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Wednesday, February 6, 2008

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p.m, before a Staff Panel:

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

2 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you all for coming. Welcome
3 to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Public Scoping
4 Meeting for the Dominion Transmission, Incorporated's
5 Storage Factory Project, filed under Docket No. PF07-12-000.

6 My name is David Hanobic, and I am the
7 Environmental Project Manager with the Federal Energy
8 Regulatory Commission for Dominion's Storage Factory
9 Project. Let the record show that the Public Scoping
10 meeting began in Middletown, Maryland at 7:15 p.m. on
11 February 6, 2008.

12 With me tonight is Mr. Larry Sauter, who is also
13 a senior staff member at the FERC; Laurie Boros, she's in
14 the back of the room, and she is an archaeologist with FERC;
15 Maggie Manco, also in the back of the room, is an engineer
16 at FERC. Ellen St. Onge, who is also from FERC, at the
17 back of the room, and she is an archaeologist.

18 We also have Alex Dankanich from the U.S.
19 Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous
20 Materials Safety Administration. They will be assisting me
21 with tonight's meeting.

22 As it says in the public notice for this meeting,
23 the Commission Staff is a lead federal agency for the
24 National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, review of
25 Dominion's proposed Storage Factory. The purpose of this
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1 meeting is to give the public an opportunity to identify or
2 comment on the environmental issues that it believes should
3 be considered in the environmental assessment we expect to
4 prepare for this project.

5 We are here tonight to learn from you. The more
6 specific your comments are, the more helpful they will be to
7 us as we conduct our environmental analysis. Tonight's
8 agenda is a simple one; I'll start out by briefly describing
9 the FERC, and explaining the FERC application process; then
10 Dominion will present a short overview of its project.
11 Next, Alex Dankanich will speak about the Pipeline and
12 Hazardous Material Safety Administration. And following his
13 presentation, we will hear from those of you who have signed
14 up to speak, and would like to make formal environmental
15 comments on the project.

16 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is an
17 independent federal agency that, among other things,
18 regulates the interstate transmission of natural gas. In
19 doing so, FERC reviews proposals for construction and
20 operation of interstate natural gas pipelines, storage
21 facilities, and liquefied natural gas terminals.

22 One of the Commission's purposes is to protect
23 energy customers and the public, ensuring that regulated
24 entity companies are acting within the law. The FERC is
25 located in Washington, D.C., just north of the United States

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1 Capitol. It has five commissioners, who are appointed by
2 the president, and confirmed by the Senate. Commissioners
3 serve five year terms, and each one has an equal vote on
4 regulatory matters. One member of the Commission is
5 designated by the president to serve as chair and FERC's
6 administrative head.

7 The Commission Staff, which includes myself,
8 prepares technical information to assist the commissioners
9 in making their decision. If the Commission votes to
10 approve a project, and a Certificate of Public Convenience
11 and Necessity is issued, Dominion would be required to meet
12 any conditions attached to the certificate.

13 When a company wants to build a storage or
14 pipeline facility to transport and sell natural gas in
15 interstate commerce, the company files an application with
16 the Commission requesting a Certificate of Public
17 Convenience and Necessity. With Dominion, we have begun
18 what is called the prefiling process. A formal application
19 from Dominion has not yet been filed with FERC. The purpose
20 of the prefiling process is to encourage involvement by the
21 public, government entities, and other interested
22 stakeholders in a manner that allows for the early
23 identification and resolution of environmental issues.

24 Under the National Environmental Policy Act, or
25 NEPA, the Commission is required to take into consideration
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1 the planned project's potential effects on the environment.
2 I want to briefly explain our environmental review process,
3 which is detailed on the flow chart you received upon
4 entering tonight, and what we will examine in an EA.

5 Currently, on this chart, we are here at the
6 beginning of the Environmental Review Process. The areas
7 actually in pink on here are areas of public input.
8 Currently, we are in the first one, where FERC issues an NOI
9 and conducts site visit and scoping meeting.

10 In July in Pennsylvania, we also participated in
11 an open house, and in November in Middletown. On January
12 18, as I mentioned, we issued our Notice of Intent to
13 prepare an Environmental Assessment. This notice formally
14 opened the public's comment period for the project, and
15 announced it will be receiving written comments through
16 February 19, 2008.

17 Once scoping is finished, we will begin by
18 analyzing Dominion's proposal. When they are done, our
19 findings will be sent out in an EA, with a 30-day public
20 comment period. At FERC, the findings will be combined with
21 the non-environmental aspects of Dominion's project, such as
22 project engineering and design, markets and tariffs, rates.

23 Those points will then be considered by the Commissioners,
24 along with environmental impacts, before making their final
25 decision on whether or not to approve Dominion's
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1 application.

2 Topics that we will discuss in the environmental
3 assessment, and are seeking your environmental comments on
4 include: Water resources such as wetlands, water bodies and
5 ground water, geology and soils, wildlife and vegetation,
6 cultural resources, land use, visual impacts, air quality,
7 noise, reliability and safety, and alternatives.

8 Tonight's scoping meeting is one of the first
9 steps in our process to develop a complete record for
10 Dominion's planned project. I would also like to emphasize
11 that the EA is not a decision document. It is being
12 prepared to advise the Commissioners and to disclose to the
13 public the potential environmental impact of constructing
14 and operating a planned project.

15 If the project is approved by FERC, FERC
16 environmental staff would monitor the project through
17 construction and restoration, performing onsite inspections
18 to ensure environmental compliance with the condition of a
19 FERC certificate.

20 Now I would like to introduce Scott Canterbury of
21 Dominion Transmission.

22 Scott Canterbury
23 Manager, Engineering Projects
24 Dominion Transmission, Inc.

25 MR. CANTERBURY: Thank you.

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1 In response to the continued increasing demand
2 for natural gas in the Northeastern United States, including
3 Maryland, in June, 2007 Dominion Transmission announced its
4 Storage Factory Project, which proposes to provide up to 50
5 billion cubic feet of new natural gas storage capacity to
6 the nation's natural gas storage infrastructure over the
7 next 20 years.

8 This expansion and storage service will be
9 accomplished by enhancing existing storage facilities and
10 developing new storage capacity in Tioga County,
11 Pennsylvania.

12 Dominion is an interstate pipeline company, and
13 is federally regulated. So in July 2007, Dominion began the
14 prefiling process with the Federal Energy Regulatory
15 Commission, or FERC. This process allows Dominion to work
16 closely with FERC and cooperating agencies during the early
17 permitting stages of the project, the end result being both
18 better coordination of major project permitting issues, and
19 a cleaner project application once filed.

20 As a result of Dominion's Storage Factory Project
21 customer open season, held from mid-June to mid-July in
22 2007, the gas transportation component of the project
23 services offer, meaning the gas delivery point for the
24 interested customers for the gas storage service, became
25 firmly focused on Maryland and Northern Virginia customers.

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1 Based on Dominion's transmission or pipeline
2 model, two alternatives of system enhancement were
3 identified that will address the proposed peak demand
4 delivery requirements. A specific area of the mission of
5 Dominion's existing PL1 pipeline corridor was identified
6 where it would be necessary to boost pipeline system
7 pressure back to the allowable pipeline operating pressure
8 during peak demand periods. To accomplish this, a
9 compressor facility would be necessary to boost the pressure
10 to key customer delivery points downstream in Maryland and
11 Northern Virginia.

12 Logistically, the location had to be far enough
13 south on the pipeline where a compression ratio for boosting
14 the pressure could be optimized, while being located north
15 of the critical delivery points.

16 A second option would involve looping
17 approximately 40 miles, as a new pipeline right-of-way to
18 loop the existing 30 diameter pipeline. This option would
19 allow pressure drop to be reduced, and allow adequate
20 delivery pressures during peak demand periods.

21 Overall, there was less environmental impact
22 associated with constructing a booster station. There was
23 less affected landowners in one spot than there would be
24 along the 40 mile route. And since this is a peak demand
25 situation only, there was no need to lower pipeline
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1 pressures -- the pressure drop on a continuous basis.

2 In August 2007, Dominion began looking for
3 possible sites for such a facility within a targeted system
4 area that was adjacent to the pipeline corridor. The chosen
5 site, an 135-acre tract off of Marker Road, approximately 2
6 miles west of Middletown, was ideally located, for sale on
7 the open market, and only hundreds of feet from the existing
8 Dominion pipeline.

9 Dominion entered into negotiations with the
10 landowners and the sellers of the property, and the parties
11 executed an option to purchase agreement in early November,
12 2007.

13 Please note that Dominion does not own this
14 property. Please respect the owner's rights as we move
15 through this process.

16 On November 19, 2007, Dominion held an open house
17 in Middletown, Maryland, all affected landowners located
18 within a half mile radius of the project area were formally
19 invited to participate, along with local officials and other
20 interested parties. The purpose of the open house was to
21 introduce the project to the local community, and allow
22 affected parties to learn more about Dominion's plans.

23 Since the open house, Dominion representatives
24 have met with Frederick County officials to openly discuss
25 our project and Dominion's intentions of working through the
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1 established county process, as well as the local community
2 as is necessary for completing permitting efforts and
3 receiving approval.

4 During the latter part of November or December
5 2007, Dominion and Dominion's consultants began contacting
6 agencies that will be directly involved with the permitting
7 and the FERC pre-filing process. Dominion completed a
8 comprehensive Phase I Environmental Assessment of the 135-
9 acre property, as well as all preliminary environmental
10 field studies necessary to address health and resources,
11 archeological resources, wetland delineation, and noise.
12 There will be more studies to follow.

13 In mid-January, Dominion and its consultants met
14 with the Maryland Department of the Environment, or MDE, to
15 begin discussions regarding permitting of emissions and
16 emissions-emitting equipment, plan for a facility, and to
17 get feedback from MDE on the timing of permit applications
18 as they relate to the overall project schedule.

19 A little bit on the project description; I'll
20 give you that. Dominion proposes to construct a natural gas
21 booster compression facility on an 135 acre tract of
22 property, approximately two miles west of Middletown in
23 Frederick County, Maryland. The station would incorporate
24 (1) a gas-fired turbine, sized at approximately 14,000
25 horsepower, or as best fit by our turbine vendor, our
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1 horsepower vendor, to meet the power requirements as to the
2 primary compression driver necessary to boost pressures in
3 Dominion's main line transmission pipeline system located
4 directly adjacent to the site. There will likely be three
5 buildings constructed on the property; a compressor
6 building, an auxiliary office building, and a small storage
7 building. A new, paved access drive will be necessary as
8 well as a fixed pipeline corridor connecting the facility to
9 Dominion's mainland pipeline system.

10 The main compression facility will encompass an
11 approximate 11 acre area toward the center of the 135 acre
12 site.

13 Construction of the facility is not planned to
14 begin until late 2012, and during 2013, to meet a projected
15 in-service requirement of the total Storage Factory project
16 in early 2014. After construction would be completed, the
17 activities taking place during operations would be fairly
18 limited. The planned station is to be a peak unit facility;
19 it is to be utilized during peak demand periods for natural
20 gas in the region. This generally occurs during the coldest
21 or warmest weather conditions; therefore, it does not plan
22 to operate the facility on a continuous basis. Also, once
23 in operation, the facility will not cause any noticeable
24 increase in traffic in the area, as there will only be one
25 to three employees assigned to this operation.

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1 As with most Dominion facilities of this type,
2 the ongoing operations will likely go unnoticed by the
3 public surrounding the facility. Dominion has an excellent
4 reputation of being both a good neighbor and a good
5 corporate citizen. Dominion's field supervision works with
6 local residents to address their concerns and inform them of
7 operating activities that may directly affect them.

8 Dominion has not yet begun the final, detailed
9 design for this facility; however, a concept layout of the
10 compressor facility has been prepared. The property is
11 mostly devoid of trees, and is currently being used for
12 agricultural purposes. The station footprint is expected to
13 encompass an approximate 11 acre rectangle toward the center
14 of the land. Dominion intends that the remaining acreage
15 outside of the anticipated dense and secure areas, would
16 continue to be utilized for agricultural purposes. The
17 property is zoned as agricultural property.

18 Dominion plans to develop the full site plan
19 package, in an application for submission to the Frederick
20 County Planning Commission. A full approval of the site
21 plan and application will be necessary before any
22 construction of the facility could commence.

