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The public hearing, pursuant to notice, convened at 7:10 p.m, before a Staff Panel:

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With:

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MS. HARRIS: On behalf of the Federal Energy
3 Regulatory Commission, also known as the FERC, I would like
4 to welcome everyone here tonight. This is an environmental
5 scoping meeting for the New Jersey - New York Gas Pipeline
6 Expansion Project proposed by Spectra Energy Corporation
7 affiliates Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, and Algonquin Gas
8 Transmission, LLC.

9 My name is Kara Harris, and I'm an Environmental
10 Project Manager in the FERC's Office of Energy Projects. My
11 supervisor, Lonnie Lister, is also here; he's sitting in the
12 front corner.

13 The FERC is the lead federal agency responsible
14 for the National Environmental Policy Act, also known as
15 NEPA review of the proposed project and the lead agency for
16 the preparation of the environmental impact statement, also
17 known as the EIS.

18 NEPA requires FERC to analyze the environmental
19 impacts, consider alternatives, and provide appropriate
20 mitigation measures on proposed projects. So far, the U.S.
21 Environmental Protection Agency and the City of New York's
22 Mayor's Office have agreed to be cooperating agencies with
23 the FERC in preparation of our environmental impact
24 statement. Additional federal, state, local and other
25 government agencies with jurisdiction by law or special

1 expertise are also welcome to cooperate as well.

2 Sitting to my left is Karen Gentile, who is a
3 regional Community Assistance Technical Service, also known
4 as CATS manager, with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
5 Safety Administration, also known as PHMSA. Karen will
6 present a brief overview of her agency's involvement in a
7 few moments.

8 Larry Brown, to my right, is the project manager,
9 with the Natural Resource Group, also known as NRG. NRG is
10 an environmental consulting firm, assisting us in producing
11 the environmental impact statement that will be prepared for
12 the project. It is important for everyone to understand
13 that the proposed project was not conceived by and is not
14 promoted by the FERC, the EPA, or the City of New York's
15 Mayor's office.

16 The FERC staff reviews applications for the
17 authority to build and operate interstate natural gas
18 pipelines, and Texas Eastern and Algonquin are in the
19 process of preparing an application to submit to FERC. Once
20 the application is submitted, our obligation is to review
21 that application and prepare an analysis of the
22 environmental impacts.

23 Tonight's meeting is not a public hearing; we are
24 not here to debate the proposal or to make determinations on
25 its fate. We are here to listen to your concerns so that we

1 can consider them in our analysis of the potential
2 environmental impacts of the project, and how those impacts
3 might be reduced or avoided.

4 If there are any general objections to the
5 project or other non-environmental issues concerning the
6 proposal, those issues would be considered by the Commission
7 in its determination of the project's public convenience and
8 necessity, but are generally considered outside the scope of
9 our analysis. In other words, the Commission wants to hear
10 your concerns in that regard; however, those issues will not
11 be addressed in detail in the environmental impact
12 statement.

13 Now let me briefly explain the FERC's prefiling
14 process, because that's the stage at which we are in with
15 respect to this project. Texas Eastern and Algonquin
16 entered into the prefiling process on April 23rd, 2010,
17 which began our view of the facilities that are referred to
18 as the New Jersey - New York Expansion Project.

19 The FERC docket number for the project is PF10-
20 17. The 'PF' means prefiling. No formal application has
21 been filed at FERC for the project. Once Texas Eastern and
22 Algonquin file their application, it will be a formal
23 application; a new docket number will be assigned with a CP
24 Docket No. designation.

25 During prefiling, the goal is to get information

1 from the public as well as agencies and other groups so that
2 we can incorporate all substantive issues of concern into
3 our review. The scoping period started when we issued our
4 Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact
5 statement, or NOI on July 16, 2010. The Notice of Intent
6 was mailed to all affected landowners as described by FERC
7 regulations, federal, state and local agencies and
8 representatives and all other stakeholders.

9 In the NOI we describe the environmental review
10 process, some already-identified environmental issues, and
11 the steps the FERC and cooperating agencies will take to
12 prepare the environmental impact statement. We have set an
13 ending date of August 20th, 2010 for the scoping period.
14 However, the end of the scoping period is not the end of
15 public involvement.

16 Let me repeat that, because I've seen some
17 misinformation presented in that regard: The end of the
18 scoping period is not the end of the public's involvement or
19 your only opportunity to comment. We will accept comments
20 throughout our review of the project, but for us to
21 adequately address your comments, analyze them and research
22 the issues, we ask that you try to get those to us as soon
23 as possible. There will be another comment period once the
24 draft EIS is published.

25 Extra copies of the NOI are located in the back

1 of the room at the sign-in table. A speakers list is also
2 located at the back table. We will use that list to call
3 speakers to the podium tonight. If you wish to speak and
4 have not signed up, please place your name on the list.

5 In addition to verbal comments provided tonight,
6 we will also accept your written comments. If you have
7 comments but do not wish to speak tonight, you may provide
8 your written comments on the comment forms provided at the
9 back table. You may drop those off to us or mail them at a
10 later date. Be sure to include the project Docket No. PF10-
11 17 and your personal information if you want us to be able
12 to contact you, or to be placed on our mailing list.

13 Your comments tonight, together with any written
14 comments you already filed or intend to file will be added
15 to the official record of the proceeding. We then take all
16 the comments that address environmental issues, and
17 utilizing all available information and expertise, factor
18 them into our independent analysis of the project's
19 potential impacts. We will publish those findings in the
20 draft EIS, which will then be distributed for a minimum 45
21 day comment period.

22 Additional public comment meetings will be
23 announced at that time, where we will invite the public to
24 provide additional comments on our draft EIS, analysis and
25 conclusions. At the end of the draft EIS comment period,

1 FERC staff will prepare a final EIS that specifically
2 addresses each comment received on the draft EIS, and
3 includes all necessary changes, additions and modifications
4 to conclusions reached in the draft EIS. The final EIS will
5 be considered by the Commission in its determination of
6 whether to authorize the project and if so, under what
7 conditions.

8 Currently, our mailing list for the project is
9 over 800 stakeholders. If you received a copy of the NOI in
10 the mail, you're already on the mailing list to receive the
11 EIS. There is a return mailer on the back of the NOI by
12 which you can indicate if you want to correct your mailing
13 address or remove your name from the mailing list. Also
14 please note, because of the size of the mailing list, the
15 mail version of EIS will be on a CD-ROM format. That means
16 unless you tell us otherwise, the EIS you will receive will
17 be a computer-readable CD-ROM. If you prefer to have a hard
18 copy mailed to you, please indicate that choice on the
19 return mailer or let us know tonight by indicating so when
20 you add your name to the mailing list.

21 One final point I would like to clarify is the
22 Commission versus the Commission's Environmental Staff. The
23 five member Commission, which is appointed by the President
24 and confirmed by the Senate is responsible for making a
25 determination on whether to issue a certificate of public

1 convenience and necessity to Texas Eastern and Algonquin.
2 The EIS that is prepared by the FERC Environment Staff does
3 not make that decision. The EIS is used to advise the
4 Commission and disclose to the public the environmental
5 impact of constructing and operating the proposed project.

