for the
20 bulldozers.

21 We have a global energy model that values fossil
22 fuel over clean air and water. Water, where all life
23 begins, and without which none can survive.

24 A 2012 study from the Canyon Institute for Policy
25 Alternatives compared the public value from a \$5 billion

1 pipeline, the rough cost of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and
2 the value that could be derived from investing the same
3 amount of capital in green, economic alternatives. If the
4 money is spent on short-term pipeline construction, it will
5 only provide meager jobs, big private sector profits, and
6 heavy public costs for future public environment damage.
7 But if the \$5 billion was spent on public transit, building
8 retrofits and renewable energy economies, Virginians can
9 gain, at the least, three times as many jobs in the short
10 term while simultaneously helping to reduce the potential
11 for catastrophic warming in the long term.

12 In fact, the number of long-term jobs could be as
13 much as 34 times more than building this pipeline to move
14 antiquated and obsolete fossil fuels.

15 Virginia is saying no to Dominion's Atlantic
16 Coast Pipeline. No eminent domain for corporate gain. We
17 don't want more pipelines, compressor stations, export
18 facilities or fracking anywhere. Everywhere is our back
19 yard. Poisoned air, land and water for one community is
20 poisoned land, air and water for all. An economy fired on
21 obsolete extractive practices, fracking and natural gas
22 trapped in shale rock, mountain top removal for coal or
23 drilling for oil means the health of nearby people and
24 places will be sacrificed immediately. The methane gas that
25 is lost in the fracking process is a major contributor to

1 CO2 rise which is making our climate unstable for human
2 civilization in the form of sea rise, mega storms, as well
3 as droughts.

4 We need a renewable portfolio standard in the
5 state of Virginia to force Dominion Power towards clean
6 renewable technologies.

7 (Pause.)

8 MS. WILLIAMS: Excuse me, technical difficulties.

9 Also, not only are Virginia counties standing in
10 solidarity against the Atlantic Coast Pipeline but I also
11 stand with Cove Point and I urge you to listen to those
12 people and shut down Cove Point. Also I agree with Kirk
13 Bowers' statements earlier and Ms. Flowers.

14 MR. BOWMAN: You're out of time.

15 MS. WILLIAMS: That's it. Thank you.

16 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 39 is John Swart.

19 MR. SWART: Hi. I appreciate the opportunity to
20 be here tonight and to speak about this issue. My name is
21 John Swart. I arrived in Yogaville a week ago and can only
22 echo all the comments about how phenomenal a place this is.
23 To be in this area, but to be on even the earth.

24 But my root go much deeper in Virginia. I was
25 born in Fredericksburg in 1952 and my parents were born in

1 Northern Virginia. Their parents were born in Northern
2 Virginia and their parents' parents were both in Northern
3 Virginia.

4 So the reason I came up here tonight was I was
5 overcome really at lunch today thinking of my ancestors.
6 They were farmers and they were stewards of the land. My
7 father was an avid protection of land, trees, and he was an
8 engineer and county planner. And if he were here tonight,
9 he would be speaking much more passionately than I could and
10 partially because he had fierce love for this land. So I'm
11 here for my ancestors. I'm here for my father. I'm here
12 for all of my many relatives who walked this land in
13 Virginia still and their progeny who will walk it in the
14 days and years to come.

15 I have hiked the Appalachian Trail through
16 Virginia two times and I noticed on the trail, you know,
17 when you're under the canopy, the earth is cooler, there's
18 vibrant habitat, and when you walk in the open areas the
19 earth gets hot, scorched, burned, and so it loses its
20 vibrancy which contributes, of course, to the destruction of
21 the planet.

22 Yesterday at Yogaville I went down by the river
23 close, I think, to where the pipeline would be. And I was
24 looking at this beautiful grove of trees and I got very
25 upset thinking about that being torn up by a 75-foot swath

1 which I've seen pictures of what the destruction does. You
2 know, what it would do to the habitat, the natural
3 environment and the river flowing right in front of me.

