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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: : Project Number:
SENTINEL EXPANSION PROJECT : PF06-32-000
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The Inn at Chester Springs
The Pickering II Room
815 North Pottstown Pike
Exton, Pennsylvania

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

The above-entitled matter came on for scoping
meeting, pursuant to notice, at 7:10 p.m.

BEFORE:
DOUGLAS A. SIPE, FERC

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

2 (7:10 p.m.)

3 MR. SIPE: Good evening.

4 On behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory
5 Commission -- referred to as FERC -- I'd like to welcome you
6 all here tonight. We have a good crowd. We appreciate you
7 guys all coming out on a rainy night.8 I plan to fly out tonight.** We were out in the
9 field today. We drove the downtown loop. And I understand
10 there's a lot of houses on roadway. And I understand
11 there's a lot of new homeowners, new houses on the right-of-
12 way that maybe have not had an easement or a pipeline in
13 their back yards.14 So I'm here tonight -- after I go through my
15 spiel that I want on the record -- I'm here for questions.
16 I can't have people talking out and asking questions and
17 such. We have a court reporter sitting over here.
18 Everything that's said in the meeting tonight has to be on
19 the microphone.20 Once it's time for you guys to start getting your
21 comments we're going to put a mike up there and you guys
22 have to step up to the microphone. Sorry about that. I
23 know it's an inconvenience. But if there's a lot of
24 questions at the end of this meeting I can close the formal
25 part of this meeting and just sit up here and answer

1 questions, which won't be on the record. I'll give you that
2 choice later.

3 This is a scoping meeting for the
4 Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation -- Transco's --
5 proposed Sentinel Expansion Project. Let the record show
6 that the public meeting began at I'm going to say 7:10 on
7 November 8th, 2006.

8 My name is Doug Sipe -- S-i-p-e. I am the FERC
9 Environmental Project Manager. Again, we are with the
10 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. We're not Transco.
11 We're not with the company. We're the people who regulate
12 the interstate natural gas company.

13 Mike Donnelly, to my right, and Carliane Johnson
14 -- you met at the sign-in table when you came in -- are from
15 Ecology and Environment -- E&E I'll refer to them as. They
16 are a consulting firm assisting us in producing an
17 environmental assessment that will be prepared for this
18 project.

19 FERC is an independent agency that regulates
20 interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas, and
21 oil. FERC also reviews proposals to build liquefied natural
22 gas, which I'm sure everyone has heard -- It's a hot item --
23 LNG terminals and interstate natural gas pipelines, as well
24 as licensing hydro power projects.

25 The purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide

1 each of you with information about FERC, answer questions,
2 and provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments
3 on the record. We're here tonight to learn from you. It
4 will help us the most if your comments are as specific as
5 possible regarding the potential environmental impacts and
6 reasonable alternatives of the proposed project. Your
7 comments will be used to determine what issues we need to
8 cover in the EA.

9 If you wish to speak tonight please sign the
10 speakers list or registration cards.

11 After I get through all these cards and there's
12 still people that want to speak, feel free: raise your hand
13 and I'll call on you and you can come out and speak. We're
14 here until ten o'clock.

15 On October 18, 2006, we issued a Notice of Intent
16 -- I hope everyone here received one of these -- to prepare
17 an EA for the project. Issuance of the Notice of Intent
18 opened the formal comment period. It is during this period
19 that we accept written comments on the project.

20 The comment period will end on November 18, 2006.
21 That's a NEPA standard comment period. It's like a 45 day
22 comment period on the NOI. That is not to say after that 45
23 days we will not accept comments because we will. But there
24 are certain timelines set by NEPA that we fall on. So you
25 have from now until basically the project goes into

1 construction, if it does, to comment. So don't worry about
2 the timelines. That is not to say, however -- we ask if you
3 provide comments, the sooner the better. That gives us time
4 to analyze your comments and put it in the environmental
5 assessment we're going to prepare for this project.

6 Again, if you did not receive the NOI this hard
7 copy that says Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the
8 outside -- I'm sorry, this mailing list is pretty big and
9 it's undergoing constant revisions. I saw today with all
10 the new houses going up and such, I can see how some of the
11 people may have been missed. I apologize for that. We did
12 bring a lot of extra copies out there. And if you need one
13 just pick it up. There's a lot of helpful stuff in there.

14 I would like to mention that the Commission
15 encourages electronic filing of written comments. The
16 instructions are in the NOI or can be located on our website
17 at www.ferc.gov, under the e-filing link.

18 In addition, we offer a free service called
19 eSubscription. eSubscription is very helpful. I use
20 eSubscription. My consultants use eSubscription; the
21 companies use it. What it is, you go onto ferc.gov, you go
22 onto the e-filing link and you can register under
23 eSubscription. I mean to bring those things up. We have a
24 form at the sign-in table that gives you all the information
25 on how to do that.

1 What it basically is, if you sign up for that
2 eSubscription on your e-mail account you'll receive an e-
3 mail every time something goes on the record for this
4 project. That means every time we send a letter out to the
5 company or the company files something with us, whenever we
6 get a comment from a stakeholder, you will see that. You
7 don't have to open it; you just see on the subject line. It
8 will tell you what it is and you can click on it and read
9 it. It's very helpful. It's a great tool to keep up with
10 the project. Like I said, all FERC PMs, such as myself, use
11 it all the time.

12 Regarding our process, FERC is the lead federal
13 agency for the National Environmental Policy Act -- NEPA,
14 I'll refer to it as -- review of the project and the lead
15 agency in the preparation of the EA. As the lead federal
16 agency we'll review the project to satisfy the requirements
17 of NEPA. We have begun what is called the prefiling
18 process, a formal application from Transco has not been
19 filed yet.

20 A lot of people come to these meetings and once
21 they receive an NOI from FERC, once they start receiving
22 information from the company they think this project is a
23 done deal; we're just basically walking through the steps in
24 order to go ahead and construct.** That's not true. Work
25 with your right-of-way agents.**

1 You'll probably see a lot of change in the
2 project as this thing goes through. If it's on your
3 property now it may not be in the future. This is what the
4 prefiling process does. We take in comments and involve the
5 stakeholders early on in the process so we can work through
6 the issues. I'll get into that more later.

7 The purpose of the prefiling process is to
8 encourage involvement by the public, government entities,
9 and other interested stakeholders in a manner that allows
10 for early identification and resolution of environmental
11 issues. Included in our NOI there is a flowchart that
12 explains the environmental review process in more detail and
13 depicts the various public input opportunities.

14 Other federal, state, and local agencies have
15 permitting review responsibilities associated with the
16 project, and we are seeking to coordinate our review with
17 them. So basically with this NOI we're sending it out to
18 everyone involved, including all stakeholders, including
19 agencies, the public, and government entities. With that we
20 ask the cooperating agencies -- the agencies around here
21 know the area a lot better than we do.

22 A lot of times I say that -- I'm from Washington,
23 D.C., and I'm giving a speech out in Seattle. I'm only two
24 hours away from here, and I did grow up in Pennsylvania so I
25 do know the area a little bit. But that's why we try to get

1 cooperating agencies. The agencies in their area deal with
2 their resources all the time. So we try to get the
3 cooperating agencies on board to assist us in writing the
4 environmental assessment. And hopefully we have all the
5 information we need and we can solve a lot of the problems
6 once that goes out to the public.

7 During our review of the project we will send you
8 information from a variety of sources, including Transco,
9 other state, local and federal agencies, and our own
10 independent analysis and field work. Like I said today, we
11 were out in the field. We did drive around and look at the
12 route. And tomorrow if you see a helicopter flying over the
13 top of your house, that will be me and the company. It's a
14 good way to view the project.

15 We analyze the information and present our
16 findings in the EA that will be distributed to the public
17 for comment. If you want a copy of the EA, either a paper
18 copy or in CD form -- due to mailing costs actually I did
19 one of my projects in the state of Washington. Our mailing
20 costs were so astronomical that we started producing CDs.
21 It's a good way for a lot of people.

22 If you want a CD, pop it in your computer and you
23 can look at whatever you want. You can search it; it's
24 pretty easy. But if you want a paper copy there's a form in
25 the back of the NOI that you send in -- Carliane probably

1 went over that with you -- where you check off if you want a
2 paper copy if you're on the mailing list. If not, if you're
3 on the mailing list you're going to receive a CD.

4 It's very important that if you did not receive
5 an NOI to make sure you sign in tonight because that's the
6 only way that we're going to know that, while we do
7 constantly review the mailing list and we do constantly
8 update it, but we want to make sure that everyone here
9 tonight is on the mailing list and will be receiving
10 something from us. So it's really important if you didn't
11 receive the NOI to make sure you sign up because that's the
12 way we know that you want to see things.

13 It is very important that any comments you send
14 including our internal docket number for the project. The
15 docket number is in the Notice of Intent. But let me give
16 it to you now so you can write it down if you don't have a
17 Notice of Intent. The docket number for the Transco
18 Sentinel Expansion Project is PF06-32. If you send in any
19 comments to us you've got to put that tracking number on so
20 it makes it to my desk. If you send it in just under
21 Sentinel it may reach my desk, but I want to make sure it
22 reaches my desk.

23 Once they actually file an application -- they're
24 in prefiling. It's different than actually filing an
25 application. Prefiling is what we're doing out here

1 tonight. We're doing scoping. That's what scoping is.
2 We're out here getting all the concerns and seeing the
3 project and changing the project, and on and on. Once they
4 file an application with FERC that PF number will change to
5 a CP number, which stands for Certificate Proceeding. It
6 will be a CP07-something. Whenever it comes in it just gets
7 numbered. You can still track stuff from the PF numbers.

8 But when you are using eSubscription, which I
9 just learned in the past, once it goes to the CP docket
10 number you need to go back into your eSubscription and
11 change that. I thought once you just put the PF number in
12 there you were good to go and you were going to see
13 everything that came in on the project. We need to change
14 that -- and hopefully we do -- by the time this happens.
15 But you need to be back in, re-register, and put the CP
16 number in there.

17 After the EA is issued you will have 30 days to
18 review and comment on it. At the end of the 30-day comment
19 period we will use your comments and any new information
20 that we've been able to gather to finalize our
21 recommendations to the Commission. The EA does not make a
22 final decision on the project. It is being prepared to
23 advise the Commission and to disclose to the public the
24 environmental impact of constructing and operating the
25 proposed project.

1 When it is finished the Commission will consider
2 the environmental information from the EA along with the
3 non-environmental issues such as engineering, markets, and
4 rates, in making its decision to approve to deny the
5 project.

6 FERC -- we're right near Union Station on First
7 Street, about 1200 to 1300 employees by now. How it's set
8 up is we're the staff of the Commission. The Commissioners
9 are presidential appointees. There's five members of the
10 Commission staff. What happens is, like I said, along with
11 the environmental issues, engineering, markets and rates, we
12 put together a document to send upstairs when it's time for
13 this thing to be voted on, if it's going to be approved or
14 denied, to the Commissioners. We send up a recommendation;
15 they vote whether to approve it or deny the project.

16 If the Commission does vote to approve the
17 project FERC environmental staff will monitor the project
18 through construction and restoration, performing on-site
19 inspections to ensure environmental compliance with the
20 conditions of the FERC certificate.

21 Before we start taking comments from you we've
22 asked Transco to provide a brief overview of the project.
23 Mr. Mark Hartmann and Frank Canneto have agreed to do that
24 for us tonight.

25 Guys.

1 MR. HARTMANN: Good evening. My name is Mark
2 Hartmann; I work for Williams. Williams is the company that
3 operates the Transco Pipeline network. I am the project
4 manager for the Sentinel Project.

5 What I wanted to do tonight is talk to you a
6 little bit about what the Transco Pipeline network is and
7 talk a little bit about the Sentinel Project, the purpose
8 for the project, and give you an idea of where we stand
9 right now in development of the project.

10 I also have a large group of people -- ten or
11 fifteen people -- from the company. They're here tonight to
12 help answer questions, people from our Lands Department,
13 Engineering Designs, Permits, that would be happy to answer
14 any questions you might have.

15 There's also some contact cards on the table
16 outside, if you didn't pick one up, that has an e-mail
17 address, a website, and a phone number to our Land Office in
18 Flemington, New Jersey that you can contact to get
19 additional information or ask questions.

20 To give you an overview of the Transco Pipeline
21 network, for many of you that are along the right-of-way
22 you're familiar with Transco. We are an interstate gas
23 pipeline. We transport natural gas from the Gulf of Mexico
24 to a lot of markets on the East Coast. We have
25 approximately 10,500 miles of pipe and we cross 13 states.