6 The Commission will consider the findings,
7 conclusions and recommendations in the EIS as well as public
8 comments on non-environmental issues including engineering,
9 market need, rates, finances, tariffs and costs in making an
10 informed decision on whether or not to approve the project.
11 Only after taking the environmental and non-environmental
12 factors into consideration will the Commission make its
13 final decision on whether or not to approve the project.

14 Now that I've finished the FERC process, I would
15 now like to hand it over to Karen Gentile to give a detail
16 of her agency.

17 MS. GENTILE: Good afternoon, everybody. I'm
18 Karen Gentile and I'm a Community Assistance and Technical
19 Services Manager for the Eastern Region Office of Pipeline
20 Safety, which is a branch of the United States Department of
21 Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety
22 Administration, commonly referred to as PHMSA.

23 I'd like to thank FERC for the opportunity to
24 provide an overview of the OPS Pipeline Safety Program.
25 Upon request from FERC, our office provides support on the

1 National Environmental Policy Act analysis.

2 If Texas Eastern Transmission, LP and Algonquin
3 Gas Transmission, LLC receive permission from FERC for this
4 natural gas pipeline expansion project, the Office of
5 Pipeline Safety in cooperation with state partners will
6 maintain regulatory oversight over the safety of the
7 pipeline. This oversight includes inspections to ensure the
8 pipeline is constructed of suitable materials, that it is
9 welded in accordance with industry standards by qualified
10 welders, installed to the proper depths, protected from
11 external corrosion and properly pressure-tested before use.

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

23 In addition to this routine monitoring, PHMSA
24 regulations now require transmission pipeline operators to
25 implement integrity management programs. These programs

1 require periodic integrity assessments of transmission
2 pipelines in highly populated areas. These assessments
3 provide a comprehensive understanding of the pipeline's
4 condition and associated risks.

5 In-line inspection tools, frequently referred to
6 as 'smart pigs' provide detailed information about the pipe
7 condition. During an integrity inspection, sensors and
8 computers are sent through the pipeline. These devices can
9 indicate pipe deformations and changes in wall thickness of
10 the pipeline. By analyzing the data collected during in-
11 line inspections, operators can locate and repair areas of
12 the pipeline that may have been damaged or deteriorated.

13 Integrity management programs require operators
14 to detect and correct damages to their pipeline in highly
15 populated areas before the damage results in a leak. A
16 well-constructed and maintained pipeline must also be
17 properly operated. Operators must ensure that personnel
18 performing operations, maintenance or emergency response
19 activities are qualified to perform these functions.

20 The aim of the initiative is to minimize operator
21 error. Operators must implement training and testing
22 programs for employees and contractors, whose performance is
23 crucial to maintaining the safety of the pipeline. Pipeline
24 operators must also implement public awareness programs to
25 improve awareness of the pipeline within the communities.

1 Operators communicate pipeline safety information to the
2 public along the right-of-way, emergency responders, local
3 public officials and excavators.

4 Public awareness programs emphasize the
5 importance of notifying one-call systems prior to
6 excavating. These notifications allow all participating
7 utility owners, including pipeline operators, to mark the
8 location of their facilities and monitor the excavation to
9 help ensure their facilities are not damaged.

10 Another key message for the stakeholder audience
11 includes how to recognize a pipeline emergency, how to
12 respond appropriately and how to report the potential
13 emergency to aid in the rapid response by both the pipeline
14 operator and community emergency responders. If safety
15 inspections find inadequate procedures or that an operator
16 is not following their procedures, OPS is authorized to
17 require remedial action, assess civil penalties, and
18 initiate criminal action.

19 Safety is the primary mission of OPS, and we
20 understand how important this is to your community. Again,
21 thank you for this opportunity to provide you with an
22 overview of the OPS safety program.

23 MS. HARRIS: Thank you, Karen.

24 We have asked the applicants, Texas Eastern and
25 Algonquin to give a short presentation on the project.

1 Here representing the applicants is Ed Gonzalez.

2 MR. GONZALEZ: Kara, thank you, and what I'd like
3 to do is thank everybody for attending tonight. We're
4 looking forward and glad that we have a good turnout here
5 for our meetings; we're here to listen and understand what
6 the concerns and issues are that we hear tonight. We've had
7 a variety of informal landowner meetings, we've had formal
8 open houses, but again this is another one of those
9 processes for us to continue to understand the various
10 issues that are out there.

11 As Kara said, my name is Ed Gonzalez. I am the
12 Project Director for the New Jersey - New York Expansion
13 Project. And just to again reinforce a little bit what Kara
14 is saying, and the routing and the maps you see in the back
15 of the room, the route that we have on paper is a proposed
16 route; it is not finalized. There are a variety of
17 different alternatives that we as a company continue to
18 evaluate, based upon key stakeholders like you and others
19 related to the alignment on issues that are raised; those
20 alternatives are currently under study. In the filing we
21 made in May, in Resource Report 10, reflected a variety of
22 alternatives under study. We have several others that we're
23 continuing to do; so again, this is a proposed pipeline
24 alignment, it is by no means finalized, and will continue to
25 evolve and get tweaked. [Map displayed on screen]

1 High level, what I'd like to do is we have a USGS
2 quad reflected on there. The pipeline starts in Linden, New
3 Jersey where Texas Eastern has an existing compressor
4 station, and what we're going to do is there are existing
5 pipes between Linden, New Jersey and Staten Island; that's
6 the yellow line that's reflected on there. That line is
7 approximately four and a half miles in length. What we are
8 going to be doing is taking up some existing pipelines and
9 replacing them with a 42-inch diameter pipeline.

10 The next segment is that, what's reflected in
11 green; that is a 30-inch natural gas pipeline. The length
12 of that is approximately 15 and 1/2 miles. It starts in
13 Staten Island at our existing M&R 058, which is again where
14 the 42 inch line terminates; crosses the Kill Van Kull,
15 comes into Bayonne, New Jersey and then kind of works its
16 way in a northeasterly direction, working its way up into
17 Jersey City, and then ultimately terminating in Manhattan.

18 Associated facilities with this pipeline,
19 specifically on the 30-inch, is we have a meter and
20 regulating station we will be building here in Bayonne, New
21 Jersey.

22 Tony, if you can point out the general location.

23

24 [By laser pointer on screen.]

25 That will be to provide deliveries to Public

1 Service -- they're the local distribution company in the
2 area. The other is in Jersey City. We will be installing a
3 meter and regulating station there to meter and regulate the
4 gas before it goes in to Manhattan. We will also install at
5 that location -- we have three different areas we're looking
6 at -- a tap for a future meter station that would be able to
7 provide service as well to Public Service; it also has a
8 franchise in that area.

9 Other associated facilities that aren't on that
10 map; there are three existing compressor stations that we're
11 going to do piping modifications. At Algonquin's Hanover
12 station, which is in New Jersey, at Algonquin's Cromwell,
13 Connecticut compressor station, and at Texas Eastern's
14 Hanover compressor station.

15 In addition to that, we will also be building
16 three additional meter stations along our existing system.
17 One in Ramapo, New York, one in Mahwah, New Jersey, and then
18 in Hanover, New Jersey we're going to install a couple meter
19 stations at one of the compressor stations.