4 So I stand with my fellow Yogavillians, I stand
5 with my fellow Virginians and I will not lie down and let
6 this thing go through without getting chained or whatever.
7 I am aghast at our country and how they could do this not
8 only to the individual property rights but us collectively
9 with such an enthreatened, endangered environment. So I
10 support everyone here and am very much opposed to the
11 pipeline. And, you know, as has been mentioned, that factor
12 of greed which seems to be running our country at this
13 point.

14 So I'm here with everyone else to take back my
15 rights and my country and the land that we all love and want
16 to live happily on.

17 Thank you.

18 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 40 is Charles W. White.

21 MR. WHITE: Thank you. My name is Charles W.
22 White. I don't think I have to spell that. I'm a retired
23 vocational teacher actually from this school. At age 25 I
24 moved to Buckingham County. That was 60 years ago. And I
25 am very concerned about what goes on there.

1 I live in a triangle down by Shelton Store Road
2 which is where I live, Union Hill Road, and Route 56. That
3 triangle is approximately -- encompasses approximately three
4 and a half square miles. And what is our concern about our
5 three and a half square miles is that is where the
6 compressing station is scheduled to go, so we're told.

7 My family both immediate and extended own
8 approximately 700 acres of land. We had plans for that land
9 which we worry might have to be abandoned. We have invested
10 thousands of dollars into that property. Three businesses
11 operate from that property. And one of our concerns is that
12 we can't get information.

13 I'm a newspaper publisher and I can't get
14 information. And I'm constantly being asked for information
15 that I don't have or cannot give accurately. So I'm
16 concerned about that and we are all very concerned together
17 and along with the pipeline.

18 Now, before I take my seat, I want to just
19 mention this, in all of these years I've lived, I have
20 attended many, many gatherings such as this where people had
21 concerns. Those concerns were listened to and people were
22 thanked for expressing those concerns after which very
23 little, if anything, happens. I do hope that something
24 better will come out of this meeting.

25 Thank you very much.

1 (Applause.)

2 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

3 Speaker 42 is Madeline Abbitt.

4 MS. ABBITT: Thank you. My name is Madeline
5 Abbitt, I am from Appomattox County, but I also have
6 property in Buckingham County that's on the river that I
7 love, that I fish. And also on our farm we have an existing
8 pipeline that's been there from I think at least the '50s.
9 It's caused us no problems. We have found that it is well
10 maintained, it's safe. We have had no distractions from it
11 whatsoever.

12 I'm going to come at this a little bit
13 differently in that we're talking pipeline, but I think we
14 also need to recognize the real importance of natural gas,
15 the cleanness, the modern techniques that we use, why we
16 need natural gas and then what does it bring to us in our
17 economy.

18 I think about what it took me to get here
19 tonight. And I thought about this. I drove a car which is
20 powered by gasoline, the gasoline was drilled elsewhere, it
21 was refined elsewhere, and then it was delivered by pipeline
22 so I could use it and I suspect many of you all also came by
23 car.

24 We need natural gas and there aren't so many ways
25 to get it to you. I think even more importantly than that

1 is we need to be able to boost this economy. You want jobs,
2 our children want jobs, construction of a pipeline after
3 it's been well researched, after you do have the information
4 you need, after the testing has gone on, we want to be able
5 to have jobs so we do not have tax increases, so they don't
6 come out and tax our property more, so our kids have better
7 schools, so that people have different wages and improved
8 qualities of life. Bringing natural gas will do that. And
9 I look forward to the discussion that you all have had and
10 will continue to have and I like the fact that we are
11 keeping an open dialogue.