23 Dominion will perform all required field studies
24 and surveys necessary to assess the environmental concerns
25 and address the impact of the project. From an
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1 environmental perspective, in addition to FERC oversight,
2 the proposed facility will be regulated by the U.S.
3 Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA; and the Maryland
4 Department of the Environment, or MDE.

5 Through the FERC process and permitting
6 conditions established by MDE, any and all environmental
7 concerns will be identified and mitigated. As part of the
8 FERC process and prior to any approval to proceed with the
9 project, an Environmental Assessment, as was mentioned, will
10 be written, distributed by the FERC, to communicate and
11 establish environmental conditions and mitigation measures
12 to be established for the project.

13 With regard to facility noise, at a minimum,
14 Dominion must meet requirements established by the FERC,
15 which call for a maximum noise level of 55 dba to the
16 nearest noise receptor; the closest residents, if you want
17 to call it that.

18 At the highest operating level, Dominion
19 typically designs its facilities to meet this specification
20 at the property boundaries to be sure that we can meet
21 federal specifications.

22 A preliminary noise study has been performed at
23 this site, and illustrates that this requirement can indeed
24 be comfortably met.

25 Dominion has operated natural gas facilities in
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1 the region for over 30 years, and has an impeccable safety
2 record. Dominion will comply with all federal, state, local
3 and federal safety laws to ensure reliable operations for
4 the proposed facility.

5 From a safety perspective, Dominion Transmission,
6 Inc. is regulated by both FERC and the U.S. Department of
7 Transportation. Design and operations for the facility will
8 be in full compliance with regulations set forth in the
9 Department of Transportation, Code of Federal Regulations 49
10 Part 192.

11 Lastly, Dominion fully intends to work with the
12 local government bodies, the local community, affected
13 landowners, the local and state historic preservation
14 commission to address their issues and concerns during the
15 permitting and detail design period of the project.

16 Dominion further encourages their participation,
17 and plans to incorporate all practical aesthetic design
18 requirements, as issued by these final conditions in the
19 site plan process with Frederick County. Dominion realizes
20 these conditions may include special aesthetic design
21 considerations and landscaping requirements that are
22 necessary to minimize the visual impact of the facility.

23 Thank you.

24 Alex Dankanich

25 Community Assistance and Technical Services Manager

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1 Eastern Region

2 U.S. Department of Transportation

3 MR. HANOBIC: Now I would like to introduce Alex
4 Dankanich, who is the spokesperson for Pipeline and
5 Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Eastern Region.

6 MR. DANKANICH: Good evening. I work for the
7 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration,
8 often referred to as PHMSA. PHMSA has regulatory oversight
9 over the interstate gas and liquid pipelines in this
10 country. The other pipelines are the smaller diameter
11 distribution pipelines such as those in the Glen Brook
12 community, under the oversight of the Maryland Public
13 Service Commission.

14 Pipelines in the U.S. transport over 80 percent
15 of the energy needs of our country. The sources of our
16 energy are wells in the south and central portion of this
17 country, both offshore and onshore. We also import food oil
18 and refined liquid products from Canada, as well as natural
19 gas from Canada.

20 Foreign oil and imported natural gas is also
21 becoming a large supplier of our energy needs. The
22 continued growth and demands for all energy products
23 necessitates the continuous improvement of our pipeline
24 network. Home and business usage, electrical power plant
25 generation are all placing increasing demands on our natural
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1 gas supplies. Other sources of energy for electrical
2 generation, like coal and nuclear, have fallen out of favor
3 as the choice of energy for electrical generation.

4 If built, the proposed compressor facility will
5 be built under the federal Pipeline Safety codes. PHMSA has
6 regulatory authority over the design, construction and
7 operation of all gas and liquid pipeline facilities, of all
8 interstate natural gas and liquid pipeline facilities.

9 If built, this station will be built to the
10 current code listed in 49 CFR Part 192. If built,
11 inspectors from PHMSA, such as myself, will be reviewing all
12 aspects of this proposed facility and all others similar to
13 this project in this country.

14 I'll be available after this session for any
15 questions. Thank you.

16 AUDIENCE: David, I had a question: Is a
17 transcript of this session going to be available?

18 MR. HANOBIC: I'll get to that right now.

19 AUDIENCE: Please do.

20 MR. HANOBIC: Now we will begin to hear from
21 those of you who had signed up to present formal comments.

22 AUDIENCE: A lot of us never saw that paper, to
23 sign up.

24 MR. HANOBIC: If you did not get a chance to sign
25 up and would like to speak, I'll ask at the end after I give
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1 everybody off of the sign-up sheet a chance.

2 As you can see, the meeting is being recorded by
3 a court reporter so that we can have an accurate record of
4 tonight's comments. A transcript of this meeting will be
5 placed in the public record so that anyone can access the
6 information presented here tonight.

7 AUDIENCE: Will the transcript be posted on line?

8 MR. HANOBIC: The transcript will be posted on
9 FERC's eLibrary system, which if you need help, you can see
10 one of the FERC employees after the meeting tonight, to
11 describe that.

12 AUDIENCE: Will that include Scott's remarks,
13 too?

14 MR. HANOBIC: That will include from the meeting
15 opening until closing, to my closing.

16 AUDIENCE: Great. Thank you, David.

17 MR. HANOBIC: If you do not want to speak
18 tonight, you can also send a letter to the Commission
19 addressing your specific concerns. I want to stress that
20 all comments, whether written or provided tonight, verbally,
21 are treated in exactly the same fashion. The Notice of
22 Intent explains how you can mail comments, on pages 5 and 6.
23 There's also a form on the back table -- I'm not sure if
24 there are any left -- where you can write the comments and
25 give them to me tonight, or mail them by following the

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1 instructions on that sheet.

2 To help the court reporter produce an accurate
3 record of this meeting, I ask that we please follow some
4 ground rules: If you have signed up to speak when we call
5 your name, please come forward to the microphone and say
6 your name into the microphone, and please spell your name,
7 also. Introduce yourself, and if appropriate the agency or
8 group you're representing, define any acronyms you may use,
9 and for everybody else in the audience, respect the speaker.

10 If you want to make a comment, if there are still
11 sign-up sheets in the back -- are there? -- you can still go
12 to the back, sign up, and somebody can bring it forward to
13 me.

14 I also ask that you please silence all cell
15 phones so they're not going off, out of respect to the
16 person who is up here giving comments.

17 Currently I have approximately, I'd say, about 35
18 people signed up to speak. We have the room until
19 approximately 9 p.m., is what it's signed up for. So I
20 would ask, and trying to keep time, to keep comments to two
21 to three minutes, if possible. If you don't get everything
22 you wanted verbally said here tonight, like I said, you can
23 submit your comments written; they're given the same weight
24 whether they're verbal or written and submitted to FERC.

25 If you have concerns that are specific to your
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1 property, I urge you to either tell us about it on the
2 record tonight, or send any comments to the Commission.
3 I'll begin calling speakers now.

4 Our first speaker is Sean Delaney.

5 MR. DELANEY: Hi. My name is Sean Delaney,
6 D-e-l-a-n-e-y. I live on Picnic Woods Road, not too far
7 from the proposed site.

8 I'd like to start by making the statement that
9 the Delaney family is not happy with Dominion's plans.

10 AUDIENCE: Would you face the audience?

11 MR. DELANEY: I certainly can.

12 My statement was that my family is not happy with
13 Dominion's plans.

14 (Applause)

15 Although I appreciate Dominion's speech, it
16 sounded very canned, and not sincere. What I would like to
17 know from FERC is based on simple Internet searches that us
18 citizens have been able to do. We've been able to recognize
19 that Dominion and other compression stations do not have a
20 spotless record.

21 With our being agricultural, near dairy farms,
22 near livestock, near crops and grains, I would like to know
23 what kind of effects that would have on their byproducts, if
24 consumed by local citizens here, whether it be water
25 contamination, whether it be gas leaks, or whether it be
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1 fire.

2 (Applause)

3 MR. HANOBIC: Next up, we have Jenny Wolf.

4 MS. WULFF: Hi, my name is Jenny Wulff, spelled
5 W-u-l-f-f.

6 The Storage Factory proposed by Dominion Power
7 raises many serious concerns, especially regarding the
8 environmental impact of this project. As landowners of a
9 large tract of ground located next to this proposal, my
10 husband and I are greatly concerned about quality of life
11 issues and possible loss of our farms and livelihood.

12 This project has the potential to permanently
13 damage, and thus jeopardize three farming operations,
14 including our own, all of which are located directly
15 downstream from the proposed site. Leaks, water and salt
16 contamination are genuine causes of concern. This company
17 has a history of industrial incidents, and has been cited
18 and fined numerous times at other similar compressor
19 projects.

20 Once the environment has been contaminated with
21 highly toxic materials, no amount of cleanup can replace
22 what is lost. We are also concerned with noise issues, both
23 during and after construction, as well as lighting and
24 security concerns.

25 Our house is historic, and built in the late
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1 1700s, and was used as a Civil War field hospital. We are
2 concerned about damage from a possible explosion of highly
3 pressurized lines, as well as the pollution and fire issues
4 related to this type of situation.

5 This project undermines federal and state
6 governmental and historic protections, including Section 106
7 of the National Historic Preservation Act, including the
8 Clean Water Act, among many others. In farms, Maryland
9 Farmers Trust and other land leases, which have already been
10 secured on the surrounding properties. It damages fragile,
11 irreplaceable historic resources.

12 The South Mountain battlefield is one of twelve
13 battlefields recognized as nationally significant historic
14 resources; and in a 1993 congressional study conducted by
15 the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, is considered an
16 Priority One site, the highest designation given.

17 Dominion's project jeopardizes the historic John
18 Fox Tavern, located on this tract of ground, as well as on
19 the viewshed of the South Mountain battlefield, and the
20 Middletown Valley as a whole.

21 Dominion states that an 11-acre site is required
22 for this project. It wants to purchase 135 acres of
23 agriculturally-zoned ground. At the site walk today, the
24 question of what will the rest of the ground be used for
25 remained unanswered by the Dominion representative.

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1 There is a great cause of concern about possible
2 power lines and a substation for the future, although not
3 yet stated by Dominion. Due to the relationship between
4 Dominion Power and Allegheny Power, known as TrAILCo, and
5 the possibility that this could be an initial investment as
6 part of a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor
7 designation.

8 In conclusion, this is an inappropriate siting
9 for a gas compressor station. The site should be located in
10 industrial parks on an existing gas line, not on land with
11 valuable historic cultural and agricultural resources.

12 In addition, alternative energy sources should be
13 identified. The Environmental Assessment per the FERC
14 notice will be used by the Commission in its decision making
15 process to determine whether the project is in the public
16 convenience and necessity. At the site walk today, Dominion
17 employees stated that there would be times when the
18 compressor might not be used, and that it would not be used
19 every day, all day. That said by Dominion's own people,
20 there is no demonstrated need for such a project, and it is
21 not in the public convenience.

22 There is no benefit or value to Middletown or
23 Frederick County for this facility. Due to these reasons
24 and concerns, this project does not fit FERC's criteria for
25 a storage factory project. Thank you.

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1 (Applause)

2 MR. HANOBIC: Tara Wolf.

3 MS. WOLF: My name is Tara Wolf; that's T-a-r-a
4 W-o-l-f, and I live on Marker Road.

5 The Environmental Assessment conducted by FERC
6 for the gas compressor station proposed by Dominion and
7 located in Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland, should
8 consider and thoroughly review the following: The potential
9 for Dominion to expand, including power lines in the future
10 to the purchased property. To follow Section 106 of the
11 National Historic Preservation Act, consider local zoning
12 laws and state easements on surrounding properties. To
13 determine potential health hazards from pollution;
14 specifically, with notice to previous Dominion sitings in
15 the regional area.

16 To determine the extent of other types of
17 pollution, including light, noise, water, and air. And to
18 consider the immense impact on the historical, cultural, and
19 pleasing viewshed of the Valley.

20 Dominion has proposed to purchase 135 acres of
21 zoned agricultural land, to build a 14,000 horsepower
22 compressor station. This compressor station will take up
23 less than 11 acres, including room for expansion.

24 This brings up the alarming concern of what the
25 remaining 124 acres will be used for. Dominion currently

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1 denies a need to expand in the future, but what is that
2 additional 124 acres needed for? This question was asked
3 today at the field site, and Dominion would not answer.