1 Our pipeline has operated safely for over 50 years.

2 The Transco Pipeline supplies more than half the
3 natural gas that's consumed in New Jersey and about a third
4 of the natural gas that is consumed in Pennsylvania. The
5 natural gas demand in this area is increasing and this
6 increase is due to either residential growth and industrial
7 growth in this area as well as a lot of industries and power
8 plants that are converting to natural gas as a clean burning
9 fuel alternative.

10 The ability for us to serve this growth is
11 somewhat limited by our existing pipeline infrastructure.
12 Therefore when we get asked by customers to supply more gas
13 to this area we typically have to expand our pipelines. So
14 that kind of takes us to the Sentinel Project.

15 The Sentinel Project involves a number of
16 customers who asked us to transport an additional
17 approximately 150 million cubic feet of natural gas to this
18 region per day. In looking at our facilities here we
19 analyzed the pipeline. Obviously people out walking up and
20 down a right-of-way, looking at the areas around here, and
21 also in the office, we develop a model.

22 We determine what pipeline areas would need to be
23 expanded to accommodate its flow. And what we've come up
24 with is an additional 17 miles of 42 inch pipeline in
25 various areas in Pennsylvania, approximately 17 miles, and

1 approximately five miles in New Jersey. In order for us to
2 meet this request of our customers we would need to start
3 construction in the spring of 2008 and begin with gas
4 deliveries in the fall of 2008.

5 So where we're at with the project right now is
6 probably what a lot of people want to know. Because we're a
7 federally regulated entity we're required to file an
8 application with FERC and they have to approve it for us to
9 build facilities. We're planning on filing that application
10 in February of next year.

11 For the past several months, as I've said, you
12 might have seen people walking up and down the right-of-way
13 looking at certain things. We've had people out doing
14 surveys. And we've got people doing studies. And we've got
15 engineers working on the design. And we're developing this
16 FERC application.

17 This is a lengthy process. And a lot of the
18 process, too, involves us talking to land-owners and local
19 government officials and local businesses, and trying to
20 identify the issues and concerns that are out there so that
21 we can address those as we develop the design for our
22 pipeline.

23 What I'd like to say now also is that we have
24 some maps back there that depict the pipeline around, and
25 you may also have some maps that you've gotten through the

1 process. The scope of this project is still in the
2 development stage. We have not finalized the scope, the
3 design, and the schedule.

4 This project is still a little bit in flux
5 because we're still working with our customer base to define
6 exactly what the deliveries are going to be. Once that's
7 locked in, which should happen very soon, within the next
8 few weeks, we then would have to file a scope and schedule.
9 So if you look at something on the map, it may not look that
10 way, as Doug mentioned before, once it comes time to
11 construct the project.

12 That's really what I wanted to convey to
13 everybody tonight.

14 In closing, I want to emphasize to everybody
15 here, we want to be open with you. We want to have open
16 avenues of communication. And I encourage anybody who has
17 questions to talk to us after the meeting, to take the
18 contact cards and call. We have land agents that will be
19 happy to talk to you. If it's a specific issue, we have
20 people who will be happy to talk to you about it.

21 And that's all I have to say. Thank you.

22 (Pause.)

23 MR. SIPE: Thanks, guys. I appreciate it.

24 Frank, do you have anything to add?

25 MR. CANNETO: He got everything I wanted to say.

1 MR. SIPE: I'll reiterate that Transco does have
2 a lot of employees here tonight. The maps are in the back.
3 Please take a chance to make sure what the right-of-way or
4 the project looks like now on your property.

5 The maps are pretty decent back there. I think
6 they are the 2006 version, the recent aerial photography of
7 your property. Take a look at it. And if you have any
8 questions FERC, we're here, and then also Transco, again,
9 has a lot of people here.

10 Before we start the important part of the meeting
11 by taking your comments and questions, I've written down a
12 couple of extra things here that I want to go over. One is
13 survey access.

14 You may have a right-of-wayer knocking on your
15 door with a piece of paper asking for survey access. I ask
16 that everyone allow survey access. That's the information
17 we need to make a decision on this project.

18 A lot of times survey access is denied and then I
19 don't know if there's a concern. I don't know what issues
20 are out there. I don't know what environmental impacts
21 there may be. But just make sure you do ask the federal
22 agent or the surveyor what they're doing and what they're
23 going to do. Believe me, we do this stuff every day and you
24 guys don't. So just ask the questions. Survey access is
25 important.

1 Easement negotiations. That's another thing that
2 the right-of-way agent will be discussing with you guys. We
3 at FERC do not deal directly with the negotiation portion of
4 the pipeline project. I know it's scary to a lot of people
5 having a right-of-way agent that does this all the time come
6 up and negotiate an easement on your property. Again, get
7 some advice. Call me. I can give you advice on how to
8 negotiate and talk to the right-of-way agent. Be open and
9 communicate with them.

10 There should be no information they're going to
11 hold back from anybody. A lot of times we get that
12 complaint where the right-of-way department won't give.
13 It's like talking to my brother, I always said: If I don't
14 ask the question he's not going to give me the information.

15 But work with the right-of-way agents and
16 communicate with everybody and tell them the information
17 they need because again this is the stuff they do every day.

18 Eminent domain -- always a very scary issue.
19 When you see that -- it's in a lot of our documents --
20 please, if the right-of-way agents come to your property and
21 threaten the use of eminent domain, let FERC know that
22 immediately. They are not supposed to do that. I'm not
23 saying Transco -- I'm talking a blanket form here for all
24 projects across the country. A lot of times right-of-way
25 agents will threaten the use of eminent domain because they

1 know you don't know pipeline projects and they will use that
2 threat of eminent domain to negotiate with you.

3 Eminent domain can be used once the Commission
4 determines the public need and necessity for the project.
5 If we approve the project the company can use eminent domain
6 to acquire the property they need to construct this project.
7 But don't allow the company to use that as a threat.

8 Eminent domain is the number one question. If
9 you guys have any questions about that tonight, please ask
10 me.

11 Legal advice. I know there's attorneys in the
12 room. And this is not a slam on attorneys in general. But
13 again, throughout my experience with pipeline projects you
14 will have attorneys get the line list for any project. The
15 line list has a list of names across the top of it with all
16 property owners. They will mail you stuff and they will
17 guarantee a lot of times that they can fight this project
18 and they can get you 'x' amount of dollars and they can do
19 certain things for you. That is sometimes true.

20 But I caution everyone in here that if you do use
21 legal help or an attorney to negotiate for you to do
22 anything, please tell your attorney that we at FERC need to
23 know what your concerns are. If your attorney is
24 negotiating back and forth between Transco and yourself, if
25 you don't file that information I don't know if there's a

1 concern on your property. I may or may not know. If you
2 don't file that comment with me I don't know that.

3 I just had a case out on the West Coast where
4 this attorney was fighting the project with their client the
5 whole time and I never knew anything about this fight that
6 was going on. And the construction started and that's when
7 I found out about it. This attorney was fighting the whole
8 day and charging the client 'x' amount of dollars and trying
9 to negotiate things that he really couldn't negotiate. And
10 once I found out what the concern was I addressed everything
11 and she was happy.

12 So I cannot stress that enough, that we at FERC
13 make the decisions on a lot of the stuff that goes on with
14 pipeline projects and where it lands on your property.
15 Again, we don't deal directly with the negotiations, but I
16 do deal with the easements themselves on what it's going to
17 look like, how many feet they're going to use during
18 construction, where they're going to put the pipeline, a
19 number of different issues.

20 So again, please, if you're negotiating and you
21 use an attorney, make sure FERC understands what you're
22 negotiating. I don't need to know every little detail, but
23 enough.

24 Again, we'll begin the important part of the
25 meeting.

1 We do have a court reporter. Everything I say --
2 I can hear it again -- he's saying it into that mike over
3 there. But when you come up to the microphone -- we have a
4 speakers list -- please state your name clearly for the
5 court reporter. Then you can speak whatever you want to
6 say.

7 We do have a number -- 13 speakers. So I don't
8 think that I'll have to cut you off at any time, but I may
9 have to hurry you along sometime.

10 Mike, will you give a list of the first speakers
11 list?

12 MR. DONNELLY: The first speaker is Edward
13 Dymeck, Supervisor, Easton Township.

14 M. DYMECK: Thanks a lot for number one.

15 We have had three sessions with the pipe company.
16 This is the first time we've had this set of drawings, which
17 came in last week. On page 18 I have an area that leaves me
18 a little puzzled. It looks like you're asking for 90 feet
19 of right-of-way to lay the new pipeline. Right above that
20 is a 36 inch line; above that is a 30 inch line; and above
21 that is a 36 inch line, which take up less than 40 feet
22 because you don't show where the barrier is beyond that. It
23 looks to me like somebody is really grabbing off an awful
24 lot of land for some future use. So it sounds to me or
25 looks to me like something else is coming down in standby

1 for the piece that comes down and hits you on the head.**

2 The thing that's got me confused is they have a
3 straight line running, then they peel off and then they take
4 two 90 degree turns.

5 My field is electronics. Current flows. And
6 it's a pipe, 90 degrees, I know I've got a resistance path.
7 And they're looking at two 90 degree turns. And it's
8 running right through people's front yards. And it's going
9 to rip up their trees and everything else, their whole way
10 of life. I don't understand it.

11 Somebody's going to tell me, well, it's the least
12 expensive way. I'm going to reply back, 'Don't tell me
13 about the least expensive way. You're turning around and
14 disrupting people's lives. Go straight and pay that
15 additional amount.' That's what you're paid for, good
16 engineering practices, not to turn around and rip up
17 people's front yards with strange 90 degree turns.

18 You have pipelines running within five feet of
19 the house. It blows my mind, gentlemen. Families are going
20 to find that there's a 42 inch pipeline five feet from their
21 house. My advice to them is contact the real estate dealer,
22 get an assessment on your house as it exists now, then
23 inform them that there's going to be a 42 inch gas pipe
24 running five feet from the house. What is that house worth
25 then? Let me tell you, it's going to drop considerably.

1 There's got to be some consideration here. And
2 to say what we need is more quality products, that's what
3 I'm afraid of with a pipeline. It says to me you can't wait
4 until all the stuff is resolved; you've got to step in and
5 say, 'Gentlemen, we've got to do something else or buy the
6 house, one of the two.'

7 I hate to say it, but some of these people have
8 been living there for a long time. Some of them are brand
9 new. This is going to be a hell of an impact. And I know
10 what you have to go through -- arbitration and settlement --
11 to establish the boundaries. And they never seem to get
12 it.

13 I don't think there's enough thought here, number
14 one. We have not seen the company come to us since our last
15 meeting, which was we have a temporary plan but we'll get
16 back with you when we have something more solid. More solid
17 was the letter that we received that everybody was notified.
18 And we notified everybody in turn as we looked at the
19 property rights and notified them to be here to protect
20 their rights.

21 This is not an easy, easy task. I know it's
22 repetitive for you. I know it becomes very, very boring.
23 But for these people it is a hard situation. I'm not
24 affected, but I have neighbors across the street from me
25 where the pipeline runs, and we can't get gas. Big

1 pipelines ** end tape 1

2 This looks like a big booby trap that's waiting
3 to come in there and rip up more land.

4 (Applause.)

5 Again, this is the first time I saw the right-of-
6 way was today. Driving around, I do realize this pipeline
7 is close to a lot of people's homes; a lot of people's homes
8 just recently got built or a lot of people have lived beside
9 this pipeline for a long time. The last time they had any
10 real construction in this area was in the '60s, I believe,
11 versus three times in the last ten years.

12 MR. SIPE: Okay.

13 The last time any mainline construction through
14 here, the oldest pipe in there is in the '60s. I do realize
15 that they have had to come back through the Pipeline Safety
16 Improvement Act of 2002 under the Integrity Management
17 Program. They had to test the pipes. That's probably where
18 you saw them digging up a lot of times and that's a good
19 thing because they need to test the pipes to make sure
20 they're safe, seeing how some of these pipes are old. And
21 I see some heads shaking. So again, I'm learning stuff here
22 tonight. That's why I said that's what we're doing. We're
23 here for scoping and we're here to learn things and take
24 your concerns.

25 The problem is with an existing pipeline corridor

1 when you have houses that encroach up on it or pipeline
2 encroach up on the houses or vice versa, a lot of people
3 have been living beside this pipeline for a long time. And
4 operations for the pipeline will sometimes make handshake
5 deals and such.

6 I'm not talking about Transco, I'm talking in
7 general, because a lot of the area I saw today, there were
8 some larger trees, you know; there are some landscapings and
9 some swimming holes, and there's 'x' amount of things on the
10 right-of-way that should not be there. So really if the
11 pipeline companies wanted to they could come in tomorrow and
12 maintain their right-of-way and tear down a lot of these
13 trees.