12 I do support the pipeline and what I think it
13 will bring to our area.

14 Thank you.

15 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

16 Speaker 43 is Peggy Bouchard.

17 MS. BOUCHARD: My name is B-o-u-c-h-a-r-d. I did
18 not bring a prepared statement. I brought outrage. I am so
19 angry I could spit. I've been lied to, I've been treated
20 like a fool. I got invited to dinner by Doyle Services who
21 are the little minions for Dominion. And they wanted to
22 know if I'd like to go to dinner so they could talk to me
23 about letting them come onto my land and survey. Because
24 who doesn't want a pipeline?

25 I was a little concerned when I heard from

1 Dominion because they told me they were going to come and
2 survey. Then they sent me a letter and said, oh, whoops, we
3 have the wrong parcel number. We're not going to survey
4 what we said we're going to survey, we found out you own a
5 different parcel, so we'll survey that. I couldn't have
6 been more thrilled. These are the guys who are going to
7 give me a safe pipeline. I would like to give them some
8 natural gas.

9 (Laughter.)

10 MS. BOUCHARD: They have a survey picture of our
11 farm. We are a privately funded animal sanctuary. That
12 survey doesn't show any of the wetlands. Oh, what an
13 oversight. Silly me. I have an aerial that shows the
14 wetlands. We have an area of 28 acres in pine. They have
15 said we can continue to grow our crops on top of this damned
16 pipeline. I asked them about my trees, that's part of my
17 retirement. They said, oh, no, you can't grow that crop.
18 So if any of you all farm corn, or soybeans, can you teach
19 me how to do that just over that little piece? Stop by the
20 farm and I'll get a lesson.

21 These people are humoring us. They have no more
22 intention of listening to what we are saying tonight than
23 the Pope does of converting to Judaism.

24 I'm hearing about the economic benefits. Let me
25 just say, we could open a few brothels. That makes big

1 money, I hear. It would bring in tourism, so the folks
2 could go to meditate and those who don't choose to meditate
3 could go scream "oh, God".

4 (Laughter.)

5 MS. BOUCHARD: This is horse poop. I will not
6 have it, I expect you to look out for my animal sanctuary.
7 I expect to know what the hell happened to my wetlands on
8 the survey. This is unacceptable and you will not be on my
9 land.

10 Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

13 Speaker number 44 is Otto Carroll.

14 MR. CARROLL: My name is Otto Carroll, that's
15 with two r's and two l's. Peggy and I own land in
16 Cumberland County and you may have surmised if you've seen a
17 newspaper that there was one group in Cumberland that said,
18 "No, you can't survey" that's us.

19 Now, I will say this and this is one of the
20 reasons I'll expand with a little perhaps more less
21 sensational issue with Dominion Power.

22 At a meeting in Buckingham, Chet Way, the
23 corporate vice president for communication said, "Oh, we are
24 not going to survey your property without permission." The
25 next day I received a letter from Dominion Transmission, not

1 Dominion Resources, Dominion Transmission, oh, wait a
2 minute, Dominion Transmission is what, a 100 percent
3 subsidiary of Dominion Resources saying, "Pursuant to the
4 regulations" I believe it's 5649.01, "We're coming on your
5 property whether you like it or not." And, again, this is
6 not -- I know FERC is not looking at the economic impact per
7 se, but if you have a corporation that is so duplicitous
8 that they use one statement in public and then one statement
9 in private that are contradictory, what are they going to do
10 to the safety of the pipeline?

11 Now, again, to expand on the satellite picture
12 they took, it was a satellite that was several years old.
13 I'll give an example. We have other here who were in the
14 military. Uncle Sam taught me to interpret imagery while
15 moving at eight miles a minute. I was a photo
16 reconnaissance pilot in the Air Force. I took one look at
17 that satellite and said, oh it's going through the wetlands.
18 There's a dry creek that's noted on the plat of our
19 property. And the proposed pipeline is going completely
20 through a dry creek. I mentioned that at the meeting at the
21 board of supervisors of Prince Edward to the individual that
22 was handling the maps. I said, "Oh, yeah, you're going
23 through a dry creek." And let's just say he was rather
24 flabbergasted. Again, that the individuals that are
25 planning this don't know what they're doing. So take a look

1 at that.