20 We also will be doing a variety of modifications
21 at existing meter stations along the route.

22 Talk a little bit about now our schedule. In
23 September of this year is when we plan on filing additional
24 resource reports with FERC as well as additional mapping.
25 Again I indicated we made a filing in May of this year;

1 we're looking at September to supplement that with updated
2 information. The next process is our formal application;
3 we're looking at submitting that to FERC in December of this
4 year. Then at the same time we will also be filing our
5 various other federal, state and local permits late fourth
6 quarter of this year or early first quarter of next.

7 The draft environmental impact statement, we're
8 anticipating the issuing of that second quarter of 2011.
9 The final environmental impact statement, anticipating the
10 issuance of that around third quarter of 2011, and
11 anticipating that FERC would issue a certificate, assuming
12 everything would move forward and get approved, fourth
13 quarter of 2011. We're anticipating that same time frame as
14 well as first quarter of 2012, we would get the balance of
15 the permits; and construction would start in 2012, go
16 through 2012 and complete in 2013 with an in-service winter
17 of 2013.

18 Talk about project benefits related to the
19 project. One of them is jobs. There will be direct and
20 indirect jobs. When we are constructing the project, there
21 will be those construction workers on the project, but then
22 the indirects related to hotels, restaurants and so forth.
23 And that will occur through the life of the project. It
24 already started in '09 and will continue through 2014.

25 The other is the utilization of local services.

1 To date we've used over 100 businesses in New Jersey. In
2 the State of New York we've used over 30.

3 The other is taxes. We will only acquire an
4 easement for our facilities, we're going to pay
5 approximately \$10 million annually in property taxes. It
6 varies by town, based on the amount of facilities that are
7 constructed, and that's every year for our facilities while
8 they're operating and being maintained.

9 The other is the natural gas price impacts.
10 There's going to be significant energy savings related to
11 gas and electric in the area with this proposed pipeline and
12 the infrastructure that it brings to the area.

13 The other is reliability and diversity of natural
14 gas supply. What this line does is the ability to bring
15 natural gas from a variety of different regions from North
16 America, creating some cost competitiveness within the area,
17 where right now it may be somewhat limited. The other is
18 infrastructure enhancement. I talked about Public Service,
19 the local distribution company here in New Jersey; but
20 there's also local distribution companies that are in Staten
21 Island as well. The project will also be providing services
22 to Con Ed in Manhattan. This new infrastructure again
23 creates opportunities and different diversity for them as
24 the demand continues to grow within the region.

25 The other is, it supports state and local

1 government energy goals. New Jersey and New York State as
2 well as New York City's energy plan.

3 And finally is clean burn benefits for the entire
4 area. With this pipeline full service it's the equivalent
5 of taking one million cars off the road.

6 In closing, as we indicated, and Kara did
7 earlier, you know we were here early for the first hour; we
8 plan on being here after the close of the meeting, we have
9 various disciplines here to again talk about the project, go
10 through mapping with you, and address whatever questions you
11 have.

12 Again, as Kara indicated, there is a lot of time
13 and processing here for you to provide comments related to
14 where and what we're doing; today or tonight is not the end
15 of the process. As she indicated, there's some
16 misconceptions out there.

17 The other thing in closing I want to talk about
18 is again route alternatives. One of the things in Bayonne,
19 New Jersey as we've had our various meetings is the pipeline
20 alignment on First Street. A lot of questions, a lot of
21 comments related to that. We have been studying, and in
22 fact it was reflected in our May submittal to FERC, a route
23 that would go through the park. We are currently looking at
24 that in different scenarios and how we may be able to
25 construct through that area. So that's continuing to be

1 reviewed and evaluated.

2 The other thing is there's been a variety of
3 questions and comments related: "Well, why don't you put
4 the pipe in the water? You know, take it off the land." We
5 reflected that again in our May submittal with again,
6 Resource Report No. 10, which reflects that, of a water
7 alternative. We're continuing to look and evaluate that.
8 The key point related to that is we still need to have
9 landfall and we still need to make deliveries in Bayonne,
10 New Jersey. We need to be able to have a meter station
11 sited in Jersey City to be able to meter and regulate the
12 gas, and we also need to have that tap in there for the
13 future use for Public Service.

14 So again, thank you for being here tonight, and I
15 appreciate the ability to provide comments.

16 MS. HARRIS: Thank you, Ed. After the formal
17 meeting is adjourned, Texas Eastern/Algonquin
18 representatives will still be available to answer questions.

19 We're now going to move into the part of the
20 meeting where we'll hear the comments from the audience.
21 As I mentioned before, if you'd rather not speak, feel free
22 to hand in your written comments tonight or send them to the
23 Secretary of the Commission by following the procedures
24 outlined in the Notice of Intent. Whether you verbally
25 submit your comments or mail them in, they will equally be

1 considered by FERC.

2 This meeting is being recorded by a transcription
3 service, so all of your comments will be transcribed and
4 placed into the public record. For the benefit of all in
5 attendance, and for accuracy of the transcript, when your
6 name is called, please step up to the podium and clearly
7 state your name and affiliation, if any. You might spell
8 your name to the court reporter to ensure accuracy if
9 misspelling is likely. Also, please speak directly into the
10 microphone so that you can be clearly heard by the reporter,
11 the panel, and the audience.

12 Lastly, before we get started, as a courtesy to
13 our speakers and the rest of the audience, please turn off
14 or silence your cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

15 We're now ready to call our first speaker.

16 MR. BROWN: Christos Genes.

17 MR. GENES: Good evening. For the record, my
18 name is Christos M. Genes, [spelling]. Residing at 31
19 Newman Avenue, Unit 3 in Bayonne, New Jersey, a resident of
20 Bergen Point section of Bayonne.

21 Can I ask you to turn on the map for one second?

22 The question is tonight about the proposed
23 pipeline. A lot of people here, I've read your Notice of
24 Intent for the proposed routes along First Street. Although
25 the gas is -- you know, it's a needed commodity; everyone

1 needs gas. Question is, where are we going to put it?
2 Where is it going to run through?

3 I looked at it, and I really don't want it coming
4 through First Street, especially with the residential and
5 park area. I looked at this map, and I'm looking from the
6 Staten Island point, and I was wondering what we consider an
7 alternative along Richmond Terrace, and then coming to that
8 reference point I believe it says MP9, if I'm not correct?
9 I can't see that well, but is it MP9? Yes, that point.

10 That point, and coming across Constable Hook, and
11 continue on to Bayonne, through Bayonne, and into Jersey
12 City, wherever it's got to go. If it's got to go through
13 Bayonne. You're going to hear a lot of people tonight that
14 don't want it in Bayonne, okay? And you have other
15 proposals to take it through Staten Island and through
16 Brooklyn and whatever. But if it must come through Bayonne,
17 my point is it should not come down through a residential
18 area, it should not come down to an area of recreation for
19 the people of Bayonne.

20 I know this company, Texas Eastern had a little
21 incident a couple years back, in Dunham Woods in Edison, New
22 Jersey; it wasn't their fault, it was the contractor that
23 tapped in. My other concern was, they said they were going
24 to go down about six feet. And the line is a 30 inch line.
25 If it's a 30-inch line and it's six feet, now we're just

1 talking about a three and a half foot gap. I don't think
2 that's deep enough; that's just my opinion. I don't know if
3 you can go any further, because going any further, if my
4 geology is correct, you have the Palisades bedrock, and you
5 have to do blasting, and that ain't going to happen.