14 Now would they do that? Not likely. But they
15 should take some of the trees down that I saw because that
16 is a safety hazard. And they will do that with this
17 project. But we have to work with each other here. There's
18 houses up on the pipeline and there's pipelines up on the
19 houses.

20 The five feet I think is maybe a little bit off
21 because those maps -- remember, it's very confusing even to
22 us. If you look at the map you're looking at some times
23 construction right-of-way and permanent right-of-way and
24 extra work spaces they need to have to construct a pipeline.
25 So that's always very confusing.

1 And I was riding around with some engineers today
2 and he was telling me all the hassles they're going through
3 in order to engineer this to work correct. Again, that's
4 what I do. I look at the route on those alignment sheets.
5 I work with the company, the agencies, and with you guys to
6 figure out if this pipeline goes through what they need to
7 remove and how much work space they need to construct
8 because they do have an existing right-of-way they can use.
9 They can store a lot of things on that during construction.

10 The only thing they try to limit is the amount of
11 heavy machinery over the top of these pipelines during
12 construction because you have a pipeline sometimes three,
13 four, five feet below and they need to pad up their right-
14 of-way to run this heavy equipment. We're talking about it
15 for safety and operation reasons.

16 So I could rattle on.

17 Next speaker.

18 MR. DONNELLY: The next speaker is Donald Mayhew
19 also of East Caln Township.

20 MR. MAYHEW: Thank you, gentlemen.

21 The first question I have is probably to Transco.
22 In a 42 inch line how much psi is going to go through there?
23 Can anybody tell us that?

24 MR. SIPE: 800.

25 MR. MAYHEW: I'm a mechanical engineer. If I had

1 built a pipeline with four 90 degree turns I'd have gotten
2 fired. Those 90 degree turns with that much pressure, I
3 would have to have some confirmation of what they build that
4 it would be able to handle it. The second 90 degree is the
5 one that really bothers me more than anything. That's the
6 one that goes in front of the Delaney property.

7 In the Commonwealth in the last two years there's
8 been over \$100,000 in remediation of the stream that runs
9 through there. They're going to run down through there with
10 a 90 degree and another 90 degree right through the area the
11 Commonwealth spent this money on. And it's going to tear up
12 the Delaney's property.

13 It would seem to me that if you would just go
14 straight across -- I realize Transco says 'Don't go near the
15 bridge. We may have to spend some money to repair that
16 bridge.' Tough tittybears. If you're going to ruin
17 people's property so that you won't have to go near that
18 bridge or go over the river run -- right now you've got two
19 pipes that run on I believe the south side of that bridge.
20 There's no reason why this pipeline can't go that same
21 direction.

22 Then further on the pipeline goes straight. Then
23 you get to sheet 20 and all of a sudden it does a little bit
24 of -- I guess a twelve and a half degree turn and goes
25 outside the two 36 pipelines. It goes across highway 113

1 and then goes by those houses. And instead of going between
2 the 36 inch lines where it was, now they're coming within
3 five feet of the homes. Why not leave that line again
4 between the two 36 inch lines? Why do that? You're going
5 to ruin these people.

6 Even if it's within eight feet -- forget the five
7 feet, say eight feet. By the time you dig the trench you're
8 using up all that dirt. You put the pipeline in it and you
9 cover it all up. These people have loose soil next to their
10 basements. And if they don't get water running in it I'll
11 eat my shirt.

12 There's no concern for these people. By filling
13 around that damn pipeline at twelve and a half degree turns
14 and to get away from running between lines B and C, the two
15 36 inch lines, it's ridiculous engineering.

16 I've got to tell you. Even in Mexico they won't
17 let me do that when I was working down there. You can
18 imagine what this is like.

19 Let's be careful the way we engineer, please.
20 You've got a perfectly fine line going between the two 36
21 inch. Why do you get away from it and then go close to the
22 homes? No reason, unless it's to save money.

23 Let's take a long, hard look at the way this is
24 designed. And if you're going to fly over there tomorrow,
25 take a good hard look at the way these lines are going. And

1 don't forget the \$100,000 the Commonwealth spent. I hope
2 it's not wasted. If you're going to have to cut trees down
3 you do that. But there's no reason to ruin that stream
4 again. We worked like crazy to prevent flooding. They had
5 flooding because the line was not properly taken care of,
6 which the Commonwealth and the township, working with the
7 county, solved the problem. Let's not ruin it.

8 Downingtown, as you know, has had its fair share
9 of heavy flooding. So please be concerned about what
10 happens downstream with what you're doing upstream.

11 Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. SIPE: Thank you.

14 That was a topic of concern today, where they
15 were going to be in between the lines and where they were
16 going to be out on the outside of the lines. That again is
17 being looked into heavily.

18 I was riding with the engineer and he was talking
19 to me about certain situations where he was going to have to
20 be in between, certain situations where he was going to have
21 to be outside. All that information will be provided to us
22 and we will take a hard look at that.

23 These comments are good, and again they're all on
24 the record. And they all will be addressed in the
25 environmental assessment.

1 Next speaker.

2 MR. DONNELLY: The next speaker is Joel Swisher,
3 also East Caln township.

4 MR. SWISHER: Thank you.

5 It's ironic that you've got all three supervisors
6 in one shot here. If you're not aware that we are all
7 supervisors from East Caln township, one reason we came here
8 this evening was -- in my mind anyway -- lack of
9 communication. I don't know how many meetings you had where
10 you get all the supervisors from the township show up.

11 Firstly, as I see many residents here from East
12 Caln township, the reason for that is from the very
13 beginning planning stages of this when we met with Transco
14 Williams we asked how the residents were notified. We were
15 told a piece of paper was put in their door or something in
16 their mailbox. That was unacceptable to us. We had to take
17 it upon ourselves to notify our residents, send information
18 out to them to keep them informed on what's taking place
19 because it certainly wasn't being done by Williams.

20 Secondly, the meeting this evening, we made sure
21 again that they were notified to be here to speak their
22 minds. To me that's one of the biggest things. It doesn't
23 have to do with construction. But if they communicate with
24 you the way they communicate with us, our residents, there's
25 an issue there also.

1 I agree with Mr. Dymek and Mr. Mayhew. I'm not
2 going to dwell on the issue with the 90 degree turns. I
3 think it's ridiculous the way it's set up. There's no
4 reason why in all these cases it can't be maintained within
5 the right-of-way that we already have, especially with the
6 Delaney property. I think that's something you need to take
7 a real serious look at.

8 This whole project to me in many of these cases
9 is for the convenience of Williams, not for the convenience
10 of the residents. It's a method for them to be convenient,
11 save money, whatever works for them and forget everybody
12 else. I can only hope that you take a long hard look at a
13 couple of those areas because in my mind it's just for their
14 convenience and no one else's.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. SIPE: Thank you.

18 MR. DONNELLY: The next speaker is Jim Layman,
19 Glen Ridge Homeowners Association.

20 MR. LAYMAN: Good evening, again. My name is Jim
21 Layman. I'm Lot 360, Sterling Lane, with the pipeline
22 approximately, according to the drawings, about ten feet
23 from my foundation, maybe 15 feet.

24 As you're well aware, when they dig that ditch,
25 as the Commissioner said earlier, it will definitely be a

1 little close.

2 I guess my concerns are many but I'll try to
3 limit them this evening to my first concern, being safety.
4 With a 42 inch high pressure main that close to my home,
5 that was my primary concern.

6 My secondary concern is when the development was
7 built -- my house is only a year and a half old. The
8 builders were nice enough to put in some beautiful storm
9 water drains right next to my foundation which run about ten
10 feet from the foundation of my house, which, by the way were
11 just repaired as they're getting ready to transition over to
12 the township. Along with that for storm water retention
13 they also put two very large French drains on both corners
14 of my house, to again take care of storm water.

15 Thirdly, I'm looking at -- again, as someone
16 stated earlier -- I bought the home for an investment. I'm
17 a life-long resident of Chester County. I'm aware of all
18 the pipelines going through. I was well aware that the
19 pipeline was there when we brought the property. But again,
20 my major concern is the resale value of my home and how it
21 will be affected, the safety of that pipeline and the close
22 proximity of it to my home.

23 Thirdly is the storm water situation, which had
24 been very well monitored by the township when the
25 development was put in.

1 Thank you very much. I'm all done.

2 MR. SIPE: Thank you.

3 The homeowners associations, I think there's two
4 of them that sent a comment in to FERC, actually. Toll
5 Brothers, was that the builder? South Down. Is Toll
6 Brothers on this?

7 MR. DONNELLY: Toll Brothers sent the comment
8 letter in to FERC.

9 MR. SIPE: With new developments sometimes the
10 builders themselves are acting as the homeowners association
11 and then they turn it over to the residents. That happened
12 twice in this project and we did receive that information.
13 I just wanted to let everyone know that.

14 MR. DONNELLY: The next speaker is Christopher
15 Connell, attorney for Glen Ridge Homeowners Association.

16 MR. CONNELL: Good evening.

17 As you said, my name is Chris Connell. I'm an
18 attorney representing the Glen Ridge Homeowners Association.
19 You heard from one of the individual property owners within
20 Glen Ridge as to some of his specific concerns and how it
21 affects his property. I'll limit my concerns to the
22 concerns generally of the homeowners association.

23 If this pipeline project is allowed to proceed it
24 will, number one, result in the loss of significant mature
25 tree, the uniqueness and scenic value of the property, and

1 the common areas of the property. Many of the homeowners in
2 the development bought the properties because they were
3 somewhat secluded because they had mature trees. Based upon
4 the plans we've seen those mature trees would be
5 significantly impacted and likely taken down, substantially
6 changing the character of the site.

7 A secondary concern would be the added cost to
8 maintain the common areas and the right-of-way if they were
9 to take down the trees. Obviously those would have to be
10 mowed and maintained in a different way than they would
11 currently be maintained as stands of mature trees.

12 Thirdly, as Jim referenced a moment ago, there
13 are significant storm water concerns in this development.
14 And the proposed pipeline as it is currently drawn up would
15 directly impact the primary storm water basin in the
16 development. In fact, I believe it would run directly
17 through the middle of it, causing obviously destruction to
18 the storm water basin, but also causing additional concerns
19 of silt infiltration, et cetera, that need to be
20 significantly remediated, repaired, et cetera.

21 Jim also referred to several of the properties
22 have underground drains to alleviate storm water concerns.
23 Those would likely be damaged by construction, thereby
24 having an adverse impact not only on the houses in the
25 development but the community as a whole as it relates to

1 storm water management.

2 Finally, the residents are concerned about the
3 impact of access to their site, particularly during the
4 construction period. The right-of-way for the pipeline runs
5 directly across the main access to the site. There is a
6 secondary emergency access that's used for emergency
7 purposes only, but if limited to that it would be a
8 significant inconvenience. It would present problems for
9 children trying to catch their school buses. And the
10 residents have significant concerns about that as well.

11 There are a number of other residents of the
12 neighborhood here this evening who may also speak as to
13 specific concerns. But that generally summarizes the
14 concerns of the homeowners association.

15 Thank you.

16 MR. SIPE: Thank you.

17 MR. DONNELLY: The next speaker, Diane and Joseph
18 Delaney.

19 MR. SIPE: Is this the Delaney property?

20 (Laughter.)

21 MS. DELANEY: One and the same.

22 MR. SIPE: Just so I understand, give me an idea
23 where it is. I know I saw it today.

24 MS. DELANEY: On Norwood Road, as you're
25 traveling up or down, you're going to see a little stone

1 bridge. If you look towards our property you see a white
2 gazebo that overlooks the stream. You can't actually see
3 our house because it's protected from view by all the mature
4 trees that are on our property and they provide us a barrier
5 from noise and the view of traffic up and down the street.

6 Going towards Downingtown from the Glen Ridge
7 development, we are the second mailbox on your left-hand
8 side.

9 MR. SIPE: I'll look at it on the map.

10 MS. DELANEY: Joe has some pictures that he can
11 show you. But let me get -- they understand where the 90
12 degree turn is, in that part.

13 I am just going to run through the points as
14 quickly as I can because I tend to be verbose and I'm going
15 to avoid that.

16 First of all, I'm concerned as well about
17 communication. Everything that I've read has been -- with
18 the Transco Williams information, it touts the importance of
19 involving the community to avoid concerns, misconceptions,
20 et cetera. One of my main concerns is in fact
21 miscommunication and lack of communication that has occurred
22 to date.

23 I just found out tonight that one of the
24 residents from Glen Ridge who spoke earlier was actually
25 mailed a map showing the new drawing of the proposed

1 pipeline. And we just by chance got one from the township
2 manager last Friday.