2 I would also like to piggyback a little bit on
3 the comments of saying, what else can be done on the
4 easement? They're going to look at all uses of the easement
5 to limit the environmental impact only to the 42-inch
6 pipeline that goes through out property.

7 And, again, getting back to economics, because I
8 think we all know that this is all economics. Chet Wade,
9 the same individual that said, "Oh, yeah, we're not going to
10 supervise your property" or "or we're not going to survey
11 your property" also said, "this is a wholesale pipeline.
12 What does "wholesale" mean? It means that this rural area
13 will not have any access but will bear all the costs.

14 Thank you.

15 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number 45 is Bob Timmons.

18 MR. TIMMONS: Good evening. My name is Bob
19 Timmons and I am a member of the Prince Edward County Board
20 of Supervisors. I have been asked by the board to represent
21 and reaffirm the board's position of support for the concept
22 of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. During the July of 2014
23 board meeting, our board unanimously passed a resolution
24 that I have provided you a copy of. This resolution
25 recognizes that the lack of access to a natural gas supply

1 has proven to be a critical hurdle impeding the economic
2 development in Prince Edward County.

3 The resolution goes on to say that the board
4 views the Atlantic Coast Pipeline as an essential step to
5 providing better service to existing customers and allowing
6 the additional new customers including future businesses
7 that decide to relocate into Prince Edward County.

8 The resolution voiced the board's support for a
9 natural gas pipeline that would provide better service to
10 our county. The project's proposed route would give Prince
11 Edward County and the town of Farmville new and direct
12 access to natural gas now being produced in the Appalachian
13 region.

14 With the supply of natural gas more available our
15 community will be better positioned to attract the economic
16 growth and job opportunities that Prince Edward County and
17 the town of Farmville need for our community to continue to
18 be the economic hub for this area.

19 It will also mean lower energy costs and improved
20 energy system reliability for families and businesses that
21 already make their home in Prince Edward County. The board
22 of supervisors view the Atlantic Coast Pipeline as an
23 opportunity and a major step forward in our efforts to
24 provide a brighter economic future for Prince Edward County.
25 Thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the

1 Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

2 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 46 is William Swain.

3 (No response.)

4 MR. BOWMAN: Mr. Swain?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. BOWMAN: No? Okay. Speaker 47, David Ball.

7 MR. BALL: Hi, I'm David Ball. I'm an elected

8 solar conservation director from Buckingham County.

9 Disclaimer, I'm here on my own behalf. I do not represent
10 the district or their opinions or views or anything in this.

11 My background is geology engineering,
12 construction, land development, heavy construction including
13 highways and bridges. Looking at this, who here has
14 actually seen the results of a compressor station blowing?
15 I have.

16 I lived in Reston, Virginia 40 years ago, a
17 smaller pipeline, compressor station, minutes after I drove
18 by blew up. Now let me tell you what that looks like. That
19 looks like a building vaporized. The two workers in
20 vaporized. A crater in the ground at least 100 feet wide
21 and over 30 feet deep. A pillar of fire over 100 feet high
22 and a mushroom cloud in the air that could be seen for 100
23 miles. That is impressive, and that was a small pipeline.

24 Now, let me tell you about -- I studied the
25 geology of Virginia and I studied the geology of Buckingham

1 County. Now, there are a tremendous number of fault lines
2 that run north and south throughout Virginia. On the
3 western end of Buckingham County is clustered more fault
4 lines than any other location in Virginia. This pipeline is
5 going right through the seismic zone, the Virginia seismic
6 zone, and since the earthquake in Louisa, there's been more
7 than 500 earthquakes, aftershocks. So you look at that, the
8 potential for any fault line shifts that could rupture or
9 fracture or even sever a line, that's a potential. We don't
10 know if there's going to be a bigger quake any time in the
11 near future, there is a potential. The USGS even alludes to
12 it. But looking at this, this is a project that if you're
13 in northern Virginia, all your pipelines are in transmission
14 line right-of-ways or railroad right-of-ways or in highway
15 right-of-ways. So VDOT is the gain here because they're
16 going to get thousands of permits. And when you really take
17 it down to the nuts and bolts, you know, there are better
18 locations. Take it through east/west transmission line,
19 take it up the I-64 corridor, and they can put the
20 compressor station at Zion Crossroads next to the waste
21 transfer station. They can run it down 466.