4 The most notable, obvious concern is that the
5 acreage may be used for power lines in the future,
6 considering Dominion's partnership with Allegheny Power,
7 known as TrAILCo, which is currently established in
8 Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, but not yet in
9 Maryland.

10 This also then raises a concern, this area is
11 then being considered as part of the revised National
12 Interest Electric Transmission Corridor designations. I
13 believe it's a very serious concern to be addressed now as
14 part of the Environmental Assessment, and not as an
15 afterthought once Dominion establishes themselves in the
16 area.

17 If this future land use is addressed as part of
18 the Environmental Assessment, it would have a great need for
19 an Environmental Impact Statement, also.

20 FERC representatives today assured me that
21 Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will
22 be followed. Specific analysis should include the entirety
23 of a historic house and the property, the potential for a
24 Civil War archeology site, and impact on the South Mountain
25 Valley viewshed.

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1 In addition, the site has a high risk for surface
2 water contamination, as the stream runs right through the
3 property. Any leak or pipe break can easily get to the
4 stream through runoff.

5 There is also a high risk of ground water
6 contamination, which can happen anywhere; but the site
7 specifically sits on a hill above a low-lying area, allowing
8 leaks to quickly, easily drain into the ground aquifers,
9 which feed all the local wells. All the residents in the
10 surrounding area are on well water, making a potential spill
11 directly hazardous to human health, not to mention violating
12 the Safe Drinking Water Act, Water Quality Act, and water
13 quality standards and pollution act. It is also a major
14 concern of the Chesapeake Bay, considering Maryland is
15 invested in the Bay Save program.

16 Dominion has been cited and finds on numerous
17 occasions, all of which should be considered and reviewed
18 before allowing the next compressor station project to go
19 through. Dominion should look for an industrial zoned area,
20 not pristine agriculturally-zoned land.

21 Certainly one of the most important aspects of
22 the Environmental Assessment is that FERC can determine this
23 project is in the public convenience and necessity. This
24 gas compressor station is neither public convenience or
25 necessity. It will disturb the quality of life with noise
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1 pollution, light pollution, potential air and water
2 pollution. It will conflict with local zoning laws, and
3 historical and agricultural preservation.

4 Those that benefit from this project will be far
5 down the gas line; in Pennsylvania, in Virginia and in
6 Southern Maryland. Thank you for your time.

7 (Applause)

8 MR. HANOBIC: Next speaker will be Ronald Moss.

9 MS. MOSS: Good evening. My name is Ronald Moss,
10 M-o-s-s. To let everybody know, I am a lifelong resident of
11 Middletown, and both my wife and I are seventh generation
12 residents of Middletown Valley.

13 My concerns about this project are particularly
14 over the pollution that we see from across the entire
15 valley. This site is located on a hilltop, and an
16 industrial facility at the very top of this hill will be
17 clearly evident and in clear view from anywhere in the
18 valley.

19 I'm also a Civil War historian, amateur, and a
20 local historian. And I'm also a member of the Civil War
21 Preservation Trust. I would like to also point out that the
22 South Mountain battlefield was a significant battle; it is
23 also one of the Civil War Preservation Trust's ten most
24 endangered battlefields in the entire country.

25 And I think I speak for all those who have
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1 ancestors, that often died in the Civil War, that this is
2 hallowed ground that shall not be desecrated with another
3 industrial site.

4 (Applause)

5 MR. HANOBIC: Our next speaker will be Brad
6 Constadine.

7 MR. CONSTADINE: Hello, I'm Brad Constadine. I
8 wrote this up late today, so I'm just going to go through it
9 quickly, by reading most of it.

10 My name is Brad Constadine, I live in Middletown.
11 I own some land right near the proposed site, and that land
12 I put into Rural Legacy several years ago.

13 (Applause)

14 This was done voluntarily, with the primary
15 objective of conserving open spaces, and the agricultural
16 resources of this area. Like other programs, such as the
17 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, there
18 has been very significant investments made in preserving
19 land in Maryland. The MALPF, alone, has permanently
20 preserved more than 265,000 acres of priority farmland. But
21 to acquire these lands, the County must use tax dollars.

22 The MALPF has spent just shy of half a billion
23 dollars in the State of Maryland to acquire easements and
24 find agricultural sites, some of which is along the bases of
25 the mountain.

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1 Land preservation programs, like Rural Legacy and
2 MALPF, have spent over half a million dollars acquiring
3 these easements. And what I'd like to do -- this chart over
4 here, which is a corner of Frederick County, the corner of
5 Frederick County which is -- (walking over to easel). So
6 this is the upper part of Frederick County, and all these
7 colored areas are pieces of land that have been preserved.
8 Anything that's orange is in the Rural Legacy program, and
9 from Brunswick all the way to Myersville, there is a huge
10 section of this that's established as the Rural Legacy
11 program. The Rural Legacy program area.

12 So this entire area is intended to be dedicated
13 for preservation; and the majority of the preservation
14 that's happening in Frederick County has happened in this
15 area already. The site that they select is right here in
16 the center of the area, which is obviously inopportune.

17 So I quickly want to mention that the State of
18 Maryland has invested something like \$40 million --
19 actually, I take that back. The County has invested
20 \$40 million in preservation in Frederick County so far, \$3.5
21 million in the Rural Legacy program. So it's a very
22 significant investment, most of which or much of which is
23 right along this area of South Mountain.

24 That is one point on Rural Legacy and how
25 inopportune this location, the site is. The other item I
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1 just wanted to point out was that, regarding the alternative
2 sites. Now I've heard a little bit from Dominion on why
3 they chose this site, and why they believe that it's
4 optimal. However, I've heard very little bit about
5 alternate sites, and specific challenges Dominion might face
6 by considering new locations.

7 I would like to see you quantify, in dollars, the
8 impact of shifting this site north or south, in increments
9 of five miles and ten miles. I believe there are other
10 sites; and yesterday I went out, and when I went down to
11 what I found to be the pipeline area, and I found a site
12 that's not far from this site.

13 A few points on that site are that it has a
14 Dominion pipeline passing directly through it; it's located
15 in Frederick County, it's located outside of the Rural
16 Legacy program area, it's in an area of low preservation, at
17 least a mile from any preserved lands. It is bordered on
18 one side by a 15-acre industrial site, is also very near a
19 major roadway; it is well above any flood plain, or
20 wetlands, yet it is relatively low elevation. It is remote
21 and is away from housing; it is also bordered by railroad
22 tracks. It's almost 200 acres. It is currently for sale,
23 and it's at approximately the same price as the piece of
24 land on Marker Road.

25 (Applause)

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1 I spoke with the owner yesterday, and he is very
2 interested in selling this land.

3 (Applause)

4 And perhaps best of all, FERC has already done
5 its environmental assessment, and it has passed the
6 environmental assessment.

7 (Applause)

8 It is approximately ten miles south of the
9 current site. And once again, I feel this site is optimal
10 for the many reasons cited, and I would like to challenge
11 Dominion to quantify, in dollars, any reason why this
12 available site is suboptimal in their eyes.

13 In addition, I would like to challenge Dominion
14 to also identify other alternative sites. And I'll turn
15 this over; you'll see some of the industrial sites and some
16 pictures of the area I took yesterday. (Visuals)

17 (Applause)

18 (At easel) This is the industrial site, and it's
19 just below Route 15. This is the land here, and the For
20 Sale sign, 196 acres, railroad tracks, and it's on the
21 pipeline, and the pipeline runs right through the center of
22 it.

23 (Applause)

24 MR. HANOBIC: Next speaker will be Tony Welch.

25 MR. WELCH: Hi, I'm Tony Welch, W-e-l-c-h. I
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1 live out on Marker Road, down at the South end, near
2 Mountain Church, and my concern is that Middletown Valley is
3 a very quiet valley. We get good sounds here, and we get
4 some bad sounds. The hunt club with the beagles, I can hear
5 them, and they're about a mile away. I enjoy that; I think
6 it sounds very nice. Sometimes about 2 o'clock Saturday
7 morning, I think there's a young guy that came home that
8 can't hear very well. But I can hear "bummp-hummp" by the
9 huge fork, that's about a mile away.

10 I can hear the Middletown fire alarm, the
11 Jefferson fire alarm, and the Rohrersville fire alarm. In
12 the morning when I go out and get in my car, I can hear the
13 MARC train down at Brunswick blow its whistle.

14 This is a very quiet place, and I'm pretty
15 concerned that no matter what the sound standards are that
16 they built to, that it's not going to be quiet enough.
17 We're not going to be able to hear. They picked a very high
18 piece of land on the west side of the Valley; and as you've
19 all heard, and Mr. Moss attested, everybody's going to be
20 able to see it, but everybody's going to be able to hear it,
21 and you're going to be able to see the lights.

22 So should the law of the people not be observed,
23 and they do build this site, I would like to know what kind
24 of restrictions can you put on them. Can they improve the
25 sound isolation on the buildings? Can they make the

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1 buildings look like the barns, so they're not so obtrusive?
2 Can they use indirect lighting so we don't see it from miles
3 away?

4 Other than that, I'm concerned that it is a bad
5 site, and I'm glad somebody provided the alternate site.

6 (Applause)

7 MR. HANOBIC: Our next speaker will be George
8 McDonalds, I believe.

9 MR. McDANOLDS: My name is George McDanolds,
10 M-c-D-a-n-o-l-d-s. I live at 7802 Brandview Place,
11 approximately a mile from the proposed site.

12 I'd like to raise a couple of questions that I
13 hope the FERC people will consider when they're going about
14 making this decision.

15 The proposed site for this project is located in
16 the middle of an agricultural area and a Rural Legacy area.
17 The question with that is, is there some compelling reason
18 to put this facility in the middle of an environmentally and
19 historically significant area?

20 One of the members of Citizens for the
21 Preservation of Middletown Valley, which is a group that's
22 been instrumental in getting information out about this, was
23 told by a Dominion representative that from an engineering
24 and logistical standpoint, this site has no particular
25 advantage over any number of other possible sites.

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1 In other words, the facility could be located at
2 some other location and achieve the same result. That's
3 previously alluded to here a couple of times; there have
4 been many articles published in print and on the web
5 regarding past environmental incidents at Dominion
6 facilities. These are far too numerous for me to go into in
7 detail here, but it is a documented fact that Dominion was
8 fined \$850,000 in 2006 for incidents at three compressor
9 facilities in Pennsylvania.

10 The question is, given such a poor record, what
11 provisions will be made for the inevitable incidents of gas
12 leaks and other types of contamination that would occur at
13 this site? If our local emergency personnel, whom we
14 support with our taxes are to be responsible, are we not
15 able to require that Dominion prove that this particular
16 site is absolutely essential for the facility and that no
17 other site will work?

18 I think we do, and it would be seemingly
19 difficult to do that without exploring other alternatives.

20 Thank you very much.

21 (Applause)

22 MR. HANOBIC: Our next speaker will be Donna
23 Smith.

24 MS. SMITH: My name is Donna Smith, and I live
25 about a mile from this place. It would have been nice if we

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1 had known earlier.

2 I don't have much to say except I'm not happy
3 about it, and I agree with all the other speakers, and if
4 you want me to sign something, I'll sign it.

5 (Applause)

6 MR. HANOBIC: The next name I really can't read;
7 it's either G, G.C. or C.C., and the last name, it's four
8 letters; I think the last three are e-a-n. I'm not sure
9 who.

10 Okay. Say your name into the microphone so the
11 court reporter can get it. Thank you.

12 MR. HEARN: My name is Pete Hearn, H-e-a-r-n.

13 I've lived in Middletown for about 28 years now,
14 and I've worked for the federal government for near 40
15 years, 5 with the Department of Energy, 35 years with the
16 Nuclear Regulatory Commission. So I'm familiar with what's
17 going on here. I'm appalled.

18 The primary purpose for the federal government is
19 to protect the people, and we all take an oath to do that.
20 And in order to avoid replacing an undersized, small line
21 with a new line, they're going to put in a compression
22 station that's going to endanger, or put our school children
23 in harm's way. I'm glad they picked this site, because 12-
24 year old terrorists can pull up -- to hit a diversionary
25 target, before they hit the prime target -- and then that's

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1 the diversionary target. All the resources, the police and
2 the fire department will be out there and the school will be
3 totally vulnerable.