3 When I had spoken to him earlier in the week our
4 township had no idea that after the meeting that we held on
5 September 5th that there was any revision to the plan
6 whereby the representatives of Transco Williams stood up and
7 said there is no plan at this time to go on to the Delaney
8 property. The township went to the trouble of meeting and
9 discussing with them actions or placing within their current
10 movement and going across the site of the bridge across the
11 street.**

12 When I told Bob Bursen that a representative from
13 Transco had been saying, 'no, we're going to be coming onto
14 your property but don't feel bad because we're going to have
15 to buy the gentleman up the road's property and take it down
16 all together,' that's not what they told the gentleman up
17 the street. And I certainly wasn't going to knock on his
18 door and give him this little piece of information. But you
19 can imagine how upsetting it would have been for them and
20 how upsetting it was for us to be told 'we're going to be
21 straight up with you, we're going to talk to you,' and yet
22 they're not talking to us.

23 The gentleman up the street received his notice
24 by mail a month ago. And it was only by talking to the
25 township manager that I got the new drawing of the plans,

1 which actually were drawn up and dated March of last year.

2 So that's a real concern. And I'm wondering how
3 many others are not here tonight because they're still
4 believing that they're not impacted based on what they were
5 told on September 5th at the meeting we had. I can't answer
6 that. But it's something that should be answered.

7 The next thing is that I believe that Transco has
8 alternatives as they were discussed by the township
9 managers. There is current easement. We were told that it
10 could be placed within the foot of the current easement by
11 one of the representatives of Transco at the first two
12 public meetings that were held -- one of which my husband
13 and I attended, as well as the second meeting -- that there
14 are ways to keep it within the current easement. Now all of
15 a sudden last Friday we see a map that shows if you just
16 took and looked at the straight line that seems a logical
17 approach to it.

18 And now all of a sudden you see this dog leg
19 that's got a 90 degree turn within feet of the front of our
20 house, which is the only area of the garden we can use.
21 Everything that we have is right in front of our house. And
22 that's no longer going to be something that we can utilize
23 in the way we always have and planned to continue to do so.

24 The impact of mile marker 1716, which is where
25 our house is, devastates us personally, as I'm sure it does

1 many other people in this room, despite the fact that the
2 map itself has the number three industrial legend where our
3 house actually sits. And I can assure you, it is a home
4 with real people in it.

5 Concerns that were already voiced that I concur
6 with are that there's an additional crossing of Ludwig's
7 Creek. My husband and I have tried to raise the alarm with
8 residents in the area, with every level of government, to
9 try to understand the impact of upstream development on this
10 stream. It has been devastating. We were successful in
11 getting \$100,000 set aside from the developer to investigate
12 and resolve the problem. In addition to that we were
13 successful in getting an equal amount from the Grown Greener
14 project.** \$200,000 had been put into this area, and it was
15 a lot of blood and sweat and tears from a lot of people,
16 including representatives of the township, representatives
17 of the conservation district and the Department of
18 Environmental Protection that could well be undermined by
19 the decision as it's put forward here.

20 In our property, as I explained, you didn't see
21 our property probably because there are over 100 mature
22 trees. These are the ones that have a dimension that is
23 substantial enough to measure them as a mature tree. As you
24 come up or down Norwood Road most properties are sloping
25 down towards the road. In our case our property slopes down

1 away from the road.

2 What happens with those 100 or so trees that are
3 in there is that when there's runoff from the road when
4 there's flooding from the ridge across the street, which
5 crosses the street and comes on to our property, those 100
6 trees each have the capability to suck up as much as 350
7 gallons of rainwater to prevent additional flooding into the
8 stream and erosion from the stream bank. Certainly it helps
9 prevent us having an additional pond in the front of our
10 property, which is the only area where we actually have
11 grass -- although a lot of it is moss, I must admit. So
12 there's that concern.

13 And finally -- well, in addition, a 90 degree
14 bend in a 42 inch pipe -- and you've had the question asked
15 and answered -- I'm concerned as well about the resistance
16 that occurs having spoken to someone else who has better
17 experience of it than me. They said there's also the issue
18 of noise. In some areas this pipe is only buried two feet
19 and it's not always five feet. So there's a lot of impact.
20 And with the resistance comes heat. And when we're talking
21 about -- what was it? -- 800 and some pounds per square inch
22 of natural gas going through there where my little grandson
23 sits to read his book, I don't think that's something that I
24 want, nor would anybody else.

25 You also talked about people giving access to the

1 surveyors as though it were a future thing. Many of the
2 surveys, if not all of the surveys, occurred months ago. My
3 husband and I and some other neighbors were very surprised
4 to get a letter from someone that had come through and
5 actually picked up things that were relics of some kind and
6 wanted to know whether we wanted to donate them to a museum.

7
8 I didn't know anything about them. But they're
9 actually pieces from when people were making tools out of
10 stone and these were the shavings from those as well as some
11 very rudimentary nails that were used in that time. I asked
12 for pictures of them and told them they could keep them.
13 But no one had ever told me that there was someone on my
14 property doing this study.

15 I thought there were people coming on my property
16 to look at setbacks and options and that was all.

17 So again, a lack of communication.

18 Another thing I've been researching now ever
19 since I found this out last Friday, it's not 24/7 but I've
20 probably put 40 hours of research in just to look at what
21 other people have gone through where the successes are.
22 There's very little that's actually published to talk about
23 what people have gone through. But in some instances what
24 organizations have done is actually request that there be an
25 increase in the dimension of the current pipes rather than

1 allowing an additional pipe.

2 If you just do your standard pi R-squared on a
3 circle you're going to see that you're almost doubling the
4 volume going from a 30-inch pipe to 42 inch pipe gives you
5 almost double the current volume of that pipe without doing
6 anything to an additional easement. So I see that as being
7 yet an additional option that's available.

8 And also I'm wondering, just looking at the
9 guidelines that FERC provides to Transco or any other
10 natural resource and utility that's going through, one of
11 the things that's required is that there be a FERC
12 representative at the public meetings. And there were two
13 public meetings this summer and I'm wondering who was the
14 FERC representative because we met and introduced ourselves
15 to just about everyone who was there. I don't remember any
16 one single representative from FERC being at either meeting.

17 Finally, you were seemingly not disbelieving but
18 somewhat incredulous that there had been work since the
19 1960s on this pipeline. My husband will show you a picture
20 of the pipeline that was exposed as a result of that erosion
21 in the stream bank. And that pipeline, which is one of the
22 three -- and it was the farthest from the bridge that you
23 look at -- that pipeline was left exposed for over a year.
24 And we had discussions with Transco Williams and we asked
25 that that pipeline, as well as an area of the pipeline

1 upstream that was left exposed, that something be done with
2 it. It was left in the exposed state.

3 Would you please show them that picture? That
4 was left like that until such time as the pipeline decided
5 they wanted to come through and do work for different
6 reasons. You take a look at that and ask me if you would
7 like to have your family living in close proximity to that.

8 That's all I've got. Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. SIPE: This pipe has been fixed since?

11 MS. DELANEY: It's buried, covered.

12 MR. SIPE: Very good comments.

13 MS. DELANEY: I can get you an additional copy if
14 you need one.

15 MR. SIPE: A lot of the work -- maybe I misspoke.
16 From my experience in pipelines in the beginning saying that
17 there hasn't been any work done since the 1960s on any
18 lines. There hasn't been an expansion. There hasn't been a
19 new pipeline put in for any reason besides maintenance or
20 operation on this project. Maybe that can clear that up for
21 everybody.

22 Very good comments. I was very impressed by the
23 comment about the trees sucking up water. A lot of my
24 southwest projects, that's a major issue. Very good. We'll
25 hit on all these comments in the EA. When the EA comes to

1 you guys take a look at it. If it's not in there let me
2 know.

3 MR. DONNELLY: Next speaker is John Robinson,
4 homeowner.

5 MR. ROBINSON: Hi. John Robinson. I live on
6 White Road. Just a comment first, then two questions.

7 Obviously right now I have a pipeline in my back
8 yard. I put a fiber optic cable back there. And I also
9 have a power line there. So obviously it's not something I
10 want to have as another 42 inch high pressure pipe in my
11 back yard. Obviously for just a hazard, a concern about the
12 safety every time we put these things in the back yard
13 you're going to have increased safety hazards, potentially.

14 I have three young kids and there's a lot of kids
15 in our neighborhood. And so I speak for them as well as
16 really just being a resident. And again, coming to the
17 trees, there are some trees that are in the back of these
18 homes, the front of these homes. The pipeline goes through.
19 Granted, they're close if not on that easement. But again,
20 when it rains heavy you can see a little bit of a stream
21 going through our back yard. So the more trees that you
22 take down at the end of White Road of mature trees-- We
23 know now from hearing from the township that there's water
24 issues. This is going to add to those issues, I think.

25 I guess the questions that I have are, first of

1 all, why did they selected this route? Was this route
2 selected just because there's already an easement going
3 through there? Again getting back to the township managers,
4 is this just a convenience? I want to know that first: Why
5 was this route chosen.

6 The second question I have is were there other
7 routes selected or even reviewed or looked at, and if they
8 were, first of all, which other routes were looked at, and
9 if they were abandoned why were they abandoned.

10 And then the other question I have when I was at
11 the earlier meeting was when you consider putting a 42 inch
12 pipe in there did you consider what the future volume or how
13 much gas that you're going to need to have in the future?
14 The comments that I got back from other meetings is, 'Well,
15 we can't do that. We put in a request. We can only just
16 put in what we're requesting at that point.

17 My question is -- and again it gets back to the
18 townships -- are they asking for more easement because they
19 plan on actually putting another one in in the future? I
20 don't want another one, no less putting this 42 inch. Are
21 you just going to put this 42 inch in and by the time you
22 get it all done in two years you're going to have to put
23 another one in there.

24 These are some major concerns. And again, it's
25 the community. We live in an area, we're in the suburbs.

1 We like to have trees. There wasn't a lot of these places -
2 - Home Depot and all these places, you know, you couldn't
3 see those before. Now they cut all these trees down for the
4 development and we're lucky if we have a few standing. Now
5 they're going to come back.

6 And I look at the map and we're actually going to
7 have areas where they're going to want to put heavy
8 equipment that's not on the pipe but actually adjacent to it
9 where there's very few trees to begin with, and they're
10 going to have to cut the trees down just to store equipment.

11 So that's my comments.

12 MR. SIPE: Very good comments.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. SIPE: Trees, major concern.

15 That's a major concern for me also. A lot of
16 pipeline companies call me a tree-hugger because what I do
17 is I ride herd on these guys when they come through with
18 easement, especially in a mature development, that they
19 watch the amount of trees they take down. That was a major
20 concern to me. And I said, 'Look, guys, we're going through
21 here and I see a lot of mature trees. I see a lot of mature
22 visual screens. The pipeline is right next to them.' And
23 you guys have trees protecting you from looking at the road,
24 protecting you from looking at an apartment complex or
25 protecting you from whatever you don't want to look at.

1 I promise you I will look very hard, along with
2 Mike, to make sure that these guys go through and they limit
3 the amount of trees they need to take down. I grant you
4 that a pipeline company in the beginning when they engineer
5 that baby out they're going to want to use as much right-of-
6 way as they possibly can to make this thing go fast as
7 possible. They know when that comes in it's going to slow
8 down. There's already a lot of construction through
9 here. It's going to take a long time to construct. That's
10 due to the fact that we are going to narrow them down for
11 construction right-of-way, and that's due to the fact that
12 they have to do a lot of stove-pipe construction work where
13 they lay a piece, they cover it up; they lay another piece
14 and cover it up. And that's slow construction. But the
15 reason they're going to be doing that is to preserve a lot
16 of the things that you guys want preserved.

17 So I understand the impact of trees.

18 Water issues, that's a main topic on a lot of
19 pipelines also, not only due to the existing water issues
20 you may already have -- this may have been a great day for
21 me to be on the right-of-way seeing how you guys got so much
22 rain today -- but that is what we really look into during
23 construction. There's a lot of plans and developmental work
24 that we put in to make sure these guys follow specific plans
25 and procedures on how to construct and how to deal with

1 existing water issues and future water issues.

2 Like sometimes I ask these guys 'today make sure
3 that you videotape this entire right-of-way' because it
4 never ceases to amaze me that after all this is in I get a
5 complaint on the hotline that it wasn't put back the way it
6 was when they first came in here. We go back and look at
7 the videotape and we make sure from the survey that it has
8 been done that way. And a lot of water issues come from
9 that where a company comes through and they put something
10 in; they'll put it back the way it was and you have water
11 running on your property a different way than it was before
12 they came in. That's well heard.

13 The route chosen, FERC usually requires these
14 guys to remain on existing rights-of-way. We don't want
15 pipelines spreading all over the country by themselves. We
16 usually try to make these guys stick to a specific corridor
17 along existing utility, along an existing road, along an
18 existing power line.