22 In December of last year, the city of Roanoke
23 voted against the pipeline coming through their city. So
24 you take all these things into consideration, this is not a
25 pot of gold for your local counties, this is a property

1 devaluation because for what little revenue they earn, it's
2 no gain. It's dividing the properties, destroying land
3 values. And if you look at the large scale map it looks
4 benign. If you look at the small scale map, this thing runs
5 like a serpent weaving across property after property with
6 no rationality. I learned the greatest distance between two
7 points is a straight line, not a weaving, crooked, little
8 line.

9 So there is no -- am I the last speaker?

10 MR. BOWMAN: I have a couple more signed up.

11 MR. BALL. Oh, okay. Thank you for your time and
12 thank you for everybody that showed up.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number 48 is Phil
15 Cunningham.

16 MR. CUNNINGHAM: My name is Phil Cunningham. I
17 graduated here at Prince Edward High School. I currently
18 live in Richmond, Virginia. I know that this pipeline is
19 set -- is due to cross over 700 waterways in Virginia alone
20 and being in Richmond, that's automatically downstream from
21 everything west. So just one example I think of is the
22 sturgeon that have just recently come back to the James
23 River. In Richmond there's an ancient fish that has been
24 part of the sustenance of people that have been living there
25 for ages.

1 I was recently in Pennsylvania where I saw and
2 hear first-hand from people that have been dealing with the
3 challenges of fracking and pipelines for years now and there
4 are no benefits. There are leaks. There are emissions from
5 the compression stations. And it leaves nothing but
6 devastation both economic, social and commercial. People
7 there are tired, they're sad and they're upset for the pure
8 devastation that's happening to their communities.

9 I'd like to echo what several of the folks have
10 said before that this pipeline will have no residential
11 hookups. It's wholesale. It's for industries only, large
12 factories, or, you know, other things like that which will
13 serve to only create more pollution.

14 We note the recent legislation this year that
15 Dominion is trying to hid their money from their customers.
16 While they have frozen their rates temporarily along with
17 the Cove Point export facility in Lusby, Maryland, that is
18 due to export to India and China. They already have the
19 contracts for the next 20 years. So while they're exporting
20 gas through this liquid natural gas at Cove Point, and they
21 may be serving our local communities through this pipeline,
22 Dominion is still reaping huge profits off of us. They're
23 stealing our land and selling our futures.

24 And their main partner in this venture, Duke
25 Energy, they're currently being sued and fined for a quarter

1 of a million dollars -- excuse me, \$25 million I believe is
2 the figure for illegal dumping and improper waste
3 management. So how can the main partner in this venture
4 that is being sued right now for dumping and just -- I just
5 don't understand how that can be possible or allowed.

6 Production rates in fracking wells right now are
7 going down. The only reason they're trying to build this
8 pipeline is because they're scared that oil and natural gas
9 is going away because it is. So if we want to really have
10 true energy independence in this country we need to focus on
11 wind, solar, and tidal. And we need real utilities to
12 invest in that.

13 And this infrastructure only furthers our
14 reliance on these outdated fossil fuels.

15 So to FERC, I would urge you to really take into
16 account the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of all
17 of these, both within state and in the region of federal and
18 nonfederal agents or institutions which your organization
19 has been known to overlook in the past, specifically the
20 lack of the federal and non-federal or midstream operations.
21 Thank you.

22 (Appause.)