4 This is not the 1950s, this is the ought years of
5 the 21st Century. Times have changed. There's a potential
6 sleeper cell on the other side of Garrett County which, we
7 should be concerned. I don't think you can put a value on
8 our school children's lives. So whatever the cost is to
9 replace that, they didn't look into it.

10 (Applause)

11 MR. HANOBIC: Our next speaker will be Donna --?

12 MS. BOGDART: Bogdart. I'd like to defer
13 everything I was going to talk about.

14 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you very much.

15 Our next speaker will be Joe Paldo.

16 MR. FALCO: Hi, everybody, I'm Joe Falco. That's
17 F-a-l-c-o.

18 First let me say that, to reiterate on the
19 contamination incidents with Dominion, that they had to pay
20 \$850,000, most of those contamination issues were not
21 accidents; they weren't mechanical failures, but they were
22 carelessness. So care less -- they can care less --
23 remember that.

24 (Applause)

25 I brought this up the road here with DOT, who is
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1 supposed to be monitoring the safety of this facility; and
2 he was unaware of these incidents, so I got him a copy.

3 (Document to panel.)

4 (Applause)

5 A lot of issues were addressed today that I don't
6 address. I'm within a half mile radius, I can monitor the
7 compressor station from my living room, so if you need
8 someone to work for you, I guess I could take the job, as a
9 telecommuter.

10 (Laughter)

11 So what I'm going to address today is the
12 construction of the site. No one has talked about that yet.
13 I know some people went down to Leesburg; I didn't get the
14 opportunity to go to the Leesburg facility, but I went up to
15 Chambersburg. There are some people down at the Leesburg
16 facility, talked to some residents within a mile of the
17 station down there. They said their biggest problem with
18 the station down there -- it's kind of tucked away in the
19 woods -- was the construction stages, which were over about
20 a two year period. They said that they operated about 24/7,
21 lots of construction traffic.

22 That facility, as well as the Chambersburg
23 facility, are located along major roads. We're not located
24 along major roads. (To easel)

25 Here's the proposed site. Here's Marker Road,

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1 here's Marker Road turns 90 degrees, okay? I asked Dominion
2 how they were going to get their trucks in here today;
3 they're going to take Marker Road in. They're going to take
4 their construction traffic down these windy roads, with
5 blind hills, no shoulders, blind corners, and school buses,
6 24/7, and come down Marker Road; then they're going to make
7 this 90 degree turn, with semis. I've seen it done once,
8 and it took a good part of a morning to do it.

9 That's the plan. (Back to podium)

10 I'd also like to address one more thing, and that
11 is I'd like to put this upon FERC. Today at the site visit,
12 Dominion indicated that they did some kind of flow analysis;
13 and they determined that the current site was within a three
14 mile radius of where they had to put this compressor
15 station, in order to achieve the pressure capabilities they
16 needed.

17 I request that FERC and their experts do their
18 own flow modeling to determine what this radius actually is.

19 Thank you.

20 (Applause)

21 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you very much.

22 Our next speaker will be Van Palmer.

23 MR. TALMER: Hi, I'm Ted Talmer, a resident of
24 Middletown now for -- before that, near Marker Road. I'm a
25 descendent of the Marker family, who had the property there.

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1 In fact, when I did research on the Toogle farms,
2 I found that Carroll County had records, that Benjamin
3 Booker and his son -- Fox had land from the Catoctin Woods
4 of Middletown to the mountain area. And somehow about three
5 or five hundred acres went to the Toogle estate; my great-
6 grandfather, in a diary of the Civil War said that his
7 brother Jacob, who enlisted in 1862, fought 29 battles, was
8 never wounded, and received the Medal of Honor. This is
9 where they farmed.

10 In the government mentality, they sent the men
11 from Middletown -- that's all excellent horsemen -- to
12 infantry school in Baltimore, just before the Battle of
13 South Mountain.

14 But these men knew every rock and squirrel on the
15 map, but they sent them to Baltimore. And, got their horses
16 and sent them to Washington, D.C., where they all died of
17 disease, because they had 10,000 of them.

18 In the area of the federal government, it was
19 disclosed Vance Knoll, one of the most beautiful and
20 significant Civil War sites, that why shouldn't the whole
21 facility be underground? Or why should it -- if all the
22 people who are using the energy are in the cities, and if
23 there's any reason why there couldn't be stations in
24 Washington, D.C., or New York?

25 (Applause)

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1 Here we have a hunt club, and maybe 24 horse
2 farms, cattle farms, some of the top breeding stock of
3 horses, cattle, and I don't know what else in the world far
4 from here. So we shouldn't dispose -- we can put it in
5 another area; how about -- department? Industry already
6 destroyed that; and it is underutilized, or not utilized
7 now. Why not put it there? Or a run-down city or town that
8 needs the economic stimulus. But Marker Road, that is one
9 of the most beautiful farms in the County, and the State and
10 the world, should not be redeveloped.

11 Thank you.

12 (Applause)

13 MR. HANOBIC: Our next speaker will be Bryan, and
14 is it Lori Nichols?

15 AUDIENCE: We'll pass.

16 MR. HANOBIC: All right. Our next speaker will
17 be Nick Williams.

18 MR. WILLIAMS: Good evening. Name is Nick
19 Williams, W-i-l-l-i-a-m-s. I'm not from here; I'm with one
20 of the state's Land Preservation programs that's operating
21 in this area, known as the Maryland Environmental Trust.

22 There's been some mention of the programs,
23 including the Rural Legacy program, also the Maryland
24 Agricultural Preservation Foundation, and of course there's
25 the County program, as well, for farmland preservation. All

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1 of these programs try to coordinate with each other, operate
2 together as much as they can to produce the best possible
3 result in protecting farmland, natural resource lands,
4 historic and cultural resources.

5 So we want to make sure that Dominion is aware of
6 these programs operating in this area. All of these
7 programs have protected a tremendous amount of land, not
8 only in this County but elsewhere in Maryland. These Rural
9 Legacy areas were formed to protect cultural and historic as
10 well as agricultural and natural resources on these
11 properties, and there are three Rural Legacy areas that are
12 in this area or to the east or west of this area. So
13 there's a concern about not only the facility itself, but
14 also pipeline connections that are to be made to the
15 facility, and where those connections will be made.

16 Some of those properties that might involve a
17 feeder line or a connection of some sort may be under
18 permanent conservation easements held by these programs. So
19 we do hope that Dominion, in their contacts with state
20 agencies and county agencies does reach out to all of these
21 programs; the Maryland Environmental Trust, the Rural Legacy
22 program, the County's agricultural land preservation
23 program, and the Department of Natural Resources. Also,
24 there are private, nonprofit land trusts operating in this
25 area with the same purpose; including the Mid-Maryland Land
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1 Trust, the Central Maryland Heritage League, and the
2 Carrollton Manor Land Trust.

3 In this area or nearby, they also hold
4 conservation easements, some of them point to the State
5 programs. And they would also have an interest in knowing
6 whether there will be any impacts, even though the Ruby
7 property itself is not subject to one of these easements,
8 there are several conservation easements around in the area.
9 And as mentioned before, considerable State and County
10 investment has gone into these areas. So we do hope that
11 Dominion will contact all of agencies and nonprofit land
12 trusts.

13 To echo another comment made earlier, there is a
14 lot of interest in alternatives here, I think. I heard at
15 the beginning of the presentation mention of a 40-mile loop
16 that was cast as an alternative to the proposed route and
17 location for the compressor station; so I think everybody
18 here would be interested in learning about that 40-mile
19 loop, seeing it on a map, and knowing whether that 40-mile
20 loop was going to be considered as an alternative, among
21 other alternatives in the environmental review process.

22 So those are some of the concerns that the State
23 had, and I think the County preservation programs probably
24 had that concern as well. So it's important that Dominion
25 get in touch with all of these land preservation

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1 organizations. Thank you.

2 (Applause)

3 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you. Our next speaker
4 tonight will be Darren Wolf.

5 MR. WOLF: My name is Darren Wolf, last name
6 spelled W-o-l-f. I'd just like to start out tonight by
7 saying extreme thank you to all of our citizens, people
8 around here who are concerned about the use of our land, and
9 are finally standing up to do something about it.

10 (Applause)

11 As you well know, most of these points have
12 already been hit on. I'd like to reiterate concern for the
13 Chesapeake Bay tributary, leakage possibilities,
14 contamination, the well water of all the surrounding
15 citizens near this proposed site; and I'd just like to
16 challenge Dominion and ask them to go on record, if they
17 could give a dollar figure as to what they thought
18 everyone's health and life was worth.

19 (Applause)

20 If any of you guys were on CNN today, you might
21 have noticed a nice little article about a huge fire
22 explosion I think somewhere around Tennessee, from a site
23 very much like the one proposed here. According to CNN,
24 there were flames up to 400 feet in the air, and definite
25 loss of life; a few of the workers might have perished.

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1 It's definitely a safety concern as well.

2 I guess my other question would be, to Dominion
3 and FERC: With all the federal money and the emphasis
4 lately placed on alternative fuels, cleaner burning
5 environmentally-friendly fuels, I would like to ask why this
6 is such a priority that this natural gas facility be
7 proposed here?

8 Then there's always the historic value that
9 everyone has stated. As many people stated, this property
10 is right in the middle of a proposed Rural Legacy route; and
11 the last time I checked, I think rural legacy meant farmland
12 protection, not impact limitization. Thank you.

13 (Applause)

14 MR. HANOBIC: Our next speaker will be Nicholas
15 Reding.

16 And again real quickly, I'd like to just remind
17 everybody to try and keep it two minutes as best as
18 possible; we have approximately 25 speakers left on the
19 sheet to speak yet tonight, and a few who apparently didn't
20 get the chance to sign up, so.

21 MR. REDING: My name is Nicholas Reding,
22 R-e-d-i-n-g. I'm a student at Shepherd University, a
23 history major, concentrating in Civil War studies and
24 historic preservation.

25 What brings me here tonight, and what I think
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1 brings countless others to live and visit this area centers
2 around the all-inspiring cultural and natural sites that
3 this region is most fortunate to claim as its own.

4 Just yards from the proposed site of destruction
5 history unfolded on a massive scale over 140 years ago,
6 ultimately changing the course of the American story. Once
7 we lose this, we eternally lose what makes this county so
8 special, and what makes Frederick County any different from
9 the vast sea of urban blight that has beset much of this
10 region.

11 Over these fields that we speak of, in September
12 of 1862, the battle raged, and the sad plights of these men
13 upon ridges, battling in Frederick County, deserves much
14 better than gas lines dedicated to a failing system of
15 nonrenewable energy.

16 This battle area was defined by the Civil War
17 Sites Advisory Commission, and I think it's incumbent upon
18 FERC to contact and consult with the American Battlefield
19 Protection Program under the National Park Service, which
20 administers the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission's
21 findings.

22 In each battlefield, of the 384 that are defined
23 by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, and GIS data for
24 each one of them, which includes a core -- that is the area
25 where actual hand-to-hand and open combat occurred -- as
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1 well as a study area. And you'll find that it equates this
2 piece of property next to these areas -- as defined by the
3 American Battlefield Protection Program -- this site lies a
4 few hundred feet from what the National Park Service
5 considers one of the most culturally sensitive areas of our
6 cultural landscape.

7 It's important to remember that this is land
8 already invested by countless tax dollars to preserve its
9 integrity, land that local, state and federal government
10 agencies as well as private groups that fought hard to save.
11 It is not in the public's best interest to have yet another
12 blot on the landscape, and to interrupt the important
13 farmscape of this area, as well as the cultural abluion.

14 Furthermore, farmland is being destroyed at an
15 alarming rate in an area already zoned agricultural. And
16 with it, we lose our most basic sustenance, clearly put: no
17 farms, no food.

18 I implore the FERC to reject this projection on
19 the basis of its incredible demerits, to affirm our national
20 commitment to preservation of our cultural and natural
21 legacy for future generations, and to save Frederick County
22 from this scourge.

23 (Applause)

24 MR. HANOBIC: Our next speaker will be Gene
25 Freeman.

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1 MR. FLEEMAN: Hello, my name is Gene Fleeman,
2 F-l-e-e-m-a-n. I live in Middletown, Maryland.

3 My comments tonight I guess reflect on the
4 cultural impact of this impact study that's going on. And I
5 just wanted to point out that the building site FERC
6 selected is in the middle of the area known also as part of
7 the Civil War heritage program, or heritage area. This is a
8 certified area by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority and
9 is listed on the Maryland Historical Trust website.