19 In this instance this is an expansion of their
20 own system, so we try to keep these guys on their own right-
21 of-way. There may be certain situations, environmental
22 issues, land-owner issues, whatever it may be, that we have
23 these guys go off the right-of-way into a new portion of
24 land and then back on. That's very site-specific and
25 another thing we're looking into right now.

1 Alternatives will be looked at. The details that
2 are looked at on an existing right-of-way, unless there is a
3 specific concern on the reason why we should take them off
4 that existing right-of-way, you won't see a lot of
5 alternatives to go way off to put this pipeline somewhere
6 off ten miles down the road or five miles this way because
7 again we try to keep these guys on their existing right-of-
8 way. Specific concerns or specific problems, we may ask
9 them to move.

10 Alternatives you will see more in depth with
11 engineering. Engineering alternatives will be heavily
12 looked into because what we want to do with these guys is
13 make sure that they need this amount of pipe for their
14 client. So the downtown loop, ten miles, we'll have them
15 look at that engineering-wise and it may be cut down to
16 five.

17 That's just an example. Don't quote me on that.
18 But that's what we do. We have them look into the
19 engineering of their own existing system, which was a
20 comment earlier: Can they take their existing pipes and a
21 30 inch pipe and convert it to 42 inch and then maybe they
22 wouldn't have to construct this amount of pipe. That is
23 something that can be looked into. But you have to
24 remember: the existing pipes they have in the ground now
25 are serving existing clients. So that gas would have to be

1 shut off in order to do that. But again, that's something
2 we'll look into.

3 Rate of return, that is a very good comment that
4 was received. I would love for these pipeline companies to
5 be able to, if they could, buy a 200 foot right-of-way and
6 maintain it for the life of the company to put pipelines in
7 and no one else can encroach on it. That doesn't happen in
8 reality because what happens is when these pipeline
9 companies build a pipeline they have to come -- like I spoke
10 earlier, there's other things that FERC looks at besides the
11 environmental reasons. We look at engineering, markets and
12 rates, rate of return -- which would mean -- actually, it's
13 not rate of return.

14 Rates are what they need to look into because
15 when they build the pipeline the expense that they use for
16 that expansion, they can't go above that because the
17 ratepayers are paying for that expansion. So they're not
18 going to pay for a larger expansion and have the pipeline
19 sit there and be empty. In other words, FERC doesn't allow
20 them to do that either. So that's something, that they're
21 only allowed to build enough pipe to serve their need, and
22 really not larger.

23 So hopefully I've covered a lot of your
24 questions. After the meeting I can get someone from the
25 rates department in Transco and they can explain that in

1 depth. I'm not a rates guy. I tried to explain it, but--

2 Next speaker.

3 MR. DONNELLY: All right.

4 Steve and Linda Farrell, homeowners.

5 MS. FARRELL: I'm Linda Farrell. This is Steve
6 Farrell. We live at 331 Norwood Road, directly across the
7 street from the Delaney property. I'm also on the board of
8 directors of the Chester County Conservation District.

9 I just want to note that the Conservation
10 District was not notified of this meeting, which I found to
11 be slightly unusual considering the fact that we are talking
12 about crossing a tributary to the Brandywine River and
13 typically any watershed crossing both DEP and Conservation
14 District are to be notified of any potential work.

15 And just as a point of fact, we also were not
16 notified about the survey being done on our property. We
17 also did receive a notice that artifacts had been found.
18 That was the first we knew that a survey of that type --
19 artifacts were found both on the Delaney property and on our
20 property.

21 My understanding is that that pretty much is a
22 signal to say, 'Whoa. We've got to take a look and see what
23 other artifacts are in this area and what significance,
24 historically, they have.'

25 I do know that that has not been done. And I do

1 know that we are in an area that was an Indian tribal area
2 and part of a historic railway that came through down in
3 town.

4 I also found it interesting that Diane had
5 research about expanding the current pipes could be a
6 possibility. I particularly think that is an interesting
7 concept because I do live across the street from the Delaney
8 property.

9 The pipe that was shown -- the exposed pipe in
10 the creek is at the base of our property. So for well over
11 a year we did ask Transco to fix the pipe. We were
12 concerned, frankly, of something like a truck going off the
13 side of the road and careening into the creek. We felt it
14 was the safety issue. As the Delaney's pointed out, until
15 it was a matter of urgency for Transco nothing was done on
16 that pipe. When the work was done on the pipe it was to
17 cover rather than bury the pipe, even though DEP and
18 Conservation District urged -- very strongly urged -- that
19 the pipe be buried and not covered over. It was a
20 stalemate. Ultimately the pipe was covered rather than
21 buried.

22 We moved into our property in 1992. The next
23 morning there was a bulldozer in our front yard uncovering a
24 pipe that the smart pig had determined had a potential
25 breach in it. I guess because of the settlement of our

1 house on a Friday we were told -- no one had notified us
2 that there would be a backhoe in our front yard. Here we
3 had moved to what we thought was a quiet, peaceful hills of
4 Chester County.

5 \We've had a lot of construction in that field
6 since. The work that was done in the creek that Joe and
7 Diane Delaney showed you resulted in some smart pig
8 discovery of other breaches. I used to plow that field.
9 The field has now been completely destroyed of any perennial
10 herbs and plants that were in that field.

11 Although the easement states that a fair and
12 reasonable compensation should be made we received about a
13 third of what we estimated. We did get according to
14 direction from Transco, we did get a non-biased estimate of
15 what the cost was. It was, frankly, easier to settle for
16 the one-third what the value of the crops were than to hire
17 a lawyer. So we did settle.

18 The point being that having a pipeline in your
19 front yard is not always a quiet, peaceful event in your
20 life. I've been in that field when the smart pig goes
21 underground. It's scary. The first time I didn't know what
22 a smart pig was. I didn't know what was going on
23 underneath. I did know there was a pipeline underneath me
24 and I thought run for the hills because this thing's going
25 to explode and take me with it.

1 So to have a 90 degree angle in their yard and to
2 have that smart pig running through -- I don't know how the
3 heck it's going to get around that 90 degrees -- I don't
4 envy the Delaney's.

5 From the get-go on this project, since our field
6 has already been completely devoured, I have said to Transco
7 please just run along the field. Use the field. It's
8 already been dug up. It's a less environmentally
9 destructive process. You don't have to take the trees down
10 on the Delaney's property. You can go alongside underneath
11 or above the current pipes. Please.

12 We offered up that solution of going straight
13 across rather than even spending the money, frankly, to
14 investigate the other alternatives. And I agree with the
15 supervisors that this is, frankly, an economical decision on
16 the part of Transco not to have to take into consideration
17 future commitments to maintaining the bridge. The bridge
18 would have to be worked on.

19 And I'll end with that.

20 I was at a carbon trading seminar all day, and I
21 frankly, above and beyond the aesthetics of the trees, the
22 carbon trading that we're all talking about in preserving
23 our environment, this is just one little slice of what we
24 need to prevent. If it's not the Delaney's property then
25 it's going to be somebody else's property.

1 Thanks.

2 MR. SIPE: Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 MR. SIPE: The communication issue is very well
5 heard. Again, this is pre-filing. And I stress it is pre-
6 filing. These guys should be out talking expressly to the
7 local agencies a lot more, I'm understanding.

8 So we will work with Transco and have them talk
9 to the local and state agencies and inform people what is
10 going on, even though they have to keep informing people
11 what's going on several times because it may change. We
12 will work with them and make sure that the right-of-way
13 agents -- that's one thing I wish FERC could regulate with
14 the pipeline industry is the right-of-way agents. We cannot
15 do that. The right-of-way agents are a consultant to the
16 pipeline company.

17 We do stress to the pipeline companies on certain
18 things that they need to tell. Maybe it sounds like on this
19 loop they need to hire more right-of-way agents so they can
20 come out and let you guys know what's going on. That is
21 something I will talk to them about.

22 Smart pigs. That's pretty funny that you said
23 that. I remember when I was young -- like I said, I grew up
24 in Bedford, Pennsylvania. I was on the Texas Eastern
25 Pipeline sitting there. I'm hunting with my father one day

1 and sitting on the right-of-way, heard this thing go
2 underneath me. It just went, whew, like a race car. And
3 I'm out in the middle of nowhere. I thought what in the
4 world was that. I didn't even know there was a pipeline
5 underneath me.

6 It's pretty interesting if you hear one go
7 through. That is a good thing, again, that they do, use the
8 smart pigs, because that does show them where they're having
9 issues with their pipes.

10 Operations and fixing the pipes, like the stream
11 crossing there that you guys showed me, that's a very good
12 picture. The pipeline companies would fix pipes a lot
13 quicker in that situation than they probably did if they
14 didn't have to go through the bureaucracy of the
15 environmental permitting to do it.

16 Believe me, a pipeline company wants to fix that.
17 But they have to go through the state process and they have
18 to go through the local issues on how to do that. I just
19 dealt with that in another state and it was very hard for
20 the pipeline company to go back in and disrupt the stream to
21 repair a pipe.

22 I'm just saying that as blanket; I'm not saying
23 it as a site specific. But that is one issue that I have
24 been involved with with a pipeline company. I see a lot of
25 heads shaking. I'm just saying that as a blanket statement.

1 I understand that is something they want to fix and they
2 should fix.

3 We work very closely with the Office of Pipeline
4 Safety and the Office of Pipeline Safety will be a
5 cooperating agency on this EA. And they will be providing
6 input for safety and operation of the pipe.

7 Next.

8 MR. DONNELLY: Lisa Eisen, property owner.

9 MS. EISEN: Again, I'm Lisa Eisen. I'm a
10 property owner at the Woodmont North development in
11 Downington East Coln north of Norwood Road.

12 I recently bought there last December. And one
13 of the winning points of the place was, of course, being
14 named Woodmont North, it's covered with trees. So I am
15 concerned about the loss of trees along the easement. If
16 they're going to widen the easement I have a few questions,
17 which are also concerns, and I don't know if they can be
18 answered at this time. But at some time I would like to
19 have a few answers.

20 We have an electric substation not far from the
21 easement right now. I was just wondering about setback
22 distances of the gas line from the substation and from
23 underground electric lines, and also from property
24 structures.

25 I would also like to know how far the easement is

1 going to have to be widened at that property.

2 I would also like to know a little more about the
3 negotiations as far as selling off more of an easement. I
4 would like to know if FERC approves the pipeline project do
5 negotiations tend to stop at that point or do negotiations
6 continue if the parties are both negotiating still.

7 I thought it might be a good PR thing if
8 negotiations weren't stopped. I would think the company
9 would want to eventually settle on something rather than
10 just taking something. I guess it wouldn't be good PR for
11 the company. So I just wondered.

12 That's it. Thank you.

13 MR. SIPE: Thank you for the comments.

14 Easement widening, again, the widening of the
15 right-of-way, that's something we are taking a look at right
16 now, if it has to happen, and where it has to happen. These
17 are very preliminary drawings. The widening of the right-
18 of-way has got to be site specific. So you will be
19 notified.

20 You live in a condo association; you'll probably
21 have to deal with the management company themselves. I'm
22 not sure if Transco will deal directly with each condo
23 occupant or the management association itself. But you
24 should be notified of how much the easement is going to
25 widen, if any.

1 Negotiations, once FERC issues a certificate --
2 and the certificate is again in the public need and
3 necessary and they vote yes for the project -- once they
4 issue that certificate negotiations will probably only go on
5 so far. They do have a schedule that needs to be met to
6 meet their client's needs.

7 My experience, if negotiations are going nowhere
8 then what they're going to do is probably going to draw up
9 the papers and send to the court for eminent taking of the
10 property by eminent domain.

11 The company, believe me, does not want to take
12 you to court. That costs them money and it actually drags
13 out their process to a point. So they don't want to take
14 anybody to court in order to take -- it's not take property.
15 I've said that before and I got corrected about that. And I
16 just say -- I'm talking up here just rambling on like I
17 usually do. It's not the taking of an easement. They
18 negotiate easement for use; they're not actually taking the
19 property.

20 If it's eminent domain they're not taking the
21 property; they're taking it for the use. So they're not
22 acquiring. They may in certain situations buy your
23 property; then they would be taking it.

24 But what the easement is -- an easement is -- the
25 easement that would allow them to put their utility on your

1 property. Then there are certain things that they're not
2 going to allow you to put on the property, some above-ground
3 structures like buildings. There's roads that could be put
4 on; there's gardens that could be put on right away.
5 There's multiple things that can be put on top of a right-
6 of-way. There are certain things that cannot.

7 Again, when a pipeline company approaches you
8 they're going to ask for an easement on your property to put
9 the pipeline in. They're not asking to take it. Even when
10 they take you to court, if they have to take you to court
11 and apply the eminent domain -- which is given to them under
12 the Natural Gas Act -- they're not actually taking your
13 property. They're taking it for the use. Okay.