6 So that's my point, that's how I feel. I think
7 we should consider alternatives, and that's my proposed
8 alternative. I think we should come through Constable Hook
9 and not along First Street. Thank you.

10 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

11 MR. GENES: Oh, the other question was the
12 revenue. Do we have a specific dollar amount that the City
13 of Bayonne is going to receive?

14 (Audience response.)

15 MR. GENES: \$10 million was across.

16 MR. GONZALEZ: The estimated tax dollars in
17 Bayonne will be in excess of \$2 million per year.

18 MR. GENES: \$2 million. I mean, \$2 million might
19 sound a lot, but \$2 million isn't worth the risk, after what
20 happened in Dunham Woods, the cost of a human life,
21 especially running through a residential area. Like I said,
22 \$2 million may not be enough going through that area. Down
23 Constable Hook Road? I don't think I would object to that.
24 Thank you.

25 MS. HARRIS: Thank you.

1 (Applause)

2 MR. BROWN: Richard Barba?

3 MR. BARBA: Good evening. Richard Barba, B-a-r-
4 b-a. 900 Avenue C, Bayonne, New Jersey.

5 I would first like to start by saying I would
6 like to thank Spectra Energy for all the information that
7 they've given me. Whenever I have called them, they have
8 called me back. I have these guys' personal cell phone
9 numbers, Bill Fricken, Bill Simmons, just to mention a few.
10 They're very helpful with any information that I have asked
11 about.

12 Also, Kara from the FERC, I'd like to thank you;
13 any questions I had regarding that you were very helpful,
14 and I got all the mailers that were sent to me.

15 I'd like to start by saying that, you know, in
16 this young lady's opening statement about safety regarding
17 these pipelines, I did a little research on the safety; and
18 a lot of questions came up. I'm just going to give you a
19 couple examples of some things, and we'll see how good the
20 government is protecting our safety.

21 On March 10th of this year, Pocasset, Oklahoma, a
22 20-inch natural gas pipeline explodes. Cause? Corrosion.
23 Burns two and a half hours. Thank God it was in the
24 wilderness and nothing really happened.

25 In 2009 in Bushland, Texas, a natural gas

1 pipeline explodes. It created a crater, 30 yards by 20
2 yards by 15 feet deep. 15 miles, people had to be
3 evacuated, there was no deaths in that, but people's homes
4 were melted, windows were melted, and it burned at about
5 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

6 In 2009 again, natural gas pipeline explodes.
7 May 5th, 2009. Rockville, Indiana. Indicated the
8 possibility of external corrosion. 49 homes were evacuated,
9 there was no injuries in that one.

10 2003, excavation, damage. Natural gas line.
11 They were excavating and the line was damaged. There was a
12 fire and explosion. 1999, line ruptures. Bridgeport,
13 Alabama, January 22nd, 1999. There was no information given
14 on that.

15 1999 again, natural gas explosion in Virginia,
16 destroyed a motorcycle store.

17 1998 natural gas rupture. St. Cloud, Minnesota,
18 December 11, 1998.

19 In 1998 again, natural gas line explodes, South
20 Ring, Virginia, July 7, 1998.

21 And last but not least -- I'm not picking on
22 Texas, okay? But Texas Eastern Transmission Corp., natural
23 gas pipeline explodes, fire and damages caused by natural
24 gas transmission pipe -- it was an excavation problem, and
25 when the National Transportation Safety Board reviewed it,

1 they found out that the fault was faulty shutoff valves, and
2 it was because Texas Eastern didn't modify or didn't watch
3 their right-of-way when excavation was being done.

4 That's the safety point of it. You're talking
5 about putting this pipeline in a very densely populated
6 area. When I went down there to look at it, you have about
7 45 homes, one or two family homes, non-public housing
8 projects, three condominium apartments; and that is only on
9 First Street and up to Ingraham Avenue. That doesn't
10 include the rest of Bayonne; that's just downtown Bayonne.
11 Also we have a public park where I would say an estimated
12 thousand people a week minimum use this park. According to
13 the representatives from Spectra, they said this pipeline is
14 going to run through Bayonne approximately five miles.
15 Although they said that the revenue was \$10 million, that's
16 for the total of the pipeline; Bayonne's estimated would be
17 approximately \$2 million.

18 Con Ed customers are going to get a decrease in
19 their gas bills. Residents of Bayonne and Jersey City,
20 we're not getting nothing.

21 They talk about the drilling, you know, drilling
22 through the Kill Van Kull. I talked to Spectra numerous
23 times on numerous different locations, including the last
24 gentleman's comment about coming through the Hook Road, and
25 their thing was, "Well, we have a problem in Staten Island."

1 Well, I feel like you've got a problem in Bayonne, too.

2 I finally said "Well, maybe there is a way that
3 they could do this where everybody would be happy." Keep it
4 out of the area, keep it out of the city streets of Bayonne,
5 and I think everybody would be happy.

6 Now what I think they should do is, if they could
7 do this directional drill, which I talked to the gentleman
8 that does the drilling and going across the Hudson River,
9 he's going to drill over a mile. Why can't they go from
10 Staten Island, drill under the Kill Van Kull, under Newark
11 Bay, come up at the Rutkowski Park, which is the west 40th
12 Street park, okay. At that point they have enough room to
13 put their equipment, they have enough room to run their
14 pipe. All they would have to do then would be to pick up
15 440 southeast, go up to 185, and then they would pick up on
16 that map -- on their map would be M13P.

17 That would keep it out of Bayonne, keep it out of
18 the city streets, and the people of Bayonne I don't think
19 would care if this thing was underwater. The only thing it
20 would affect would be the park up north, which gets use but
21 minimal use; when the pipeline would be running across the
22 City of Bayonne, the only buildings that I could see that it
23 would affect would be Marist High School, which would be
24 approximately a block and a half away, and I don't think
25 that that would be an issue.

1 I don't think that Spectra giving the City
2 \$2 million for this pipeline is worth the safety of the
3 citizens of Bayonne; and as you can see in the beginning of
4 my statement, safety is definitely an issue. Thank you very
5 much.

6 (Applause)

7 MS. TSE: Hi, my name is Tessie Tse, [spelling].

8 I'm a resident of 39 East 37th Street. I've been
9 a resident of Bayonne since 1998, and prior to that I lived
10 in Texas for about eight years, where I worked for various
11 oil and gas companies in the capacity of, mostly in the
12 finance area; but then eventually I moved into the trading
13 area where I did economics for the various trading of oil
14 and gas products, both physical and derivatives. So in
15 terms of that, I actually have an energy background, but in
16 terms of the engineering of this whole thing, I don't.

17 My concern is, first of all, I think a project of
18 this magnitude deserves more media attention. And the
19 reason why I found out about this project was actually by
20 accident; not by reading, not by hearing from other people.
21 It was actually out of curiosity, because I found out that
22 Spectra Energy or TETCO was actually, you know they have an
23 office in Jersey City.

24 I work in Jersey City right now, I work in a
25 private school; I don't work for an oil and gas company.

1 When I found out they were around I said "Oh, I wonder why
2 they're here?" So I went to their website and that's when I
3 heard about the New York - New Jersey pipeline expansion.