10 I just want to ask that Dominion and FERC try to
11 contact this organization to find out what they might have
12 to say about cultural impact on this area. Thank you.

13 (Applause)

14 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you very much.

15 Our next speaker will be Brian Considine.

16 MR. CONSIDINE: Hello. I'm Brian Considine;
17 C-o-n-s-i-d-i-n-e. I am also an adjacent land owner, and
18 I've put my property in Rural Legacy as well.

19 (Applause)

20 My question and concern is regarding the long
21 range plans for this facility. I understand that DMI has
22 plans initially to bring one facility on line, and depending
23 on demand, up to six facilities, up in Tioga.

24 My question and my request for disclosure is on
25 what the impact of this site would be as these additional
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1 sites are brought on line. Is it going to impact the
2 frequency, is it going to impact the duration of the
3 compressors, is it going to impact the size of the
4 compressors and the footprint of the property?

5 The second concern, Virginia and others have
6 raised is regarding the ground water. It's my understanding
7 that one of the problems that Dominion had in Pennsylvania
8 was related to the coolant, the coolant used for the
9 compressors; so the question is, what toxic chemicals are
10 used? Is it ethylene glycols to cool the compressor, what
11 remediation and containment is required. And also, is there
12 going to be a ground water study done in ground closest, a
13 ground water flow study done, because those of us in the
14 area understand that the aquifer and the ground water in
15 that area is fed from South Mountain, is fairly unique.

16 And those of us that are in that area draw on the
17 ground water for drinking water, we're very concerned with
18 that issue.

19 (Applause)

20 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you.

21 Our next speaker will be Diana Kalaloski. {ph}

22 MS. KALALOSKI: Hi, everyone. I just wanted to
23 say that I'm actually really proud to live in Middletown,
24 because how all of you have turned out and pulled together
25 to speak your mind and to try to protect the great battle

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1 that we have that I moved into. So thank you very much for
2 that.

3 I wanted to point out something that you all may
4 not be aware of, that I think is extremely relevant, and
5 that is that in Middletown Valley, we have, at my count,
6 just today -- I'm sorry, I didn't have a lot of time to
7 prepare -- but we have seven organic farms in this valley.
8 And I believe that is the highest concentration of organic
9 acreage in all of Frederick and perhaps even in the whole
10 State of Maryland.

11 Now that is something. And just to name a few,
12 the Holter Farm, the Rice Farm, the Wolfs, our place, Hans;
13 our neighborhoods are not certified but they're organic, the
14 Brewers, and Foscat Farm and Jefferson. That is really an
15 amazing statement.

16 Now Brian and Brad made some powerful comments.
17 And we, too, are very concerned about ground water, because
18 that's how we water the livestock. That's how we water
19 crops, And this is a very serious issue.

20 I'm speaking quickly because I know you all want
21 to speak. We're also very concerned about air pollution.
22 One of the things that we do know is that these turbines
23 emit very high levels of toxic chemicals; nitrogen oxide,
24 methane and other POCs, which -- this is very interesting.
25 When they react with sunlight, they form smog. I don't know

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1 how many of you folks have seen, in the summertime over
2 Middletown Valley, because we have a unique topographical
3 depression; we always have inversions here, where the smog
4 comes in from the Ohio River Valley, the pollution just sits
5 in our Valley, it obscures the mountains, you can't even see
6 the mountains in the distance.

7 Now what these guys, Dominion, are telling us is
8 that during that peak time, when we have our worst
9 pollution, our red air alert day, that's when this turbine
10 is going to kick in. Now what fuels that turbine? These
11 toxic gases. Are we going to let them do this? I'm sorry.
12 I don't know how many of you have children, how many of the
13 elderly people here have pulmonary disorders, but for me
14 it's a matter of life and death. I cannot. I moved from
15 Washington, D.C. to escape the toxic pollution from the jet
16 fuels from the airport, and basically that's the kind of
17 fuel that we're talking about here.

18 One last point, and I'll be quiet. Noise
19 pollution, everyone I think is pretty aware of that; and
20 light pollution. But there has been a very interesting
21 study that was recently done about noise pollution and
22 wildlife, particularly birds. I don't know if you all are
23 aware of this, but we've had a serious decline in birds in
24 our area, due to viruses, foreign viruses and also
25 chemicals. And we're talking things like robins,
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1 cardinals, blue jays, and we love wildlife.

2 This new study, just recently -- loud ambient
3 noise does affect the sex lives of birds, a new study
4 suggests. Manmade noise is increasing in the wild, because
5 birds communicate mainly by sound, and loud ambient noise
6 reduces parenting by almost 15 percent. And that's just
7 birds. We're talking about light pollution as well; there
8 have been numerous studies that have been done that show
9 that light pollution affects our bodies' biorhythms, causing
10 endocrine disruption problems, fertility issues, and breast
11 cancer.

12 So is this something, again, that we want in our
13 Valley?

14 AUDIENCE: No.

15 MS. KALALOSKI: I'm going to shut up now, but
16 thank you again.

17 (Applause)

18 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you for your comments.

19 Our next speaker is James Hahn.

20 MR. HAHN: Hi, folks. James Hahn, that's spelled
21 H-a-h-n. I live in Middletown, I live on Old National Pike
22 with Diana. We use well water. We would like our water to
23 be clean. I know a lot of people want to speak tonight, so
24 I'm just going to keep this short and sweet.

25 We do not want this industrial facility on our
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1 agricultural land here in Middletown Valley. Thank you very
2 much.

3 (Applause)

4 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you.

5 Our next speaker will be Bill Wilson.

6 MR. WILSON: My name is Bill Wilson, W-i-l-s-o-n.
7 I'm Executive Director of Central Maryland Heritage League.
8 We're a land trust here in Middletown. We've been in
9 existence for about 18 years. One of the major things we
10 want to do is to preserve the land, and also to preserve the
11 South Mountain battlefield.

12 I was delighted to see Nick Williams come here
13 today; we've had some differences between MET and us, but we
14 are all concerned about what happens to our valley. I think
15 most of you know that about 85 years ago, the National
16 Geographic named Middletown Valley as one of the nine most
17 beautiful valleys in America, and we still try and make it
18 that way. I think that this kind of an industrial site,
19 wherever they're proposing to put it, will do several things
20 that will just ruin our valley.

21 Number one, an organization like ours can't
22 convince farmers or other people to preserve their land if
23 they know there's an industrial site in an agricultural
24 area.

25 Number two, we can't get people who live in the
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1 viewshed of the South Mountain battlefield to preserve their
2 land; they say "What's the point when there's a big factory
3 coming up right in the middle of it?"

4 So I would submit to you that we all have to
5 fight as quick as we can, and tell Dominion to go somewhere
6 else; we don't need them here.

7 (Applause)

8 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you.

9 Our next speaker will be Tony Greenblat.

10 MR. GREENBLAT: Tony Greenblat,
11 G-r-e-e-n-b-l-a-t.

12 The reason why I oppose the location now -- I'll
13 make this short and sweet -- is because the immediate
14 surrounding area is of national historic value, not just
15 local historic value; and because we need to protect the
16 heritage and the culture and importance of the South
17 Mountain battlefield; because Marker Road is directly on the
18 battlefield tour route, and centrally located at Fox Gap,
19 Crampton's Gap, and Turner's Gap, all very important
20 historical sites. The side for the battlefield tour, the
21 roadside is 300 feet from the entrance to the site.

22 Because it can affect our water quality, because
23 it should be located in an already industrialized or
24 commercially developed area; it would be less intrusive and
25 overall, much less detrimental -- for all the reasons that
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1 all these people are here to reiterate tonight. Because of
2 its visual proximity to Appalachian Trail, it's effect on
3 visitors and hikers, from people all over the world.

4 Because the State of Maryland, through its Rural
5 Legacy program, has spent a lot of taxpayer dollars to buy
6 land easements, the effects for land reservations only to
7 locate a large industrial company's facility adjacent to it?
8 This site offers conflict. Damages with respect to its
9 economic effects, its historical significance, its cultural
10 significance, and its physical effects, the visual; the
11 light, the noise, the buildings; they're too great. Got to
12 find an alternate site.

13 (Applause)

14 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you very much.

15 Our next speaker will be Nancy Koval.

16 MS. KOVAL: Hi, there. My name is Nancy Koval,
17 and it's K-o-v-a-l.

18 I wanted to first say, as was already said this
19 evening, that this past evening at Hartsville, Tennessee,
20 there was an acid fire. The flames erupted four and five
21 hundred feet in the air; the flames erupted 400 and 500 feet
22 in the air; the windows of neighbors within a five mile
23 radius were shaken.

24 So when Dominion says that their station is only
25 going to affect landowners in a half mile radius, I don't

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1 think that that's accurate. This was a fire that erupted at
2 the Columbia Gulf Natural Gas Pumping Station, which is a
3 pumping station that they're proposing.

4 There's lots of things that I could say tonight.
5 I am going to get my thoughts together and document the
6 federal regulations and citations which I urge all of you to
7 do; we still have more time, other than tonight, to put your
8 thoughts in order and submit an e-file.

9 In reading through the report that's going to be
10 made and submitted to FERC, the environmental analysis
11 basically gives Dominion ways to work around our concerns.
12 They have a history of not doing due diligence, such as this
13 example here; where they're not looking for another
14 property, as they are required; they could revert back to
15 their original plan; they stand another facility. They
16 could, as was stated today, they have the option of running
17 a larger line. They don't even need to build this facility,
18 as admitted today by a Dominion representative; that they
19 could build a larger line.

20 They also have the option to renew their 20-year
21 lease with Texas Eastern, and continue working through their
22 facilities. So there are many options that they have other
23 than Middletown.

24 There are other topics that the environmental
25 analysis will touch on, such as water resources; but
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1 unfortunately until the facility is up and running, we're
2 not going to know what the impact is on our water. And in
3 Cove Point, Maryland, down in Lusby, the EPA and the federal
4 regulation committee is still asking them for their water
5 report. And they keep requesting extensions.

6 So I wish I could say let's fight this, let's
7 fight it, but I think it's going to have to happen so we
8 have to appeal to not only FERC to say "Look at their track
9 record of how they've handled their expansion" -- which has
10 been at a rapid rate in the last five years -- to halt their
11 process and say "Let's look at what they have provided; but
12 what have they promised, what have they delivered, and what
13 have they proven?" Before they proceed into another
14 facility in our back yard.

15 They did make a comment today which I found
16 funny; that they want to be a good neighbor. I live on
17 Mitchell's Road in Middletown; the pipeline goes through a
18 portion of my property. And it took over three weeks to
19 find out who owned the pipeline, because the markers were
20 not properly marked. And the only reason why I found out
21 that Dominion owned it is because I just said "Don't worry
22 about it, I'll call the EPA, and I'll find out who owns the
23 pipeline." And within two days, I had a representative on
24 my doorstep.

25 So I also don't feel that they would be a good
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1 neighbor. But again, I urge all of you, continue speaking
2 tonight, get on the record, but clearly in writing document,
3 group together, and submit your proposals to the FERC.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause)

6 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you very much.

7 Our next speaker will be Suzanne Buxbaum.

8 MS. BUXBAUM: Hi, I'm Suzanne Buxbaum,
9 B-u-x-b-a-u-m.

10 I live on Bolivar, which is less than a half mile
11 from the site, or the proposed site.

12 I'm a musician. So I'm a very aural a-u-r-a-l
13 listener, and as has already been testified, we hear a lot
14 out where we are. Things that are at good and bad times.
15 The middle of the night when I'm trying to sleep and I can't
16 sleep, I don't like hearing cows on the farms, but they're
17 there and I can hear them, and they are over a mile away.

18 You can hear the owls at night, you can hear the
19 people partying up on the mountain. Those are good things.
20 These are the reasons why I moved out to where we are, so
21 that we'd have space and we'd have land.

22 I'm very concerned about water quality. And we
23 don't know if we all touch in the aquifers at the same time.
24 I'm concerned my neighbor's water will begin to -- because
25 we really don't know. So I'm very concerned that there

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1 could be some kind of a leak; because once your ground water
2 is contaminated, we could all be shocked. We cannot have
3 water.