14 Next speaker.

15 MR. DONNELLY: Geraldine Mikausik.

16 MR. SIPE: I'm trying to write everything down
17 when everyone's speaking. If I don't hit something say
18 'hey, you didn't address that.' Let me know.

19 MS. MIKAUSIK: You've probably heard all of this.
20 But now I have the opportunity to speak.

21 I lived in Liongate in Chester Springs for 22
22 years in a one-bedroom. And I was surrounded. And I hemmed
23 and hawed for about five years -- about 20-some years before
24 I decided to buy. And I bought in Dewey Homes right off
25 Cherval Road.** I settled on the 29th of June.

1 The greatest pleasure in my new house is looking
2 out my back on -- I wouldn't call it mature forest. It's
3 not fields. It's some combination. Maybe it's wetlands, I
4 don't know. But I got this thing. And now I go to sleep at
5 night worrying what construction is going to go on this
6 property that I paid \$14,000 in lot premiums to have. I
7 just can't believe that I'm this stupid or ignorant.

8 I'd love to know how long Doobees** known about
9 this. When I called them they didn't necessarily seem to
10 know much of what is going on. I want to know if they
11 should have told me or could have told me. What are they
12 telling prospective buyers? I don't even know where this
13 easement is.

14 Many of you seem to know what's exactly going to
15 happen to your property. I don't have a clue what's
16 happening to mine because I barely have a back yard. So I
17 can't imagine they're going to take the back yard when you
18 may be requesting an easement and the other people around me
19 don't seem to have gotten this notice. So I can't imagine
20 you're putting it in my front yard because I barely have
21 that. You'd be tearing up the street.

22 So I'm coming here not really knowing what I'm
23 concerned about, and maybe I should by having contacted
24 somebody. But I didn't. So I'm giving you my emotional
25 reaction to the fact that I bought this brand new house and

1 something's going to happen with a gas pipeline. And you
2 may need to use my property or whatever.

3 I'm not even sure what I can protest because it
4 sounds like it can change and I won't necessarily know that
5 it's going to change. I'm concerned about whatever this
6 change is going to be; how it's going to affect the look of
7 the land I just bought, this open space that's pretty and
8 the animals that run there.

9 I'm concerned about water. My property in
10 Liongate flooded eight months after I bought it when I was
11 in Japan. Flooding and water has always been an issue for
12 me. Anybody at Dewey will tell me that all through the
13 buying process the one question I kept bringing up is: is my
14 basement going to flood.

15 As you know, Kings Grant is a big loop. I'm on
16 the lower end of the loop -- not the lowest property. But
17 I've got to believe I'm next to the lowest property.

18 So I don't understand. When you dig this big
19 hole to put this pipe in what does that do to whatever they
20 did to the property to grade it or whatever to assure that I
21 wasn't going to have water, even though every time it rains
22 like this I'm so paranoid I lose sleep because I worry is
23 this the day that my basement is going to flood and my sump
24 pump is not going to go on because I'm going to lose
25 electric, or for some other reason, because when I first

1 moved in electric went out every time there's a bit of
2 lightning.

3 I'm tired of losing sleep.

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1 MS. MIKAUSIK: The other concern I had -- I love
2 this property. There's supposed to this beautiful view
3 behind. There's supposed to be a top lot beside me. So
4 again, not knowing what pipelines are all about, whether
5 they're dangerous or what not. I don't know where you're
6 going to put it, but again, there's a lot behind me. Is
7 that a safe thing to do? I don't know. It seems like it
8 should be worthy of concern and obviously, listening to
9 these other people, they think it's worthy of concern.

10 I bring that up. I guess that's it. You talk
11 about contacting me to acquire the easement. I'm glad you
12 said that we should get advice. I'm not sure if we get
13 advice. I'm not sure what it means to negotiate an
14 easement. I'm not even sure what an easement is. I'm not
15 sure why nobody from Dewey's here or no people in Kings
16 Grant are here. I feel kind of like alone and ignorant, but
17 I knew I wanted to come because I don't know what the heck
18 is going on and I could certainly use help. I guess I'm
19 going to contact you or grab somebody's card because I'm
20 going to need help through this process to understand what
21 my rights are or at least what's going to be done to me.

22 I guess that's it except it sounds like it's
23 already a done deal. I really just wanted to come here to
24 at least have the satisfaction of having voiced my concerns.
25 Thanks.

1 (Applause.)

2 MR. SIPE: Thank you. Those were good comments.
3 It sounds to me like there are a lot of people here that
4 need to stay after and talk to Transco and get the
5 information that they need, especially you, ma'am. We can
6 explain a lot of the information that you are requiring.

7 Next speaker? David Cidale?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. SIPE: How about Kirk Smith.

10 MR. SMITH: That would be me. You can bypass me
11 if you like. A lot of my questions have been answered.
12 We'll go from there. I'll stay after.

13 MR. SIPE: Thank you.

14 MR. DONNELLY: William Anderson?

15 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you. My name is William G.
16 Anderson. I'm very glad to be here this evening. I'd like
17 to say hello to a lot of my neighbors. I actually live in
18 Ohio. I own 22.6 acres off of Osborne Road. I would
19 probably second a lot of the comments about the lack of
20 communications. The fact that I discovered that Transco was
21 in the process of surveying my land. I just happened to be
22 down last Easter. I found a surveying team out on the land
23 was how I kind of stumbled across this process. I'd also
24 point out that I have not really been kept in the loop and
25 again I'm an out-of-state guy, so it's my tough luck.

1 My future plans is to retire and build a home on
2 that one hill there where you'll see they're planning to
3 expand. My issue, if I could start with No. 1, can we get
4 provided with a list of the various attendees tonight in
5 terms of names and addresses. It sounds like a lot of us
6 are having similar experiences and difficulties and it would
7 be very nice -- you've taken a list out there -- if we could
8 maybe get a copy of that so we could maybe share some of our
9 experiences. It sounds like a lot of us are struggling with
10 same things.

11 I'd also point out -- I think there's some major
12 issues here about the environmental studies. I'd point out
13 that I've yet to hear anything Transco about how they're
14 going to address some of the things specifically on that
15 land I own, but right now we have soil erosion that's
16 occurring as a result of the current existing pipeline. The
17 problems with Beaver Creek, the wetlands in that area. I've
18 yet to hear anything in terms of a solid, tangible plan
19 they're going to address with that.

20 I'd also like to note when I go back and look at
21 kind of the facts in this kind of process -- when I go back
22 to the original 1950, in terms of the initial easement and
23 the owner was paid \$149 and \$2309, roughly 2450 some dollars
24 to run an easement all the way across that land, which if
25 you look at that, that's close to 200 feet to come all the

1 way across that land. If you look at it, it's actually
2 pretty premium land in terms of going across the top of that
3 hill. My issue is what she was subsequently paid again in
4 1958 when the second easement went through there for pipe B,
5 we're looking at 900, close to a thousand dollars, again for
6 quite a substantial thing.

7 Again, if we were looking at the facts about much
8 millions of dollars is being made, generated as a result of
9 being passed through that pipeline, I think in terms of
10 compensation here, it's a real issue in terms of right now
11 we're planning on right now expanding the gas. That's a
12 problem I'm running into right now. When I looked for your
13 background, what I've been told is that the plan is to
14 expand it an additional 25 feet further north. Again, it's
15 a similar concern I think some people have in terms of
16 grabbing land. Do we really need that? I think some people
17 have proposed some other alternatives here in terms of maybe
18 we can expand just the pipelines.

19 I would propose one to you right now. I've
20 already to Transco why don't you build it on the southern
21 side of that pipeline A and go along that southern side so
22 that you won't be disturb, not only myself, but all my
23 neighbors on that northern side then. Again, we're waiting
24 to hear back on that.

25 MR. SIPE: State your address, sir.

1 MR. ANDERSON: 1669 Sperry Forbes Trail, West
2 Lake, Ohio 44145.

3 MR. SIPE: The address here.

4 MR. ANDERSON: My address here is 39-01-0028
5 Osborne Road, Calm Township. That's the property I own. As
6 the property owner, that's the reason I'm making these
7 comments tonight.

8 Finally, what I'd like to just point out here
9 there's a lot of generalizations here. I don't see a lot of
10 hard facts. There's a lot of data that should be presented
11 here by Transco in front of the whole group here showing us
12 what the potential benefit is. Who are these key customers?
13 I realize they don't want to reveal their key customers, but
14 I think there is a lot of information that's lacking here
15 that we should have a better understanding. How much gas
16 are we talking about flowing right now through pipeline A
17 versus B versus C and what is this future pipeline going to
18 reveal and why are you granting the additional 25 feet? I'm
19 really concerned about that. So I'd like to second the
20 concern that my property, this property has been certified
21 with the U.S. Government Forestry and Pennsylvania Forestry
22 stewardship in terms of currently developing the land and
23 the trees there. And I point out that if you're going to
24 take out that 25 feet all along that northern side, you're
25 going to severely impact on the erosion in terms of the land

1 there as well as all the trees that are on that whole
2 northern side, which would substantially change our entire
3 forestry land management plan for that land.

4 Other than that, I look forward to talking to
5 some people. Again, my name is William Anderson. Thanks
6 for the opportunity.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. SIPE: I wrote down a couple of things. List
9 of attendees, that will be part -- that usually is not part
10 of the public read, but I guess we can put it as part of the
11 public record, which will eventually show up on our library
12 system. So for me to run out and make copies of everything
13 right now for everyone is not going to happen tonight.

14 The environmental impacts of this project, again,
15 will be covered of their filing of their application with
16 us. We'll take that filing -- what happens is they file in
17 the form of resource reports what they see the environmental
18 impact being. We have guidelines they must follow and what
19 information we want to have in those environmental resource
20 reports. We take those environmental resource report that's
21 how we produce the environmental assessment where sometimes
22 you see Environmental Impact Statements on the street.

23 We take their information and produce a document.
24 And again, the hard facts -- the reasons why you're not
25 seeing a lot of hard facts is we are in the pre-filing stage

1 of this project. In the older days I would have been
2 sitting here -- a FERC representative would not have been
3 sitting here until an application has been filed. So we
4 would have had the information in front of us without all
5 the input from the agencies and all the input from the
6 stakeholders as yourselves in their application before they
7 filed it. This is what we do early on in scheduling. We're
8 taking all these comments and concerns, we're talking all of
9 our interagency meetings that we're having, we're talking
10 all the information that we learn up front to provide
11 Transco that information they file with us in their
12 application.

13 Statistically, it shows the FERC that we are
14 providing a much better document out on the street this way
15 than the traditional way. So a lot of the hard facts they
16 don't have those yet. They don't have all the environmental
17 surveys completed. They don't have a lot of the information
18 they need to have in there, the resources they need to file
19 with us. That's the information they're getting right now.
20 So hopefully that makes a little bit of sense.

21 The next speaker is Becky Corbin.

22 MS. CORBIN: My name is Becky Corbin here
23 representing State Representative Curt Schroder who was
24 unable to be here this evening. He did want the residents
25 to know he's aware of the project and wants to keep the

1 lines of communication open if there are any concerns the
2 residents have, please contact our office. Thank you.

3 MR. SIPE: Thank you.

4 MR. DONNELLY: The next speaker is Walter Rohlf's.

5 MR. ROHLFS: I live at 570 Woodford Hills Road.
6 I didn't get the latest map I see the supervisors walking
7 around with. I would certainly like to have a copy of that
8 . I have contacted Williams and asked them to send somebody
9 out to talk to me and I got a call today. Someone is
10 theoretically coming tomorrow at 10 o'clock to try to show
11 me what it is they have planned.

12 I first learned of this project when I walked out
13 one day and found a truck parked on my property with some
14 surveyors doing this and that. And I talked to the
15 surveyor. He told me about the project, showed me where he
16 thought the pipeline was going to go and then he said the
17 pipeline will be here and they're going to need a
18 construction easement, which is going to take maybe out 50
19 feet on each side and therefore they're going to take down
20 all these trees for the next 100 yards or 150 yards going
21 down the hill and the existing right-of-way for the so-
22 called construction easement.

23 I said what is this construction easement all
24 about? He said, well, they put the dirt on one side. They
25 put the pipes on the other side. They need all this space.

1 Maybe that's the most efficient way to do it, but I don't
2 care about the most efficient way to do it. I care about
3 all of these mature trees, a hundred to fifty-year old trees
4 all down for at least 150 yards on my property being taken
5 down just so they'll have an easy job of putting in this
6 pipeline. I heard something about an additional 25 feet.
7 It looks to me like they have about 100 feet now. That's
8 clear all the way down. I would like to see the pipeline
9 put in that 100 feet some place and not have to slop over
10 onto my property.