4 I said 'What's going on here?' And then, from
5 the website, I found out that there were these open house
6 dates that were scheduled, maybe a week from the time I
7 found out. So my concern is, again, this project does not
8 have or deserves more media coverage, whether it's from
9 local papers, whether it's from New Jersey.com or the Star
10 Ledger.

11 I was also disappointed because after I found out
12 about this project, I found that many people that I came
13 across, whether my neighbors, residents or even colleagues
14 of mine in Jersey City were quite empathetic to the fact
15 that this project was going on. I guess it's low
16 information, no information, or ignorance on the part; but I
17 just was appalled, because some choose to remain ignorant as
18 to the process and the progress of this project.

19 I went into the Jersey City website and I found
20 that back in the spring the Mayor of Jersey City, Mayor
21 Healy, has expressed his opposition; and he made comments,
22 there was a letter that was written on the Jersey City
23 website. I looked into our Bayonne website and found no
24 comments at all about this project. Maybe I'm wrong; maybe
25 somebody could show me where it is. But anyway, again I was

1 outraged because I've spoken to neighbors and colleagues and
2 encouraged them to go to the open houses -- you know, 'let's
3 find out about what's going on' -- but again they were too
4 busy to go to any of the open houses or to the meetings to
5 voice their opinions, or just to find out what's going on.

6 So as a resident of Bayonne who is concerned
7 about the future safety and economy of Bayonne and Jersey
8 City, being that I have a stake in Jersey City, too -- and
9 by the way, it doesn't end in Bayonne alone, it has to go
10 through Jersey City, and it's going through densely
11 populated areas, too.

12 I believe that we as concerned citizens need to
13 fully understand the effects and ramifications of having a
14 pipeline run through our cities. My gut tells me, and I
15 wasn't sure about what this speech was all about, because I
16 just found out that we could speak, but my gut tells me I
17 really don't want the pipeline here. I don't for many
18 reasons argued and discussed among those that are experts,
19 are knowledgeable.

20 The benefits to the gas industry, I understand,
21 are tremendous. But for a Bayonne resident or any of our
22 neighbors, the project poses many risks. That we as
23 concerned citizens leave for our children -- I have young
24 kids -- to deal with in the future. It isn't fair to them
25 if we blindly allow big industry to proceed without us

1 voicing our concerns and doing our due diligence to ensure
2 our best interest, not just the interest of others.

3 So that's all I have to say. Thank you.

4 MS. HARRIS: Thank you for your comment.

5 (Applause)

6 MR. BROWN: Carla Baker.

7 MS. BAKER: Good evening. I'm Carla P. Baker,
8 and I'm the Project Manager for Chevron Land and
9 Development. I'm here to object to the proposed routes of
10 the Texas Eastern Transmission New Jersey - New York
11 Expansion Project, Docket PF10-17-000.

12 Chevron is not objecting to the pipeline project;
13 the expanded and improved pipeline provides needed energy to
14 the communities in New Jersey and New York, but what we do
15 object to are the proposed routes. Routes that would
16 adversely impact a 66-acre property owned by Texaco
17 Downstream Properties, Inc., which is now one of the Chevron
18 Companies. It's located at Avenue A and First Street, and
19 in that picture has a lot of tanks on it; those tanks
20 haven't been there for over 25 years.

21 Our property was the location of a former
22 lubricants and blending facility and a light products
23 terminal that served this community and surrounding
24 communities from the early 1900s to the early 1990s.
25 Currently the site is being remediated under the, with help

1 of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
2 It's also in the approval process of being redeveloped as a
3 large, dense urban, potentially 1300 residential unit
4 development -- a lot of people.

5 As a major portion of the Texaco redevelopment
6 area under the City of Bayonne's redevelopment plan that was
7 adopted in 2004. Chevron requested the pipeline route be
8 realigned to one of a number of alternate routes, preferably
9 off the property. But at a minimum to an area on the
10 property doesn't conflict with several things; the ongoing
11 remediation -- we're one-third done, we've two-thirds left
12 to go, and a lot of unique physical features of the
13 property, and then the planned redevelopment of the site, of
14 course.

15 The property has several problematic physical and
16 environmental characteristics that make it less than optimal
17 for routes, as currently proposed. These include the
18 current environmental conditions and the proposed
19 remediation; again, we're one-third done, two-thirds left to
20 go. This site requires expansive excavations from depths of
21 3 feet to 13 feet, and the pipeline is kind of in that same
22 area; that's not a good thing.

23 A slurry wall that runs two-thirds of the way
24 around this site that is also integral to that environmental
25 remediation, and the geotechnical condition of the site is

1 primarily fill. The original shoreline, it was about half
2 of this site, and you know how the old fill was, it was just
3 whatever they could find went in the hole. So it's not a
4 good -- from a geotechnical standpoint.

5 The elevation pre- and post-remediation and
6 redevelopment on the site needs about 4 to 8 feet of fill to
7 bring it up to above current flood plain requirements, so
8 what you see there is not the end product or the end use of
9 this site when it's redeveloped.

10 Additionally, the proposed routes would have a
11 negative economic impact of the redevelopment plan from the
12 City of Bayonne in the aspect of jobs, property taxes and
13 homes. I think 1300 homes might bring in more property
14 taxes than the \$2 million.

15 There are alternate routes that we believe would
16 allow the pipeline to minimize the impacts to our property,
17 and I've got some illustrations -- it may not be the proper
18 place to do this, but here's the site today.

19 [Holding document up to audience.]

20 The one-third gray, that's the remediation we
21 just finished in April. It's been cleaned up, it's been
22 capped with brownstone; and this is the site we have to do.

23 MS. HARRIS: Please speak into the microphone.

24 MS. BAKER: I'm sorry. As you can see, this side
25 is the part that's just been cleaned up; we finished this in

1 April, and this other site that's green, this is the area we
2 have left to do.

3 Here are our areas of concern, and these are
4 approximate. Here's that slurry wall I was speaking about,
5 goes about two-thirds of the way around the site. And then
6 our areas of concern from a contamination standpoint, we
7 have three areas that we really have a lot of concerns
8 about, we have to do that major digging.

9 If you line those up with where some of the
10 proposed pipelines are, they're right on top of each other.

11

12 Here's an idea of what the site could be in the
13 future; this has been submitted to the Bayonne local
14 Redevelopment Authority, a nice, high end redevelopment
15 site.

16 And as you see, I think this is 5, 6 and the main
17 one go right through that same area.

18 So just some suggestions. There are other places
19 the pipeline could go that wouldn't affect the
20 redevelopment. Again, our remediation and all these things.

21

22 Here's an alternative that goes along beside the
23 Bayonne Bridge; it's in that area that we've already cleaned
24 up, so it has little impact to the future development of the
25 site. Or, I think one of their plans shows a rather long

1 tunnel across the Kill -- well, if it comes in a little bit
2 further again it stays out of the heart of the site, and
3 could come around the back side of it. Of course it would
4 be great if it were off the site, but that may not be an
5 opportunity.

6 So here it is again, superimposed on the
7 redevelopment. As you can see, it comes in along the
8 Bayonne Bridge, there's no conflict. When it comes in on
9 this other route, there's no conflict with the site.