4 But I don't want the sound, to say that it's only
5 going to be X amount of decibels. If you come out at night,
6 you will hear it if it's on. Also, the light pollution; you
7 come out at night, and I want to see the stars. If there's
8 any ambient light around, you can't see them. We live out
9 in the country because we choose to do this. Thanks.

10 (Applause)

11 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you very much.

12 Our next speaker will be Randall Buxbaum.

13 MR. BUXBAUM: Hi, Randall Buxbaum, that's
14 B-u-x-b-a-u-m. And I'm with an organization called the
15 Citizens for the Preservation of Middletown Valley.
16 Hopefully you've heard of us.

17 (Applause)

18 If you haven't, go to www.tellmetoday.com for
19 more information. Also, we hopefully -- Rich Moranto, who
20 has been very instrumental in this, cannot be with us
21 tonight, but his son, Noah here is doing some video. So
22 hopefully we'll have more YouTube for you in the next week
23 or so when Rick gets back from Florida.

24 I'd just first of all like to say thanks to
25 David, and the staff from FERC as well as Scott, and the

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1 group from Dominion; and thanks to the local officials. I
2 know you're out there; we've had a lot of contact and we
3 certainly appreciate the response we've gotten from the
4 County government, and also I'd like to thank those in the
5 media, in the news outlets, who have given us some time and
6 some exposure in the papers, and on TV.

7 I'd especially like to thank those of you who
8 have taken time out of your Wednesday evening to join us
9 here, and especially thanks to those of you, the muddy shoe
10 group; I'm one that still needs to get another pair of shoes
11 on, who were at the site tour today. It was a lot of fun,
12 and I learned a lot there.

13 I'm going to be submitting comments in writing,
14 in the interests of time. Just a couple things to bring up
15 here. Certainly, there's been a lot of talk about ground
16 water contamination. I'm surprised nobody's brought up the
17 incident in Walkersville; that should serve as a pretty
18 stark reminder of how at risk our water supply is, and
19 you're living off a bottle of water, and temporary water
20 lines; that's not a solution. That's something we should be
21 looking at well ahead of those things happening. The noise
22 and light pollution, the impact on scenic, and historic
23 landscape.

24 I guess a couple things that really concern me;
25 we knew today during the site visit, we would visit the

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1 site, one of the things we had hoped to do is we had hoped
2 that Dominion would offer up, as per the FERC process, an
3 alternative site, okay? And what we learned was is there is
4 really no alternative site currently being considered. I
5 don't know what that means. I don't know if that means that
6 Dominion really believes that this is going to move through
7 without any sort of resistance or opposition; I really was
8 quite surprised. I thought there would be at least a few
9 other things thrown out there.

10 So I just ask now that we do explore alternative
11 sites. Thanks to Brad and others for pointing out some
12 opportunities there.

13 I would like to also say, there's a perception
14 that, while the FERC has ultimate siting authority, they do
15 listen to the input from local government, okay? I think
16 we're fortunate to have a county government that's very
17 close to the people and responsive. I've been very
18 impressed by the response I've gotten with the County
19 Commissioners. I must urge all of you to continue to stay
20 in touch with local officials, whether it's department heads
21 in the County, whether it's your state representatives; keep
22 them involved, keep them advised of your concerns, because
23 they will be a part of this process. FERC makes the
24 ultimate decision, but they can rely on input from the local
25 government and the state agencies as well.

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1 So lastly, one things that hasn't come up, and
2 I'm obviously close by; I've not heard anything about
3 diminished property values. And while I have no intention
4 of going anywhere soon, I really quite honestly would like
5 to stay in my house for the remaining years of my life; but
6 there may come a time when I do have to sell my property,
7 and I'm curious as to what the value would be now that an
8 industrial facility is located within less than a half a
9 mile. I think it's a question that we need to get answered;
10 what is the effect on property values in the immediate
11 vicinity and in Middletown Valley as a whole?

12 Thank you all very much.

13 (Applause)

14 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you.

15 Our next speaker will be Kathryn Ruud.

16 MS. RUUD: Hello. What a great crowd this is.
17 This is wonderful.

18 (Applause)

19 This won't happen tomorrow, and do contact our
20 Board of County Commissioners, who went to a lot of work to
21 elect that green team that is sympathetic to these land use
22 issues. They will speak out if they hear from us.

23 My name is Kathryn Ruud, and that is
24 K-a-t-h-r-y-n R-u-u-d, and my husband and I are landowners
25 on Marker Road.

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1 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, to
2 approve the proposed gas compression station, must ask:
3 Does the project serve the public convenience and necessity?

4 My questions are: Which public? Whose
5 convenience, and whose need? This valley has been under 250
6 years of stewardship. We have scenic roads, habitat,
7 historic sites and homes that tell our story. And joint and
8 private property is inseparable from these public
9 endowments.

10 Due to public interest in agricultural
11 preservation and state and national, and even now
12 international public use, at comparable sites in parkland
13 areas, the Valley has multiple layers of conservation,
14 laboriously built over time. The area along South Mountain
15 between Burkittsville and Myersville is the densest area of
16 protected property in the mid-Maryland, Frederick Rural
17 Legacy zone, and one of the richest areas of rural
18 conservation in the nation.

19 This area is considered strategically important
20 by Rural Legacy because it complements already-existing land
21 preservation, such as the brooklands along the Appalachian
22 Trail. And it is continuous with conservation areas in
23 Washington County.

24 The specific intent of the Rural Legacy is to
25 preserve what is here for posterity, to prevent the building
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1 of large sprawl developments that would mar the unbroken
2 vistas that come with living in farmland areas; and another
3 intent of Rural Legacy is to reduce public infrastructure
4 that comes with sprawl and development.

5 So this area already has a designated and desired
6 public use; farming, forestry, recreation, tourism. With so
7 much conservation effort, at such cost by so many important
8 parties, over so much time, why in the world would it be
9 appropriate for a beautiful valley to have a large, tall,
10 ugly, out-of-place industrial structure perched on a
11 prominent hillside?

12 This station undermines the essence of our
13 conservation efforts. How could any landowner take the risk
14 of converting his or her land into a conservation easement
15 knowing they might be trading housing sprawl for utility
16 sprawl?

17 Maryland has acted effectively to preserve open
18 land. Virginia has allowed large scale sprawl to encroach
19 on rural areas.

20 So that ever more houses can be built in
21 Virginia, we are made to accept the blight of this facility
22 on our carefully protected landscape? What possible just
23 compensation can a take-for-the-taking local authority
24 governs the use of land in this valley? To live in the
25 countryside that looks like the countryside, this is
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1 priceless. Thank you.

2 (Applause)

3 MR. HANOBIC: Our next speaker will be Joe Brown.

4 MR. BROWN: Good evening. I chair the Frederick
5 County Planning Commission; however, I'm here as a citizen,
6 and I was born about eight miles south along route 17.

7 About eight or nine years ago, Burkittsville
8 fought the good fight. AT&T had a cable that crossed
9 Capital Church Road about a mile south, and they were
10 convinced they had to build a power station there to boost
11 the current in the line.

12 Burkittsville fought it for over a year, and
13 eventually they moved the site over to an industrial park.
14 This is what this company should do: They should pick a
15 location along the power line that's zoned industrial, and
16 I'll point it out as paragraph on Chapter 11. Final
17 evidence says they should follow the County zoning
18 regulations. This is certainly an industrial effort, it
19 should be on the properly zoned land.

20 So I think you all have got to continue to fight,
21 fight in that endeavor.

22 (Applause)

23 MR. HANOBIC: Next speaker will be Ned Hallen.

24 MR. HALLEN: My name is Ned H-a-l-l-e-n. I've
25 got the farm that's in the upper right hand corner there;

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1 it's in a preservation, Maryland cultural land preservation
2 trust. And if you go far enough, the center of the
3 battlefield.

4 Most of the issues I think were covered. One
5 thing that hasn't been mentioned; somebody -- perhaps the
6 most important thing was, this is going to affect my sex
7 life, the noise.

8 (Laughter)

9 Now, put that in the 55 decibel level here.

10 One thing that hasn't been mentioned when someone
11 mentioned the particular problems was, gas wells up in Tioga
12 County are in a county which is the third highest level, or
13 the highest level of radon concentration in Pennsylvania.
14 That gas line, that gas in those wells is pumped down here,
15 and it's norm, a naturally-occurring radioactive material,
16 due to the industrial process complexion and so forth, the
17 gas is concentrated in a technically-enhanced material. And
18 that stuff's going to come down here and be burned in the
19 air, in an area that's already had air problems. I don't
20 know how much radon is going to be coming out of that; but I
21 assume the radon, when it goes into the turbine is burned,
22 it's going to come out, if it's not going to be turned into
23 lead or other things. So that's an issue that somebody's
24 got to look at.

25 I took a look at Jack's Gas Explosion Handbook,

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1 there was a 30 year study that showed 42 percent of the
2 losses at 100 greatest hydrocarbon industry losses were from
3 flaming vapor explosions or gas leak or explosions -- and if
4 I put my glasses on quickly, I will make a quote here that
5 is of some interest.

6 The most dangerous situation will occur if the
7 large combustible premix, air cloud is formed and ignites.
8 The time from release to start of ignition can be from a few
9 seconds to tens of minutes. In tens of minutes, this gas
10 vapor cloud could move down, who knows where into the
11 valley, and could be a fire hazard or explosive hazard for
12 numerous other folks.

13 Also question the ability of Dominion, as an
14 absentee land steward, to be in control of the farming
15 operations on the land where the sludge and the like will
16 be, the preventive the application of herbicides and the
17 like.

18 And that's all I'm going to say.

19 (Applause)

20 MR. HANOBIC: Next I would like to call Claude
21 Bauer.

22 Real quick, if your point has already been
23 covered tonight, I would encourage you, if you want to make
24 that point, to submit it in written comments; but for the
25 sake of time and the amount of speakers we still have left,

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1 I'd ask that if your point has already been made, you
2 highlight the points that have not been made that you would
3 like to make.

4 AUDIENCE: I yield my time.

5 AUDIENCE: (Inaudible.)

6 MR. HANOBIC: I need you to come up to the
7 microphone, because we can't hear you. If possible. Or,
8 we'll be available after for any questions that you may
9 have. Is that okay?

10 Our next speaker will be Elizabeth Bauer.

11 MS. BAUER: I'm Elizabeth Bauer, B-a-u-e-r, and I
12 live on Geaslin Drive; and of course I agree with all the
13 comments that have been raised tonight, and all the
14 concerns.

15 Just a couple of other things. At the site visit
16 today, we asked about, who was to benefit from this
17 pipeline? We heard Southern Maryland, we heard Northern
18 Virginia. We continued to question where in Southern
19 Maryland; what counties? The only response we got was
20 "Southern Maryland."

21 So at the moment, I don't see that there's any
22 benefit to the Middletown Valley, the State of Maryland for
23 this pipeline.

24 The other concern I have; if there was a
25 disaster, how are we going to be evacuated? We have a

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1 volunteer fire department in Middletown. Are they going to
2 take care of us and get us out of here, and take care of all
3 of the livestock in this region?

4 And then lastly, they're going to take 11 acres
5 and industrialize it, that leaves 124 acres left for them to
6 own. Can they sell it? Can there be other industrial sites
7 located on that land, once it's in their possession? What's
8 to stop the growth? Thank you.

9 (Applause)

10 MR. HANOBIC: Our next speaker will be Linda
11 Berry.

12 MS. BERRY: Hi, my name is Linda Berry, that's
13 B-e-r-r-y.

14 My concern is -- and my fellow citizen pointed it
15 out; I just want to reiterate -- that this is going to be
16 seen from coming into our valley, entering into our valley,
17 all the way to South Mountain, to the Burkittsville, all the
18 rural communities, to the Appalachian trails. It's not just
19 a half mile of homes that are being affected here; it's the
20 whole valley, and it's going to permanently change the
21 landscape of our valley that we all think so much of. Thank
22 you.

23 (Applause)

24 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you very much.

25 Our next speaker will be Sue Long.

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1 MS. LONG: Hi, I'm Susan Long, L-o-n-g.

2 I have been in Middletown for over 20 years, and
3 I love Middletown, just for that reason. It's in a valley;
4 if we have any explosions, like in Tennessee today, it's
5 going to be all imported.

6 We all supply our volunteer fire department --
7 volunteer -- we have two deputies, which I don't think they
8 can -- if anything happens, it's going to take them a while
9 to get out there.