11 My property has a driveway and water lines and
12 gas lines and electric lines, all of which predated this
13 pipeline, even in the initial stages in the past when
14 Williams has come onto the property to do things the repair
15 work has been shoddy to say the least. My wife had a
16 beautiful garden in there and they ripped it all out and
17 then they put the dirt back and it was mostly clay on top
18 and rocks and all of the garden was gone and it was never
19 really restored. So I have great concern about the kind of
20 job they're going to do and I don't want them to do it. I
21 don't want to be put out for the lowest bidder like the
22 Hubble telescope. I would like to be able -- you give me
23 the money and I'll do the restoration. I'll put the
24 driveway back in and I have a water line that goes right
25 smack across where the pipeline is going to go.

1 In the past they have been able to bore
2 underneath that, but we're talking about 42-inch line, maybe
3 a 7- or 8-foot trench. I can see my water line is going to
4 perish and I'm not even sure exactly where the water line
5 is. I talked to a plumber and they said you have some
6 listening devices or something or some magnetism types of
7 things that will locate that. He said, "Well, Walter," he
8 said, "It's a plastic line. So there's nothing magnetic
9 about it and we have listening devices that we can listen.
10 If there's a leak, we can sometimes hear the leak." But he
11 had no assurance just by having the water running we could
12 hear the water running through that line.

13 That means that that whole area should be hand-
14 dug in order to find the line. And I started off with like
15 a 2-inch line. I don't know the exact dimensions. It was
16 an oversized line coming in and about 10 years ago I
17 developed a leak in that line. What they did is they said,
18 well, look, this is an oversized line anyhow. We'll run
19 another line through it. So they ran another line through
20 it. That's where I got my water. But now I have the
21 additional protection on the outside. I have the old line.
22 Inside I have the water line so if there's vibration there
23 or if there's stone there or something it's not going to be
24 impinging on the actual transmission portion of the line.

25 Now if they go through and cut that, I'm going to

1 have two joints, one on each end. I'm going to lose that
2 casting that they have there and really would like to have
3 my own plumbers come in and do that work. I have no
4 confidence that the Williams people are going to do it. And
5 my next door neighbor, who is with me here today, I saw what
6 they did to his yard. They went through his yard and they
7 did a really shoddy job and then they came back and did some
8 more work on it, but it wa still a junky job. It was not a
9 first-class job.

10 So I have those concerns. I don't know whether
11 or not Williams needs an additional easement in order to put
12 an additional pipe in the existing easement area. Do you
13 know?

14 MR. SIPE: They don't need an additional easement
15 in all situations.

16 MR. ROHLFS: Is there a plan to widen the
17 existing easement by 25 feet?

18 MR. SIPE: I'm sure there are in some locations,
19 site-specific locations there will be.

20 MR. ROHLFS: They only thing I'm really concerned
21 about now is the idea that they can't operate within the
22 100-foot wide easement without tearing down all of these
23 trees all the way down my property. That property leads
24 down to the creek. There's a creek at the bottom that runs
25 into the Woodford Country Club. When you start ripping all

1 this stuff down, there's going to a heck of a lot of
2 sediment and other materials going downhill and I'm also
3 worried about stumps. I can imagine what it's going to look
4 like with all those things clear-cut and stumps, stumps,
5 stumps all the way down. I have a hard time believing
6 they're really going to go in there and dig out those
7 stumps. I really don't think I'd like to live with 100
8 stumps marking the edge of the easement.

9 I agree with the gentleman who said let's put the
10 pipeline on the other side, the south side I guess it would
11 be. The south side it seems to me would cause less problems
12 if that's where the space is, if they have the space over
13 there. I only have three lines in there. I don't know how
14 far apart they are, but if they put it on the side they
15 wouldn't have the tree problem because there aren't trees on
16 the other side. So it would be possible to put it down that
17 side. That would be far superior as far as I'm concerned.

18 Also, if they put it on the other side, they
19 would come right through my driveway, but they wouldn't come
20 through my neighbor's driveway. But they would take out my
21 entire driveway. I don't want the pipeline company,
22 Williams Transcontinental or whatever it is, I don't want
23 them putting my driveway back. I'll put my own driveway
24 back. I want a first-class job. I've got a first-class
25 driveway now. I'd like to end up with a first-class

1 driveway and I don't want the driveway being put back by the
2 lowest bidder and the shoddiest methods that they can get
3 away with.

4 There are my comments.

5 MR. SIPE: Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. SIPE: To hit on a couple of your points,
8 surveyors, like I mentioned already, they are a consultant
9 to the pipeline company and a lot of these guys survey a lot
10 of other things besides pipelines. They do not understand
11 pipeline project, so they are giving you information -- not
12 all surveyors don't understand, but most surveyors don't
13 understand pipeline projects. The information they are
14 giving you when you ask them questions may or may not be
15 correct.

16 The right-of-way agent you will deal with will
17 give you the correct information. A 100-foot wide right-of-
18 way, in those instances that I have seen today, there were a
19 lot of areas that there was sufficient space not to have to
20 take any more property for construction. We will look into
21 that. Inspections during construction -- we will inspecting
22 this thing. FERC themselves will be inspecting this thing.
23 I will be out inspecting this thing during construction. A
24 lot of things have changed since the last pipeline went
25 through. They are required to a lot more strict standards

1 now than they used to be. I'm talking in general, but
2 that's what I have to do because I have two more speakers on
3 the list. If you want to know anything more about
4 construction inspections, you can talk to me after the
5 meeting.

6 That is a very good point. The landowners are
7 allowed to do their own restoration if the restoration they
8 want to do is not an environmental problem. You can
9 negotiate with the company to have them pay you to do your
10 own work to have your driveway fixed or to have your water
11 lines located or to have whatever. That's part of the
12 negotiations you can do with the company and a lot of times
13 they're more than willing to do that because then that's one
14 less thing they have to do. They're going to take your
15 advice and you're going to tell them how things need to be
16 corrected. They are responsible for water lines and
17 irrigations systems and any thing they disrupt during
18 construction. After that, once they're done with the pipe
19 and the gas starts flowing, that doesn't mean if there's a
20 problem later on down the line they're not required to fix
21 it.

22 FERC is here all the time. So if you do have a
23 problem later on down the line, if this project gets built,
24 you can contact FERC to have that issue fixed. I urge
25 everyone to take pictures of their property. They are going

1 to be videotaped and take pictures themselves. I urge you
2 guys to do the same exact thing. Take pictures of what you
3 have now and you want it put back that way. We have to
4 watch -- we've heard a lot of comments tonight can we just
5 put the pipe on the other side of the right-of-way? Can we
6 just put it over here? What FERC does not do is trade
7 impacts. If there is an environmental reason why it should
8 be over there, if there's a better reason why it should be
9 over there, we can look at that. But I'm not going to
10 remove the pipeline from one side or from one landowner to
11 the next. There has to be a reason why that should happen.
12 Mature trees that's a very good reason, but we try to avoid
13 trading impacts from one landowner to the next. That's
14 basically the same impact and it's the way it's proposed.
15 We have issues with that.

16 MR. ROHLFS: That's my land, too.

17 MR. SIPE: That's perfect. If it is your
18 property like the gentleman that has 22 acres, that's
19 perfect. If you can work with these guys and work with me
20 and tell me this is my property. I really don't want it
21 here. I'd rather have it over here. Operationally, if that
22 works for Williams or Transco, same company, we can do that.
23 That's a very good comment.

24 MR. DONNELLY: Edward and Carol Kirkbride.

25 MR. KIRKBRIDE: Edward Kirkbride, 325 Norwood

1 Road. Carol Kirkbride, my wife.

2 We own the land actually that is adjacent and
3 across the street from the Farrells and across the street
4 from Diane and Joseph Delaney. We also own the land which
5 is almost 3000 feet between, between 2000 and 3000 feet
6 between the east branch of the Brandywine and Norwood Road.
7 So we're a single landowner since 1970 in that area. We've
8 worked with the pipeline throughout those years and we've
9 been pretty good neighbors to them and they to us so that we
10 have a nice relationship in that property, but we do not
11 agree now with the work that's beginning to take place and
12 being shown.

13 One, I'd rather start from the east Brandywine so
14 that's the flow and end up at Norwood Road. One, we take
15 great exception to the amount of land it looks like they're
16 going to have to use to cross the east branch of the
17 Brandywine as far as a taking is concerned. How it will
18 affect us is how it comes back into our right-of-way, which
19 by the way we own 30 acres. So we own both sides of that
20 right-of-way. Then it shows and has been discussed a great
21 number of trees on that south side, to use that terminology,
22 being taken out.

23 We have carefully, over the years, thought of
24 ourselves not only as conservationists, but even a
25 conservation subdivision where the most important thing to

1 us has been saving trees and reducing the size of any impact
2 of any construction of roads or anything else on the
3 property just for the sake of saving that property. And at
4 this point this is totally against all of that kind of
5 thinking. To lose one tree -- I'm not even talking about
6 two trees -- one tree for that purpose, if it's not already
7 a dead tree, because it does just what Diana said. It takes
8 those fully matured trees take about 350 gallons of water
9 into the soil and keep it from running off. That's a very
10 important and known fact.

11 The other thing is then we come up over the hill
12 and from our understanding on the width of that right-of-
13 way, which is 100 feet, we have plenty of space within that.
14 When we get to Ludwig's Run it's an interesting situation.
15 At own cost, because of the storm damage in the last three
16 years, we paid for the restoration and the work at our
17 bridge. And in fact, for the engineering to even do some of
18 the work that the pipeline ended up putting in and did a
19 very nice job on these vanes, which is a new concept in our
20 part of the world. But they really seem to work and work
21 very well in controlling water overrun.

22 However, they went through all of this, the
23 pipeline, and we cooperated in the bridge. We like what
24 they did with it, but they didn't tell us at all that there
25 was another line coming and they must have known about all

1 of that happening while we were developing building this
2 bridge because they could have done something differently,
3 which we would have been delighted to have worked with them
4 but we did not know, so we could not talk about another --
5 they let us all of the actual designing and engineering and
6 costs with a bridge engineer and all of the other people and
7 we brought in Storm Water Management, an engineering firm
8 that was very much more advanced than anyone else in the
9 whole area about how to do storm water management on the
10 creek and we paid for them, Carol and myself.

11 We sunk a lot of money into making that bridge
12 now acceptable to the township to take major fire equipment
13 and we can move across our bridge -- actually, a 35-, 36-ton
14 truck so we can bring in oil, fuel trucks, coal trucks,
15 anything as an emergency exit in the future for our
16 conservation subdivision.

17 Something bothers me. We've heard about
18 artifacts. We've known that our land has artifacts on it,
19 but this is the first time that I've heard that anybody was
20 on our property during artifacts. We went through almost
21 two years of turtles issues that prevented us from
22 developing our land and anything else as to anyone having
23 anything to do with Ludwig's Run. They finally decided they
24 weren't bog turtles enough or whatever it was or bog
25 turtles. That's it. They were painting the bog turtles.

1 So in any case, finally, parts of this -- the 90-
2 degree angle that goes around, I presume it's going around
3 the bridge. But there's two 90-degree angles in that latest
4 plan which weren't there -- weren't even on the latest plan
5 we saw until tonight. But that must go around our bridge in
6 some respect because we kind of planned that bridge as even
7 a body system. The truth is we prefer them not to do that.
8 If worse came to worse, build us another bridge that does
9 the function and does do a 90-degree -- does it straight
10 through. I'll go along with everything has to be straight.

11 Talking about smart pigs or greased pigs or
12 whatever, going around 90-degree turns, I totally agree with
13 our neighbors that these are very, very serious concerns.

14 Carol, do you have anything else? Thank you very
15 much.

16 MR. SIPE: Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. SIPE: Just a couple of points. Safety
19 during construction -- we will try to narrow these guys down
20 as much as possible through a lot of these different areas.
21 What we won't do is make it so narrow that it's unsafe for
22 the construction to happen. Everyone has to understand
23 that. It's different in different situations. I've had
24 people construct pipelines in very, very narrow right-of-
25 ways for short distances. To do that for an entire length

1 of the project is sometimes very difficult, so in site-
2 specific areas we can have them narrowed down. Storm damage
3 I'm hearing that loud and clear. I know there's a lot of
4 rain and a lot storm damage over the last couple of years in
5 this area. That will be looked into very well.

6 If you're seeing people on your property, and
7 maybe you have not been notified of such, you do have to
8 remember -- I just remembered this. That do have a current
9 easement on your property. So if they stay on your current
10 easement and do surveys and stuff, they're allowed to do
11 that. But if they go off of that easement, they can't.
12 They should notify you. I will address that with Transco.