10 Appreciate your time.

11 MS. HARRIS: Are you willing to leave those with
12 us?

13 MS. BAKER: Sure.

14 [Documents retained by FERC.]

15 (Applause)

16 MS. HARRIS: Thank you for your comment.

17 MR. BROWN: Jason Kaplan.

18 MR. KAPLAN: Jason Kaplan, Kaplan Companies.

19 We're currently the designated redeveloper with Chevron for
20 the former Texaco property. We've been working with the BRA
21 and the City of Bayonne since 2004 on a cohesive master plan
22 for the entire site. I'm talking about the same site that
23 Carla Baker just described.

24 I just wanted to reiterate the same concerns and
25 opposition we have for the location of the pipe through the

1 property. We share a similar belief; we're not opposed to
2 the idea of the proposed pipeline, we differ with the
3 approach that they've taken through our property. We have
4 major concerns over the conflict of the pipeline with our
5 proposed utilities, because of the nature of the site and
6 the high density that we're proposing. We are proposing
7 multistory, five, six, seven and eight story buildings that,
8 they're looking for a 50-foot right-of-way for the proposed
9 pipeline, that it's impossible basically to design within
10 the site.

11 We share the same concerns basically as
12 everything that Carla Baker proposed, with the current
13 cleanup; and I just wanted to reiterate that we're proposing
14 an over \$500 million redevelopment, and this really
15 compromises the entire development of the site. Thank you.

16 MS. HARRIS: Thank you for your comment.

17 (Applause)

18 MR. BROWN: John Halecky.

19 MR. HALECKY: John Halecky, 47 West 10th Street,
20 Bayonne, New Jersey.

21 One of the things I want to bring up on this
22 proposed plan, on First Street you have another pipeline
23 that runs under there, it's IMTT. Now if you propose to put
24 a gas pipeline with this pipeline that's existing there now,
25 which is -- I don't know whether it's a liquid pipeline or

1 whatever, but aren't there codes that tell you that they
2 might have to be certain feet apart or how many feet apart
3 or away from each other? Because if anything would happen
4 to this pipeline, which is the gas, it blows up and then
5 ignites this liquid pipeline, you've got more than enough
6 trouble on your hands right there.

7 The other thing too is this waterway we're
8 looking at, which is the Kill Van Kull, we know that over
9 the last ten years, First Street, they had to detonate the
10 Palisades rock to create a deeper bed so the ships that are
11 coming in for the next generation, it's Port Elizabeth, can
12 transit this point. And where they want to put -- they're
13 going to drill underneath the bed to connect into the
14 proposed old Texaco site, what happens if the Army Corps of
15 Engineers comes in again and says we've got to detonate
16 again? That pipeline is where they were detonated before.

17 So all these points are brought up. The other
18 thing, too, is what you did in your statements, one of the
19 things you said was for the City of New York -- this is a
20 benefit for the City of New York. And \$2 million to the
21 City of Bayonne as far as taxes, you take a lot of the
22 properties around here and they can generate more than that.
23 You know what I mean? So that don't make no sense.

24 And like your opening statement, everything ended
25 with the City of New York. Well, why don't they run it

1 through Staten Island?

2 (Applause)

3 Because I don't see how that benefits us. We're
4 not getting no break from the gas -- ask the people here:
5 Our rates go up, and then somebody said tonight that they
6 get a break on their rates? I don't see it. I can't see
7 what the benefit is to us, really. And that's the
8 dangerous part of like I said; it's two pipelines, you've
9 got an existing pipeline there, and the benefits? I don't
10 think so. It don't look good. It's a New York problem, not
11 a Jersey problem. I guess we've got enough gas in our area
12 to take care of us, I don't see how it does anything else.

13 Another thing, too, about New York: If I
14 remember correctly, and I was speaking to somebody about
15 this earlier: In the Hook Road, they built a gas generating
16 system which is hooked up with a line into Staten Island
17 that transmits into New York just in case New York needs
18 extra electrical power; but it's on this side, on our side -
19 - New Jersey. It's not on the New York side, not on the
20 Staten Island side; it's built here, off the Hook, that they
21 built it -- or was it being built, if I'm correct. Right?

22 Yes. So now everything's for the benefit of New
23 York but there's no benefit for this portion of New Jersey
24 for us. I could see if there was, we get a reduction in
25 rates in our gas. \$2 million? Uh-uh, I'm sorry. A lot of

1 the houses here and a lot of the taxes we pay will generate
2 more than that. That's all I've got to say at this point.
3 Thank you so much.

4 MS. HARRIS: Thank you for your comment.

5 (Applause)

6 MR. BROWN: Henry Harsche.

7 MR. HARSCHÉ: Good evening. Henry Harsche, 255
8 Broadway. I'm a lifelong Bayonne resident. I've been out
9 of town but I've just recently come back in. And I want to
10 thank Chris; he touched on some of my points. And John, you
11 did a wonderful job, too. Thank you.

12 Ms. Baker, thank you, too. And the other
13 gentleman.

14 Let me address him first. He talked about a pipeline coming
15 up by Marist High School. Years ago, when I was young --
16 perhaps many years ago -- my grand uncle owned a bakery on
17 21st and Avenue E. Back then we had the Esso Company down
18 on Hook Road. Every time there was an explosion on the Hook
19 Road, his windows got blown out on Avenue E, just from the
20 force of the explosion. That was oil, but still and all, an
21 explosion is an explosion. I want to get back to the map
22 over here. Chris touched on First Street, but he wants to
23 go up through Hook Road. I say, like John said, we stay out
24 of Bayonne and Jersey City completely. There's no need for
25 them to be coming through here, there are no benefits for

1 us. If you look at this map, you look at the North Shore of
2 Staten Island, it's mostly industrial. There's less chance
3 of jeopardy happening on anybody over there, we had all the
4 residential along First Street. And if you come up, you
5 follow that green line going up towards the old Navy base,
6 we have a brand new mall that's going to be opening up
7 there in a couple of months. You've already got salt cove
8 {ph} over there. The Navy base itself is mostly
9 residential; they're going to be putting small businesses in
10 there. You've got the cruise port in there. You go further
11 past there, you've got Liberty Science Center where you've
12 got base trips with schools all the time in there. Just
13 next to that you have the terminal, the railroad terminal
14 that's converted into a ferry for the Statue of Liberty.
15 You have thousands of tourists going through there every
16 day.

17 The whole area, that whole line is just totally
18 congested with people, homes and businesses. If you go --
19 going back to Staten Island -- if you go along that north
20 shore through the industrial area and you cut across, you
21 could come up into Brooklyn, into the Red Hook area, and
22 come up into Governor's Island and to the south part of
23 Manhattan; or if you want to continue further up in
24 Brooklyn, you could come in in China town or any other area.

25 That whole thing eliminates Bayonne and Jersey

1 City being in jeopardy of anything happening.

2 [to Company representatives:] Is there 100
3 percent guarantee that there will not be a mishap? Can you
4 actually guarantee 100 percent safety?

5 There's two things that you can guarantee, taxes
6 and death. Can you guarantee the safety, 100 percent?

7 AUDIENCE: There's always a risk.

8 MR. HARSCHE: Exactly. Why put us at risk where
9 we get none of the benefits?

10 AUDIENCE: There's always a risk, there's --

11 MR. HARSCHE: We have no benefits in this, this
12 is all going to New York, they're the ones who will benefit
13 from them, they're the ones who should be at risk. The risk
14 involved is not -- we don't get the benefits for the risk
15 that's involved in this project.