10 Today, I asked the attorney for Dominion what
11 they would do if there are leaks or fires, and he said he
12 would work with local authorities. That local authority is
13 not a lot right there; it's just a volunteer fire
14 department, and two deputies.

15 Okay. They also said that the substation did not
16 need to be monitored 24 hours a day, so if there is a leak,
17 they wouldn't notify us because they know about it, because
18 they're not monitoring it. They don't have someone on the
19 site 24/7.

20 My biggest thing is, I have a stream going
21 through my property. I have a little over three acres, and
22 it backs up fast. I want to know that they can guarantee me
23 that there will be no contamination to my farm, that I can
24 safeguard my grandson and my children to drink that water,
25 when it's not monitored to know if it's contaminated or not.

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1 Thank you.

2 (Applause)

3 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you very much.

4 Our next speaker will be Doug Silver.

5 Apparently, the question that came from the back
6 of the room was, will anyone from FERC or Dominion, would
7 they answer any of these questions tonight?

8 The answer to that is that we'll be around to
9 answer process questions on how we'll prepare an
10 Environmental Assessment, that sort of thing, how your
11 comments will be taken back to FERC and used in that
12 document.

13 But the purpose of this meeting is to collect
14 comments from you that, like I said, we will consider in the
15 Environmental Assessment.

16 Again, that was Doug Silver.

17 (Elected not to speak.)

18 Our next speaker is David Coltz.

19 MR. COLTZ: I can't think of anything else that
20 somebody else hasn't already said, so.

21 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you very much.

22 (Applause)

23 MR. HANOBIC: Our next speaker is Zobie Woolard.

24 MS. WOOLARD: My name is Zobie Woolard. It's
25 W-o-o-l-a-r-d. You can spell it any way you want.

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1 The business that I have brings in a lot of
2 tourists from every state in this nation, and other
3 countries. They go to see the Appalachian Trail, they visit
4 our businesses, use our lodging, they visit battlefields;
5 and every one of these places had gorgeous displays.

6 I just want you all to know, Dominion and FERC
7 want you believe that they're a caring company and are going
8 to protect our interests.

9 I'll just sum up my comments to a question for
10 both of them, Dominion and FERC, seeing as how they're both
11 responsible: Did you ever find those two missing
12 radioactive fuel rods from your Connecticut power station in
13 2000? Thanks.

14 (Applause)

15 MR. HANOBIC: The next speaker will be Roy Good.

16 MR. GOOD: Good evening. My name is Roy Good,
17 G-o-o-d. I live in Myersville. I'd like everybody here,
18 right now, just take a minute to shut your eyes, and I want
19 to put you downtown Middletown, and I want to take a trip
20 out of town, across Catoctin Creek, make a left, and it will
21 take you, ride that road out to Marker Road.

22 And what you're seeing out there is farmland and
23 homes, everything in balance. We're going to continue to
24 ride, and our eyes light up on an old stone home that men
25 spilled their blood for our country, so that we could be

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1 here free and speak our peace.

2 Now we're going to make a left hand turn and head
3 out across the valley to the mountains on the right; and now
4 we'll talk about environment. With this proposed gas
5 compression station, does everything seem to be in balance?

6 AUDIENCE: No.

7 MR. GOOD: Again, I want you to shut your eyes
8 and say, "Does this feel right?" "Does it really feel
9 right? Is this the place for a compression station?"
10 You've heard many people here speak tonight about our
11 heritage, about the hallowed ground, about the balance of
12 nature. There's no balance here with a compression station;
13 it doesn't fit. If it isn't feeling right, that's our
14 instincts talking to us. It's not right. It doesn't belong
15 here.

16 We've been given the ability to discern between
17 what's right and wrong; and we have to obey that spirit
18 within us that tells us the balance of the preservation of
19 our land. I ask everyone here, that this is just the
20 beginning. Again, I want to ask everyone here that if you
21 know ten people, to tap them on the shoulder and bring them
22 back. This is just the beginning. This is not small
23 dollars and cents that wants to take us on. This is just
24 the beginning. Thank you.

25 (Applause)

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1 MR. HANOBIC: Our next speaker will be Amy
2 Parker.

3 MS. PARKER: Hi, my name is Amy Parker, I'm here
4 as a board member of Friends of Frederick County, we're an
5 organization that promotes responsible environmental
6 stewardship. I am also a resident of Marker Road. I live
7 just over a mile, in what is called Middletown Valley Hunt
8 Club, referred to earlier this evening.

9 Every Wednesday and Sunday there is a train of
10 horse trailers going out to go hunting. I can only imagine
11 what would happen on the Marker Road with horse trailers and
12 all the construction trucks coming through.

13 I just wanted to point out two things. If you
14 haven't gone to the site, tellmetoday.com, you should,
15 because there's a lot of great information. One of them is
16 the letter from the consultant that Dominion Power has
17 hired, explaining their position. It's interesting, the
18 language, because what they do point out is that even though
19 they'd like to have public and local support, county
20 support, they don't need it. And they very carefully point
21 this out on page 2, and add, the courts have held federal
22 law preempts local zoning committee jurisdictions.

23 So I urge you to read this letter. Another thing
24 is, on this flow chart here, I'm not sure what this is
25 supposed to tell us, but it did say in its efforts to find a
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1 site, they were going to contact, identify stakeholders. I
2 guess I'm a stakeholder; I live there.

3 Also, there are a lot of land trusts here, and I
4 get the feeling this is the first time they've ever seen
5 anybody from Dominion Power. So if Dominion Power is
6 serious about identifying and gaining support of
7 stakeholders, why are the first time they're getting
8 tonight?

9 I also just want to close with something that I
10 heard from a county official, which is why land that is
11 zoned agricultural has become a target for this industrial
12 site. They are increasingly a very important target of
13 utility companies, precisely because they are zoned
14 conservation. They're not in subdivisions or neighborhoods;
15 they don't have to worry about public opposition. That's
16 part of the planning.

17 I had to say something that the County inferred
18 to me today; you know, that makes sense. This land is
19 attractive, because hardly anybody lives there.

20 Maybe this is something of concern to me, it
21 should be to all of you, because we want to support our
22 local farmers.

23 If you want to know more, go to our website,
24 www.FriendsofFrederickCounty.org. Thank you.

25 (Applause)

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1 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you very much.

2 Our next speaker is Larry Isaacson.

3 MR. ISAACSON: My name is Larry Isaacson,
4 I-s-a-a-c-s-o-n, and I live on Route 17, three miles south
5 of town. I am retired from Federal Highway Administration,
6 U.S. Department of Transportation; I was chief of the
7 Environmental Analysis Group while I was there.

8 As I read the procedures here, I assume, and I
9 think the environmental analysis should confirm, according
10 to FERC regulations, that since there are no federal funds
11 involved by this action, by either they're going to improve
12 a certificate of public convenience, they're not going to
13 approve the project; that they therefore do not have to do
14 what we did, an Environmental Impact Statement, which is a
15 significant study.

16 If this is true, and according to FERC regs, they
17 do not have to do any more than their definition of
18 environmental analysis, so be it.

19 If that is the case, then I would like to see the
20 environmental analysis include -- which they say they're
21 going to do, but I'll reiterate: alternatives analysis. A
22 significant alternatives analysis; every alternative that
23 has been mentioned tonight, plus others rather than just one
24 or two, or 'we can't do this because we don't just plan,'
25 what have you.

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1 And two, I'd like to see in that environmental
2 analysis the viewshed analysis. And this will be to
3 litigate each point in the valley from where this project
4 can be seen. Because if it can be seen from there, it can
5 be seen from the project. Thank you.

6 (Applause)

7 MR. HANOBIC: thank you very much.

8 That was the last speaker that was signed up.
9 Now, I know there are a few more that had wanted to speak.
10 If they could come to the microphone.

11 MR. DALPHON: My name is Charles Dalphon,
12 D-a-l-p-h-o-n. I've been involved in the gas industry for
13 over 24 years. I've been involved in the siting of some
14 compressor stations up in Pennsylvania, and I can tell you,
15 in this valley, you're going to get a compressor station.
16 When those turbines are running, you're going to hear them.

17 My concerns, along with that, which I have read,
18 is there are going to be an injection station at the
19 compressor site? With the odorant spills, you're going to
20 smell it throughout this whole valley, everywhere. So
21 that's one of my concerns.

22 The other one is, the regulator stations, as the
23 gas is boosting up in pressure, not down in pressure,
24 there's large whistling sounds, you're going to hear them,
25 through this valley. It won't go through the whole valley,
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1 but if you live in proximity to the regulator station or to
2 the compressor station, you're going to hear the whistle,
3 day and night. Even when the compressors aren't running,
4 there's still going to be gas going in and out of those
5 pipelines.

6 And there's just a lot of other things that you
7 have to look at besides what we're being told. And by way
8 of example, we sited a compressor station up in, right
9 outside of Delaware in Pennsylvania. We offered three
10 alternative sites, and I was Columbia Energy when we
11 offered, for a regulated station we offered alternative
12 sites as well.

13 So I'm kind of mystified as why there was no
14 alternative site being offered at this time. Thank you.

15 (Applause)

16 MR. HANOBIC: Anyone else?

17 MR. IRWIN: I want to thank you from the panel;
18 nobody said this was going to be an easy night; this is a
19 very serious matter, okay? We had some very serious input
20 that you people have to take in consideration, I mean
21 serious reconsideration.

22 Your company, with all due respect, spread blight
23 hazards through our Middletown Valley, there is no doubt
24 about it. I'm a disaster management specialist since 1968,
25 I'm a senior advisor in one of the areas to national defense
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1 situations; I served with New York City during 9/11, I spoke
2 with county officials behind closed doors, in several
3 matters involving three counties.

4 This situation here, the effect is another
5 consideration which I think some of you mean you mentioned
6 some of the years you lived here, back in April 1993, there
7 was a quake that went through Middletown Valley. And if you
8 remember it, hands up.

9 (Show of hands)

10 Thank you very much.

11 This was an unknown quake that they didn't know
12 about. It originated in Columbia, Maryland; it goes all the
13 way to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It is a serious quake.
14 We've had several other quakes within Maryland, and it's
15 going to get attested to by personal situations among the
16 residents here.

17 I've been with AllState Insurance Company for 44
18 years. They denied my prior coverage, earthquake. There
19 was only 14 of us in Frederick County that had such
20 coverage. They wrote to the commissioner, the Maryland
21 State Insurance Commissioner, saying it was so devastating
22 to them that they cannot afford to do this. And these
23 people paid attention to it. Thank you very much.

24 (Applause)

25 My name is William L. Irwin; I-r-w-i-n. I'm a 30

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1 year resident here in Middletown Valley, October 2007.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. SEBLESKI: Hi, I'm Ed Sebleski,
4 S-e-b-l-e-s-k-i. I've been a resident in Middletown for 30
5 years.

6 Dominion made two statements that really
7 interested me. One is their intent that they will do no
8 more industrial expansion, that the balance of the property
9 will be used for farming. Ladies and gentlemen, what are
10 their intentions?

11 (Applause)

12 MR. HANOBIC: All right. Is there anyone else
13 that would like to speak tonight? Okay.

14 MR. WILES: My name is Sean Wiles; S-e-a-n
15 W-i-l-e-s. I've been a Middletown resident for all 18 years
16 of my life; I grew up here. My parents grew up here and my
17 grandparents grew up here.

18 So far everybody that's spoke has been older;
19 absolutely nothing wrong with that at all, but I thought
20 that everybody here should see the viewpoint of some of the
21 younger people here. And I have a quote here that kind of
22 reinforces what I think. With the Central Maryland Heritage
23 League Land Trust, their motto is a Native American proverb,
24 and this proverb says that "we do not inherit our land from
25 our ancestors, we only borrow it from our children."
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1 So I think the children's voice here, like I'm
2 not a child, I'm 18 years old. So the younger voice should
3 be heard in the situation.

4 I also know that dealing with the beauty of
5 Middletown that needs to be understood. Somebody --
6 probably pretty much everybody knows there was young
7 Lieutenant named George Washington, on South Mountain,
8 looking over Middletown Valley, he commented -- and it's in
9 the Britannica Encyclopedia -- that he said that Middletown
10 Valley was one of the most beautiful places he had ever seen
11 in his life.

12 I'd also like to -- I'll take this over with me -
13 - (going to easel). I'll show you on the map just how close
14 this is to me, and why I feel it's so necessary that I speak
15 against this.