23 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

24 Swami Faynata for Swami Servinata.

25 MS. FAYNATA: Due to health reasons Swami

1 Servinata was not able to be here but she simply states that
2 at this time the Atlantic Coast Pipeline easterner comes
3 within one mile of our property and asks that it please be
4 considered that these routes are prepped to the religious
5 beliefs and encroaching on the peaceful, sound-free,
6 beautiful woodland environment which is necessary to the
7 peaceful lifestyle that we live in Yogaville.

8 She further says, we in Yogaville have not seen
9 that Dominion has made these studies showing why they cannot
10 join with another pipeline, roadway, or utility line.
11 Specifically the existing Columbia and Transco pipelines,
12 the planned pipelines are the Mountain Valley Appalachian
13 Connector and the Dominion Western Alternative, the route 60
14 corridor or any utility paths already established.

15 We ask that FERC see that these studies are done.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 50 is Jeffrey Eyth.

19 MR. EYTH: My name is Jeffrey Eyth. My last name
20 is spelled E-y-t-h. I am a resident of Yogaville. Though
21 this is not about "not in my backyard." My family, two
22 children I'm raising, will be living within 3,000 feet or so
23 of this alternate route around Angina, but this is not about
24 "not in my backyard."

25 I have the deepest respect and regard for

1 Yogaville and Ashram the Lotus shrine and I am humbled by
2 the opportunity to serve there and all who come and
3 participate in our activities. But this is not about "not
4 in our backyard."

5 I operate a business on the James River, delivery
6 service, I rent kayaks, tubes, and canoes, and I afford
7 people the opportunity to immerse themselves in nature's
8 bounty on the river and the properties that it provides.
9 But this is not about "not in my backyard."

10 It is about all of our backyards. All of our
11 property rights, this is about Monongahela National Forest,
12 George Washington National Forest, public lands that this
13 pipeline would rip a gash through. I am offended by the
14 prospect of this breach in the continuity of the contiguous
15 nature of these forests and the benefit that it serves all
16 of humanity because we've already trampled nature so much.
17 And this is what it's about in my mind.

18 And not just there, but all along the way. So I
19 do endorse the Sierra Club's stand and their proposal that
20 we expand the scoping period. And I endorse John Clement's
21 motion that we consider alternate corridors, existing
22 corridors already. There are ample rights-of-way. And I
23 think if this is about public convenience and necessity, and
24 not about profit, then we need to look at that. And if it's
25 more expensive for Dominion to run in existing corridors,

1 then so be it if it is not about profit.

2 If it's about public convenience and necessity
3 let them take the extra expenditures that are necessary to
4 no long trample our rights.

5 Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. BOWMAN: So at this point in time I don't
8 have anyone else that is signed up to speak. I will give an
9 opportunity for a few more speakers to come forward if they
10 haven't spoken already and would like to offer comments into
11 the record.

12 (No response.)

13 MR. BOWMAN: Okay. I don't see any movement for
14 anyone else to come up. So with that we will go ahead and
15 close the meeting tonight. But before I do that, I will
16 mention that this meeting has been recorded by a
17 transcription service and it will be placed in the public
18 record for these projects. If you would like an advance
19 copy, you can make arrangements with the court reporter
20 tonight.

21 The transcripts will be available on our website
22 at www.FERC.gov. That's www.F-E-R-C.g-o-v. From that page
23 you can select the e-library link and input the two project
24 docket numbers which are for the supply header project
25 PF15-5 and for the Atlantic Coast Project it is PF15-6 and

1 we have information outside with those number on them for
2 you. You can use the e-library to access everything FERC
3 does with these projects whether it is accessing filings by
4 the Commission -- or filings by the applicant, issuances by
5 the Commission and all comments by stakeholders.

6 So on behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory
7 Commission thank you all for coming tonight and offering
8 comments into the record. This meeting is adjourned.

9 (Whereupon, at 9:51 p.m., the meeting was
10 adjourned.)

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