16 I say eliminate Bayonne and Jersey City
17 completely. One other thing: he talked about the
18 construction in this area. Even the construction, anywhere
19 in the metropolitan area, anybody in the construction
20 business is going to benefit from it. Not just New Jersey
21 contractors; people cross borders to work for construction,
22 that's no problem as far as jobs. And as far as what
23 everybody else has said, \$2 million is nothing. Is that the
24 price that you put on life? I don't think so.

25 (Applause)

1 MS. HARRIS: Thank you.

2 MR. BROWN: Rafael Agase.

3 (No response.)

4 If we reach the end and you haven't spoken, and
5 you signed up, obviously you were the individual that we
6 didn't identify, so please come up then.

7 Next name is Aggie Gillespie.

8 MS. GILLESPIE: Good evening, my name is Aggie
9 Gillespie, 261 Kennedy Boulevard, Bayonne.

10 First of all, I want to thank you for your
11 picture tonight and your presentation at the past meetings,
12 it was very informative. It did answer some of our
13 questions. But I do have to impress upon you the deep
14 concern of the residents down on First Street, on Lexington
15 Avenue about their safety, their well-being and about other
16 various issues which I want to address.

17 I am opposed to where you have the pipeline
18 coming down the middle of First Street. I am very glad that
19 you have told the public that this is only a proposed site;
20 I also believe that tonight there were many alternative
21 routes that I would hope you would look into. I think that
22 if the area of the proposed site were moved, it might better
23 suit the neighborhood in general. It would eliminate the
24 disturbance of the neighborhood; the quality of life, and it
25 would eliminate the many ongoing safety checks that you have

1 been talking about throughout the evening. I don't know how
2 many there will be or the varying types of it, but I did
3 read somewhere where there will be planes flying overhead to
4 monitor the pipe area, the pipeline area; so this way if it
5 were not in a neighborhood, we certainly wouldn't have the
6 planes flying over a neighborhood to do the check. That
7 issue disturbs me.

8 Also if there is a gas leak, the issue that
9 disturbs me is will there be an odor that will be coming
10 from the leak; and if so, is the odor that of leaking gas,
11 that old rotten egg smell? If that pipe were moved to the
12 shoreline or up either side of Bayonne going uptown, the
13 neighborhood would not be impacted by it.

14 I also understand that the pipeline will come
15 across the Kill Van Kull, and I'm very concerned about that,
16 too; because I want to know how deep that pipeline will be.
17 I want to know the life expectancy of that submerged pipe.
18 I also -- you talked about integrity inspection, but how
19 often will you be checking from internal and external
20 corrosion? And the fact that we do have dredging and
21 blasting in the Kill Van Kull, how will this affect the
22 pipeline?

23 And lastly, a main question is will it affect
24 property value? Thank you.

25 (Applause)

1 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

2 John Iwasiuta?

3 MR. IWASIUTA: John Iwasiuta, 1690 West First
4 Street.

5 Most of my concerns have been voiced already, but
6 my main concern is the way the proposed gas line is routed.
7 I live on First Street, like I just said, and it doesn't
8 make any sense to me why you would want to put a pipeline in
9 the middle of First Street whereas mentioned before, we have
10 a product line from IMTT already, we have several sewer
11 lines, have storm sewer lines which brings the water down
12 from streets further up. It will be like threading a needle
13 putting a pipeline through there.

14 My idea is like a few of the other speakers
15 mentioned; keep it away from residential areas as far as
16 possible. I'd also like to say, I'm not really opposed to
17 bringing more energy in, because hopefully Public Service
18 will tap into it, like was mentioned, and it will reduce our
19 rates or at least give us sufficient enough energy. But
20 again, the routing on First Street to me is not only
21 unacceptable, it seems ridiculous.

22 And as your chairman mentioned also, I guess
23 they're looking into it and I appreciate it. So that is
24 about -- the only objection I would have is the routing of
25 the gas line, and I hope you will change it. Thank you.

1 MS. HARRIS: Thank you.

2 (Applause)

3 MR. BROWN: Andrew Pszone.

4 MR. PSZONEK: My name is Andrew Pszonek
5 [spelling]. I live on Lord Avenue between Second and Third.
6 That's the danger zone. I'm not happy with this proposed
7 pipeline.

8 I'm not against having a line put in, but I think
9 common sense must prevail. If you look at that route, I see
10 all residential. And Spectra says its major concern is
11 safety.

12 How could you say that when the route is all
13 residential, plus a brand new shopping area? The Naval base
14 is being all renovated, you have cargo ships coming in
15 there, Port Authority is now going to develop. You have a
16 densely populated area. I don't think that this is the
17 right way to go.

18 Doing that you're hurting me because now you're
19 going to devalue my property. Who is going to buy my house
20 a block and a half away from a dangerous pipeline? And
21 again, I understand the company's systems, how they work,
22 the maintenance programs. But that does not prevail when
23 you have a dumb contractor with a jackhammer, and hits a
24 line, as we saw in Edison. It could happen.

25 So again, with the safety issue, I understand it

1 but I think the proposed route is not good, not good for
2 anyone.

3 Secondly, with the monetary value, \$2 million
4 wouldn't even buy insurance on this proposed route. Let's
5 be honest. And who's the recipient of this? Quality of
6 life will be killed for three years, with jackhammers
7 banging out sidewalks. At night, at 2 in the morning,
8 you're going to hear that? Oh, yes, you will.

9 So I think -- I'm not against it, but I think
10 there's a better way. I like the idea of Staten Island, the
11 construction would be a lot simpler, it's commercial,
12 depressed property. Red Bank is desolate; the old balmy
13 {ph} buildings down there would be perfect for your
14 generators, for your switching stations. Could do a lot
15 with it. It's an area that would be developed, and helpful
16 for jobs in that area.

17 So I think you need to take a look and address
18 the route. If it has to be, it has to be. The gentleman
19 that proposed a route along Newark Bay up to Rutkowski Park
20 and then across. I think it proposes less risk to
21 everybody.

22 I would just like to ask one final question: Why
23 was this route chosen? Was it based on cost effectiveness?
24 Is that what it was about? Cheapest way? Because to me,
25 you're paying us nothing for the convenience of my life, two

1 years, increasing the risk of an accident happening that I
2 don't want, and I'm getting nothing for it, and depressed
3 property value.

4 I'm sorry, I can't go with this program. Thank
5 you for listening to me.

6 MS. HARRIS: Thank you.

7 (Applause)

8 MR. BROWN: Fred Potter.

9 MR. POTTER: Thank you. Now that I know the
10 procedure (in audience, not using microphone, inaudible).

11 MR. BROWN: Gary Serkin?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. BROWN: Rocky Li?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. BROWN: Frank Hoffman.

16 MR. HOFFMAN: Good evening. My name is Frank
17 Hoffman [spelling]. My address is 57 Deerfield Road,
18 Parlin, New Jersey, and I speak on behalf of the 7,000
19 members of the Operating Engineers Union, the Heavy
20 Equipment Operators in this area.