16 I grew up -- and it's true, as a kid, I played on
17 the street on a regular basis. My grandparents' house is
18 right here. The proposed station is not supposed to exceed
19 55 decibels. I don't believe that at all. This is a
20 hillside; my grandparents live here. That's less than 500
21 yards away, I can tell you that myself. From the hillside,
22 all the sound is going to be echoed in this direction. I
23 would like Dominion to be able to prove that the sound will
24 not exceed the required decibels, by law. And that goes for
25 more than one compressor, since they're buying so much land

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1 and they're building infrastructure to hold multiple
2 compressors, not just the one they're starting out with.

3 I'd also like to point out that all this land on
4 here, and a lot more, used to be owned by my family; it was
5 the Young farm originally, and they sold it because they
6 couldn't find enough help. And the stone house on the
7 corner, that was a Civil War hospital, as I believe somebody
8 else already said, it was also where my grandmother was
9 born.

10 So this area means a lot to me, and I believe
11 that it means a lot to obviously everybody out here; and I
12 hope Dominion and everybody sees the implications and the
13 harm that this will do.

14 (Applause)

15 MR. HANOBIC: Was there another --? Okay.

16 MR. TRAYNOR: My name is Michael Traynor;
17 T-r-a-y-n-o-r.

18 People who have lived here for a long time, they
19 may not realize what they really have. We just came back
20 from an 18-month research project in Europe; we traveled
21 over 50,000 miles over there by car. We are very happy to
22 be home.

23 I've been here since '75. I came here because of
24 the look of the area. I'm a professional photographer. I
25 know what this area looks like. I've traveled all over this
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1 country. You have something here that's not in any other
2 place. To say that you're going to put in an industrial
3 site is just absurd, and what you're dealing with is
4 politics.

5 To say that the County has no jurisdiction over
6 them, we're the people. We are the American people. If you
7 travel in Europe, you realize that the people there have
8 stopped them from building these things; you can't put it on
9 farmland there. We're supposed to be more advanced, and
10 we're considering it? It's just totally absurd. I'd be
11 more than happy to work with whomever wants to see the
12 visual of this area. Thank you.

13 (Applause)

14 MR. SCARP: Hello, I'm Dick Scarp, I'm a resident
15 of Middletown. I guess one thing I want to know is for
16 alternative sites, I note that Dominion Resources and its
17 Dominion Transmission, Inc., and I know that they have
18 combustion turbine electric generators in Virginia and
19 elsewhere.

20 As a transmission planner, I was curious if they
21 could put some of these storage facilities closer to where
22 the load itself is; maybe at some of these plants.

23 Also, I know that in the electric utility
24 industry, we check out the response programs to keep the
25 load down, also. Knowing that really the cost validation
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1 principles that FERC looks at would lead you to believe that
2 those paying for the environmental effects should be those
3 that benefit from the price reduction.

4 Additionally, when you do your study I'd be
5 interested in seeing ten years out how often you predict
6 these compressors will be running, and a fifteen year
7 guideline -- ten years out, anyway. So that that
8 information will be useful, because -- I know it was stated
9 earlier that they will not run that often; but load has been
10 growing I believe about 2.2 percent per year, on a demand
11 basis, and approximately 1.7 percent or so within energy
12 basis. So it will be interesting to see some of those
13 numbers.

14 Thank you for your time. I appreciate you guys
15 coming out here.

16 (Applause)

17 COMMISSIONER HAGEN: I'm Commissioner Kai Hagen.
18 Frederick County Board.

19 (Applause)

20 I wasn't going to say anything, but I did want to
21 just take the opportunity to make a couple of comments.
22 One is that in spite of the questions about County
23 jurisdiction, it's not as if we are not paying close
24 attention to this; you indicated the people at Dominion have
25 been working with people in the community and participating
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1 on the website, doing other things to try to become, as it
2 were, what is happening as possible and influence it if we
3 have the opportunity.

4 We do have some staff here from the planning
5 department, from the legal staff, there were other
6 commissioners that would have liked to have come tonight; I
7 know Commissioner Gardner and Commissioner Gray are at a
8 meeting at Fort Detrick tonight and were unable to come, but
9 they did want to.

10 I just wanted to add two things on a personal
11 note. I live just northeast of Middletown now. My son
12 comes down to the Valley all the time, my other son's
13 friends are here; I've driven on almost all the roads, and I
14 really love the Valley. When we have friends come from out
15 of town, from California, Minnesota, Chicago, places like
16 that, they come down to Willston and Blind and any one of
17 the number of beautiful roads, anytime of year, all the way
18 down to Harper's Ferry or Brunswick, like that. You know,
19 right through this very area, Rural Legacy area,
20 Burkittsville. It never fails to just elicit all kinds of
21 remarkable comments from well-traveled people who live in
22 other beautiful places, about how incredibly beautiful it
23 is.

24 A lot of people have made the point that it is a
25 Rural Legacy area. There are two Rural Legacy areas in
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1 Frederick County; this is the one where we have obtained the
2 greatest density of properties, contiguous properties.

3 People have made so many excellent points that I
4 don't want to be here later or anything like that; but if
5 you just listen, you know, the Appalachian Trail, the Rural
6 Legacy areas, the nature, the land, beauty of the community,
7 the fact that they haven't looked for alternative sites, and
8 on and on and on, questions about noise, risk, accidents,
9 everything else.

10 I just want to put out one sort of general
11 message, as someone who has done a lot of organizing in my
12 life before I started running for office: And that was
13 that, no matter what jurisdictional issues there are, no
14 matter what ultimate overrides or veto power one body or
15 another has, no matter the limited authority the County has
16 with regard to zoning or what the planning commission might
17 be able to do with site plans, limited questions about
18 screaming or noise, or light or things like that.

19 If the people in this community, and this is an
20 incredible turnout -- I came tonight thinking there would be
21 50, 60, 70 people, maybe; this is just amazing -- 350 people
22 or so by my guess, you know, have turned out. That's really
23 amazing testimony. Don't leave it to a handful of your
24 active neighbors that are doing a lot of brainwork. They'll
25 continue to do it, they're motivated, they're doing a

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1 fantastic job, they're setting up websites, doing research,
2 getting information, communicating with people. Go to their
3 websites, get on their mailing list, come to other meetings,
4 communicate with your elected officials even if someone
5 tells you they don't have the ability to stop it on their
6 own; and I would imagine that, given that there must be
7 alternatives and that this can't be the best site, and that
8 it really is the path of least resistance -- somebody
9 pointed out -- they're going into these areas because there
10 aren't a lot of people. Make it the path of greatest
11 resistance, and all those other compelling reasons will be
12 unnecessary.

13 (Applause)

14 MR. HANOBIC: Is there anyone else who would like
15 to speak tonight?

16 MR. DENT: Good evening. I really didn't come
17 here to really kind of voice my opinion, but I was inspired
18 by everyone here. The turnout, the emotion; and I want to
19 commend everyone that spoke. I was touched deep down.

20 But what I'd really like to see is we stay strong
21 as a group. That's the only way we're going to be able to
22 be touched, and touch these guys in the right way that they
23 will go away.

24 (Laughter)

25 So stay together, be as a group, be responsive,
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1 because we've got to make them disappear.

2 (Applause)

3 My name is Dent, D-e-n-t, first name Bob. I live
4 on Marker Road. Thanks.

5 (Applause)

6 MR. BURKET: I'm John Burket, B-u-r-k-e-t. And
7 I'm going to be redundant; but I just felt compelled to come
8 up here, because. I'm a resident of 24 years now, and I see
9 this valley changed, not like the people that have been here
10 for generations, I know. But the dearest thing to me is the
11 quality of life; and I'm being selfish, but I feel it
12 personally. And I'm sure for everyone else here, it's the
13 same thing; and I just wanted to again appeal to that
14 quality of life that you have, that this is something that's
15 important that we don't be complacent, that we do make an
16 effort to get out of our everyday lives and try to make a
17 contribution so that we don't have this here.

18 Thank you.

19 (Applause)

20 MR. KURTYAA: Good evening. My name is Brian
21 Kurtyaa, That's K-u-r-t-y-a-a. I live just on the east
22 side of Middletown, and I've been a resident there for a
23 little over ten years; been in Frederick County since 1991.

24 I applaud Commissioner Hagen for appearing
25 tonight and joining with us, and even moreso for getting up

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1 and actually saying something to us.

2 (Applause)

3 To any other county and local officials who are
4 here tonight, I hope you take to heart everything that's
5 been said tonight. To those who have not shown up tonight,
6 some have these things like Mr. Gardner and Gray with their
7 Fort Detrick meetings; to those who have not shown up, those
8 who have not responded to our requests for time with them,
9 be it state, national, local, Town of Middletown, Frederick
10 County, they need to know about what's going on here. We'll
11 get the word out, but we may not get any feedback from them.
12 Keep that in mind come election time. We're the ones who
13 put them in office; we put them in office to look out for
14 our interests as a community. And if they decide, either
15 intentionally to blow us off or just not to take a stand, we
16 need to remember that at the ballot box, when it comes time
17 to vote in people who we want to represent us here; locally,
18 statewide, and nationally. Thanks.

19 (Applause)

20 MR. HANOBIC: Thank you.

21 Is there anyone else?

22 MR. CSIBA: Hello, my name is Tom Csiba. My last
23 name is spelled C-s-i-b-a.

24 We moved to the Middletown Valley about nine
25 years ago, and we did that because when I looked on the map,

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1 I saw it was ideally located. I rode up, I came up over the
2 mountain and into the valley, and after that I absolutely
3 fell in love with the valley from the word go. We bought
4 property here. We have a beautiful view of South Mountain.
5 We go to the dairy and have bought milk there. This valley
6 is an invaluable resource, and needs to be preserved as it
7 is.

8 I took a couple notes here, from the opening
9 remarks that Dominion made. The first I took note of was
10 the size of the turbine that they plan on putting in; and
11 this is something that FERC, I'm sure you read the fine
12 print of the applications that are put in front of you. So
13 they mention the 1400 horsepower turbine --

14 AUDIENCE: 14,000.

15 MR. SCIBA: I'm sorry, 14,000. However, they
16 also mention "or whatever is ideally suited upon further
17 study." Now that could very well be a different turbine,
18 and that needs to be considered.

19 The second point I'd like to make note of is that
20 they politely stated that they will inform residents of any
21 impacts that will affect this. This wasn't a 'maybe' this
22 was 'will affect.' So this is a certainty; it's not 'if';
23 it's 'will.' That needs to be considered when FERC does
24 their study.

25 The third item was, they said they had done a
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1 noise study. I'm curious as to whether or not wind was
2 considered in that study, because we get some nice breezes
3 through the valley, and those breezes push noise in
4 different directions; and I'm sure will push it well beyond
5 the limits when a study was done.

6 That needs to be considered when that's looked
7 at.

8 For my closing comments here, I would just like
9 to say that this really is an invaluable resource; we can't
10 afford to lose it, and there's no provisions or penalties
11 that can prevent the irreparable harm that putting this
12 station here would do.

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause)

15 MR. HANOBIC: Is there anybody else who has not
16 spoken who has any additional concerns that have not already
17 been mentioned tonight, environmental concerns?

18 If there are, or if anybody has any additional
19 concerns, I would encourage you again to put them in
20 writing. As I've mentioned earlier, they are weighted the
21 same as verbal comments.

22 Okay, at this point I would like to again remind
23 everybody that the comment period for the Notice of Intent
24 to submit comments ends on February 19, 2008. There are
25 some forms available in the back; I'm not sure if they're
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1 still there, but there's information on our website that
2 tells you how to submit comments. Also, if you have
3 specific concerns and you do send comments to FERC, we would
4 request that you please identify your location relative to
5 the planned project facilities as best you can when you mail
6 in your comments. And please remember to include the docket
7 number: PF07-12-000.

8 Without any more speakers, the formal part of
9 this meeting will conclude. I would urge you to stay and if
10 you have any additional questions for Dominion or any
11 questions for any FERC staff about the process, we'd be
12 happy to answer them.

13 On behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory
14 Commission, I would like to thank everyone for coming
15 tonight.

16 Let the record show that the Storage Factory
17 Project public scoping meeting at Middletown, Maryland,
18 concluded at 9:39 p.m. Thank you.

19 (Applause)

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