13 Bog turtles we are well aware of that. We're
14 working with the Fish and Wildlife Service right now,
15 developing a biological assessment, which will turn into a
16 biological opinion. That's well noted.

17 That's our last speaker. Would anybody else like
18 to speak on the record? Sir? I know we've been here a long
19 time, but I have it going until 10:00, if anybody needs to
20 get up and go to the bathroom or whatever it is.

21 MR. FORCI: I'll be short. My name is Don Forci
22 of the Forci property. The first question is where am I
23 going to park because it's funny, but it's not. The
24 pipeline comes very close to my front yard, takes it out
25 Woodford Hills highrise. The mailbox has been run over

1 three times in the last six months, so I built a nice brick
2 wall around it. But I have a wife and a four-month old
3 baby. I can't imagine for six months pretty much the impact
4 of the driveway if they're going to be getting out pretty
5 much, parking across the street, walking across Woodford
6 Hills Road every day. It's one of my biggest concerns right
7 there.

8 I share concerns with a lot of the folks who
9 already spoke -- trees impact to just generally life as we
10 know it and the little things we're going to have to deal
11 with from the time this ground is torn up. Although it
12 doesn't weigh in heavily, it weighs in because we're a tight
13 community, we're a mature community. One of the questions I
14 had about the downtown loop was before the pipeline gets to
15 the loop, is it still three pipelines and then it's going to
16 move to four now and then go back to three after the loop?
17 Is that correct?

18 MR. SIPE: That's something you'll have to ask
19 the company. I don't know that.

20 MR. FORCI: I saw some maps and it looked that
21 way. I guess the question is, instead of moving it 50 yards
22 that way or 50 yards that way, can we move it pass the
23 mature community? Is that an option or have we looked at
24 that?

25 MR. SIPE: That will be looked at.

1 MR. FORCI: Can we move it down the road, maybe
2 not in our backyard, but I would say as we go northward, it
3 would be less dense. The community may be less mature. I
4 don't know if it's been assessed or not.

5 My personal concern -- I'll be very brief -- but
6 in looking at the maps, the construction comes right up to
7 the front of my house. I mean right up to the front of my
8 house. I lose my entire walkway. I don't know if anybody's
9 seen my property. We're right there in the middle. I lose
10 my main entrance. I lose the capacity for plans to build
11 things -- a patio in the front. It's things like this
12 that's going to impact every day that really concern me.
13 We've voiced a lot around here about trees and the
14 environment. Day-to-day impacts is not really probably
15 taken into account so much from a legal perspective, but
16 really think about how it's going to impact you because the
17 problem will be in about six months it will be torn up. I
18 would imagine, looking at and leaving things in longer,
19 whatever it is.

20 I appreciate the time. Thank you.

21 (Pause.)

22 MR. SIPE: Parking ingress/egress for your
23 property that is something you will need to work out with
24 the pipeline company. They are required to provide you that
25 necessity. That's something they will negotiate with you

1 and that's something that everyone needs to ask them
2 specifically -- how your property will be affected.

3 I'm getting a lot of generalities I'm throwing
4 around out here. But if I talk specifically, we will be
5 here all night. But you need to ask the right-of-way agent
6 exactly how your property will be affected. Negotiations --
7 it sounds like you have a new house. You can put a patio
8 out on a right-of-way. Everyone has to understand, when
9 you're talking to the right-of-way agent, that there are
10 certain things you can put on the right-of-way. But you
11 have to realize that if they need to come back through and
12 do some work, the things you put out on the right-of-way may
13 have to be disturbed.

14 There are certain thing you can put on the right-
15 of-way and there are certain things you cannot put on the
16 right-of-way. Day-to-day impact -- yes, there will be day-
17 to-day impact with a construction project. You need to ask
18 the right-of-way agents, again, how long they seem to think
19 that construction will last on your property. They will
20 give you a certain timeframe because until this thing is a
21 filed application, they get a certificate from FERC to build
22 -- until the actual company that's going to build the
23 project comes in and takes a look at it, they're not going
24 to be able to give you a specific timeframe on how long
25 they're going to be on your property because that comes from

1 the person who's building it because the person who's
2 building it may do it differently due to certain techniques
3 or use a different way of construction, which may take
4 longer or may take shorter.

5 Again, I will harp on Transco to communicate with
6 you guys as this project moves forward to let you guys know
7 that information. We ask the same thing. When they get a
8 certificate to build, they have to file us, FERC, an
9 implementation plan and a lot of things in that
10 implementation plan is specific to the construction project.
11 Once that gets filed, we have an idea of what the specifics
12 is going to be, but we know what the specifics going to be
13 once that implementation plan is filed.

14 Engineering alternatives -- I hit on that
15 earlier. We will ask them to look at engineering
16 alternatives if this pipe needs to be put how long it has to
17 be. So we will ask that question to Transco. I do know
18 when they do a lot of expansions on systems with a looping
19 expansion like this would be they do try -- operationally,
20 they have the expansions off of their compressor stations.
21 So in other words, if they have a compressor station at
22 point A, they're going to expand usually from that
23 compressor station down. A lot of times you're not going to
24 see an expansion of a pipeline project if you have a
25 compressor station here and a compressor station down here.

1 You're not going to see just an expansion happen like in the
2 middle somewhere. That's just some more general information
3 I'm giving you.

4 That's it. I hit on everything I think that you
5 wanted or you need to know.

6 Again, that's the last speaker. Sir?

7 MR. SMITH: Can I talk loud if I just stay here?

8 For property owners who have lands close to the
9 storage yards of these pipes -- I assume these pipes are
10 quite massive and obviously are going to need to be moved
11 over their easement as opposed to anywhere else. So are the
12 property owners that are close to these storage yards going
13 to be drastically more impacted than property owners not
14 close to the storage yards?

15 MR. SIPE: Yes, because you'd be affected for the
16 life of the project. In other words, if you have a storage
17 yard on your property, most likely a lot of times they have
18 several storage yards. But a lot of times they'll set up
19 camp in those storage yards and the pipe will usually come
20 in on the railroad and they'll be delivered to the pipe
21 storage yard and they'll have all their operations coming
22 out of there.

23 Now they may have several different storage yards
24 once the spread moves further down the line -- north, south,
25 east or west, whatever it may be. They may pull out of that

1 storage yard and go to their next one. But that's a very
2 good question because you will be affected longer if you do
3 have a storage facility during construction. But then,
4 afterwards, unless they work out some negotiation with you,
5 that storage facility will go back to its former use, prior
6 use.

7 MR. KIRKBRIDE: We live near the top of the hill
8 that the pipeline traverses. There's only one way to get to
9 the top of the hill. That's our driveway. How will all
10 that heavy equipment going to get up and down?

11 MR. SIPE: They will use their right-of-way.
12 That is a very big concern. I don't know. I will have to
13 look at your property and they will have to let me know how
14 they're going to access that portion of land. They do have
15 to let me know what access roads they're going to use.
16 They're only allowed to use the access roads that they tell
17 me they're going to use. They're not allowed to run
18 equipment all over the place.

19 MR. KIRKBRIDE: They've been using our driveway
20 now since Williams took over. I just cannot see that heavy
21 equipment, loads of dirt and pipes traveling up and down a
22 driveway meant to carry one or two cars.

23 MR. SIPE: Okay. Again, it's kind of hard for
24 the court reporter to hear. If you do have a specific
25 comment, I ask you to come to the mike. If you want me to

1 close the formal part of this meeting and just answer
2 questions, I'll do that.

3 Do we have any more speakers who would like to
4 speak to the mike?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. SIPE: I encourage speakers to speak. It's
7 easy to get your comment on the record. Stand up here and
8 speak. I encourage you to get up.

9 MR. ANDERSON: Wayne Anderson. My issue is, in
10 terms of forecasting the potential ROI, what they're going
11 to get in terms of various pipelines, can we get that from
12 Transco? Is that something we can get from you, forecasting
13 kind of what this is really going to do in terms of this
14 increased volume that's going to be flowing through there?
15 I'm looking at data points and I'm not hearing any data
16 points here and there are independent studies that suggest
17 things are going in a different direction. That's why I'm
18 trying to understand -- well, we're presenting here. We're
19 talking in very vague terms and I'd like to have the facts.
20 That's what I was talking about earlier.

21 MR. SIPE: The vague terms you're talking about
22 that information will be filed in their application once
23 they file an application.

24 MR. ANDERSON: We won't see that beforehand?

25 MR. SIPE: The application is filed on the record

1 for the public to see. There are certain things in the
2 application such as maps and there may be certain things
3 with rates that are not public, but you can request them.
4 So they're not just basically put on the record for
5 everybody to see. But if you FOIA that information, you can
6 see that information. But maps are changing because after
7 9/11 FERC pulled all maps from website.

8 MR. ANDERSON: I used as evidence a 2003 study.
9 Come on folks, you should have at least 2005 here. That's
10 my point.

11 MR. SIPE: Thank you.

12 MR. DYNAK: Ed Dynak. I just talked to the other
13 two supervisors. We'd like to make an offer or suggestion.
14 Have the company contact our manager next week and we have a
15 piece of property on Norwood Road right by the trail. That
16 property could be made available for storage instead of
17 going up and ripping up all these trees. So before you go
18 running down the trail, come on down and talk with us for
19 God's sake. We might be able to help you. It's possible.

20 MR. SIPE: I'm going to be very hard on these
21 guys. If they need extra temporary work spaces to store
22 equipment, to store pipelines, to store things that are
23 necessarily need to rip a bunch of trees down to do so. So
24 if they have a storage yard that they're proposing, once
25 those trees are moved, I'm going to be asking them to move

1 it elsewhere.

2 I hear a lot cross-talk going on. We've been
3 here a long time. I'm hearing the background. If everyone
4 could please --

5 MS. DELANEY: Diane Delaney. One last comment.
6 When I was doing the research on the website and just doing
7 research in general on FERC and land use easements, utility
8 companies, et cetera, what I found in some instances -- one
9 very specifically in California where information had been
10 provided in the pre-application filing process what they did
11 was they provided that utility company that provided, as
12 part of the requirements from FERC, a listing of the
13 impacted parties as well as the politicians, the newspapers,
14 et cetera. That is available here at this point on your
15 website as part of this filing. But the only thing in this
16 filing is the person's name and an address. So you don't
17 know in what way they're impacted.

18 In the other one it had the person's name, their
19 address, their contact phone number, their text subnumber
20 and an identification in which way they were impacted. Were
21 they a politician, a homeowner's association, et cetera.
22 If, for instance, that were available on your website now.
23 And I had discovered something three weeks ago. It would
24 make it very, very easy for me to communication where a
25 company had not communicated information to my neighbors or

1 impacted people. And so without folks having to spend a lot
2 of time, the ability to coordinate what they were doing and
3 communicate with each other would be so much more improved
4 if that were requirement that FERC would make of all utility
5 companies and all filings for this kind of thing.

6 MR. SIPE: What project did you say that was?

7 MS. DELANEY: It was one in California.

8 MR. SIPE: Talk to me after the meeting. Great.

9 MR. ROBINSON: John Robinson. Just again one
10 last comment. The comment you had about work place and
11 workspace. What I'm concerned about is the fact that they
12 have designated workspace. It's not even on my property and
13 I'm concerned about it. It's basically a grove of mature
14 trees. My concern is that once they designated this
15 workspace that it's always going to be a workspace and that
16 there's not going to be much room to change that area that
17 are open that are in their easement. I wouldn't think you
18 would need to cut a grove of trees down. There was a
19 hundred acres of mature trees and they had to develop that
20 whole thing. They didn't leave much. Now they've left a
21 little bit and they want to take that down for this. I'm
22 sure there's a lot of people who have those issues.

23 MR. SIPE: Again, everyone has to remember they
24 do need temporary extra workspace to cross certain features
25 it looks like to me, just first glance, from me looking at

1 the pipeline project first glance, there's a road there.
2 There's a significant road that they're crossing where they
3 need that extra temporary workspace. You don't have to
4 answer that, but a lot of areas where they need that extra
5 temporary workspace they are crossing a future -- they do
6 need that extra space to cross. We will look into all that,
7 but sometimes they do need it. Sometimes they don't.

8 Okay, any more speakers?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. SIPE: Transco will be here after the
11 meeting. There are a lot of them in the back. I see a lot
12 of them working now. FERC will be here. I'm not leaving.

13 Without any more speakers, the formal part of
14 this meeting will conclude. On behalf of the Federal Energy
15 Regulatory Commission, I would like to thank you all for
16 coming tonight. Let the record show that the Transco
17 Sentinel Expansion Project public scoping meeting concluded
18 at 9:35 p.m.

19 (Whereupon, at 9:35 p.m., the above-entitled
20 matter was concluded.)

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