21 My roots are in this area; I was born and raised
22 on Linden Avenue in Jersey City, so I appreciate the local
23 peoples' concerns.

24 We urge you to approve this project. The men
25 that will be working on it are trained and experienced in

1 all aspects of environmental protection, have many years of
2 experience in this area. The men live in the area. They
3 take great pride in the craftsmanship, and their motto has
4 always been to leave this area in as good a shape or better
5 as we found it.

6 Natural gas is the cleanest form of energy
7 available today. It's made in the USA, helps end our
8 reliance on foreign energy. You all saw the papers and we
9 know how bad everybody in this area needs jobs, and blue
10 collar workers spend. They use all the local businesses,
11 the gas stations, the coffee shops and all the local
12 businesses.

13 As far as safety goes, the demand for gas and
14 petroleum products in this area is skyrocketing; it's
15 escalating more and more each year. If you don't put it in
16 a pipeline, any proliferation of trucks has a predictable
17 amount of accidents far in excess of the accidents that we
18 heard mentioned on gas pipelines. Nationwide, they are by
19 far the safest way to move it, and we all use this.

20 So I urge the committee to address these peoples'
21 concerns, make whatever adjustments we need, and let's move
22 this project forward. Thank you for your time.

23 (Applause)

24 MS. HARRIS: Thank you.

25 MR. BROWN: Judith Canimo?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. BROWN: Roy Mieszkowski?

3 MR. MIESZKOWSKI: My name is Roy Mieszkowski
4 [spelling]. I live at 175 West First Street, right in the
5 middle of this.

6 You've heard all the safety concerns; most of
7 those have already been brought up. Let me put it a little
8 different light on the safety concerns. Put it to you this
9 way: Starting at the Kennedy Boulevard, T-ball Park, Little
10 League park, pony league park, sitting park, softball park,
11 basketball park, tennis courts -- and from there on at least
12 six young children's playing grounds, all within 50 feet of
13 where this pipe is going to be. You tell me, are you
14 willing to take the chance with all these kids?

15 That's my question to you. There's one more
16 thing. If there is a gas leak and it seeps into the sewer
17 system down there, you're going to wipe out half the sewer
18 system in Bayonne. And those sewer systems are old, and I'm
19 telling you right now they don't even know where half the
20 pipes are. Give you an example: Two months ago they found
21 a sewer line that's been there for 50 years they didn't know
22 about.

23 Thank you.

24 (Applause)

25 MS. HARRIS: Thank you.

1 MR. BROWN: Joan Terrel.

2 MS. TERRELL: My name is Joan Terrell, and I live
3 at 425 Ocean Avenue in Jersey City.

4 I appreciate the comments that have been made by
5 most of the speakers in front of me; however, nobody tonight
6 has mentioned that at Dennis Collins Park there are
7 chemicals. In Jersey City there have been 20 cleanup
8 chemical sites in the last five years. These comments have
9 been submitted to you in writing tonight, but I thought it
10 would make sense to verbalize them to you as well.

11 The two sites in Bayonne are the Commerce Street
12 site and the Dennis Collins Park, which is on First Street.
13 And it appears that this pipeline has gone right through
14 that chemical site. Should there be an explosion there,
15 all of the digging that they would have to do to lay this
16 pipeline, it might mean that those chemicals are going to be
17 released in the air.

18 I don't know if you're familiar with the chromium
19 cleanup partnership; there is a website that you can check.
20 It's www.chromecleanup.com. And it lists the 20 sites,
21 which again we have submitted to you in writing tonight.

22 Additionally, this pipeline will be going through
23 Jersey City. The proposed line right now is supposedly
24 running adjacent to the New Jersey Turnpike. In Jersey City
25 there are six chemical sites adjacent to the New Jersey

1 Turnpike. If you're going to be digging, you're going to be
2 exposing all of those chemicals again. I don't know if
3 you've had that information submitted to you before, but
4 hopefully you can look into that, because in Jersey City
5 there are 250,000 people. In Bayonne I believe it's
6 approximately 80,000 people who you will be exposing, all of
7 us and our children, to chemicals.

8 So I just thought I bring that to your attention.
9 Thank you.

10 (Applause)

11 MS. HARRIS: Thank you.

12 We do not have anyone else signed up to speak.
13 If anyone else would like to speak -- please just state your
14 name and spell it.

15 MR. DECKER: Good evening. My name is Raymond
16 Decker and I live at 399 Avenue E in Bayonne, but frankly,
17 it doesn't matter where I live, because -- the people from
18 Texas are very nice, okay? They're very hospitable, they're
19 very nice hosts. I attended a couple of meetings back in
20 March, I think one of the past ones, and they mean well.
21 But I find that people who do not live in our particular
22 area -- and I don't know where you folks live, if you're
23 from Washington -- but next year it will be the tenth
24 anniversary -- and I hate to bring this up because it's a
25 very morbid subject, but next year will be the tenth

1 anniversary of 9/11. My wife narrowly escaped death. She
2 narrowly escaped being murdered. Many people were not so
3 fortunate, in New York City, in Washington, D.C. at the
4 Pentagon, in a field in Pennsylvania, and in many other
5 places.

6 I'm talking about catastrophic events. I'm not
7 here to give any lectures about oil spills or anything like
8 that, but if you look at that map and afterward, when you're
9 finished here, talk to some of the locals if you will, and
10 they'll tell you that as you look at that map, on the yellow
11 roof over there, it's going across the Bayonne Bridge, it's
12 going across First Street, and there's thousands and
13 thousands of people there; it's going through chemical
14 areas, it's going through -- and our elected officials have
15 done a fine job in trying to upgrade our town with new
16 development, malls -- we're trying to -- you know, we're in
17 a money hole like other towns and we're trying to shape up.
18 Our local people are doing a fine job, all right, and
19 they're working on it pretty well.

20 I think the Texas people mean well, too; but I
21 think that this is the wrong route. Pasada No. 20 you were
22 right. I don't know if that thing can twist the thing
23 around, but I looked at the Jersey map before I came here,
24 and to me the ideal route would be just near the end of
25 Staten Island across to either Brooklyn, work its way up, or

1 to Governor's Island right up to Manhattan.

2 And on the last meeting, I don't recall seeing
3 any additional gas line on the Boulevard; I just saw the one
4 going in the southerly route. Did I miss something on the
5 first one and these are additions or changes? I don't know.
6 Don't even answer it, all right, because that's irrelevant.

7 All I know is we're going to be living -- if that
8 comes to be, we're going to be living in a death trap.
9 There are very few ways to get out of Bayonne, New Jersey.
10 You cannot get on the Turnpike -- in fact, you can hardly
11 get on it on a weekend; there's construction one way or
12 another. Our infrastructure is hurting. If you go back to
13 Washington, if you're still there, please tell President
14 Obama to try and help us out so now we have all these here
15 lift bridges, bridges that are very dilapidated that are in
16 need of repair, we have construction work all around.

17 We can't get out of here. We can't get out of
18 here when it rains, if it floods, going north through Jersey
19 City the roads are flooded. Sometimes we can't even get out
20 on the New Jersey Turnpike. Perhaps you had trouble coming
21 in. My doctor can't come in on the Turnpike bridge, the
22 Turnpike extension bridge, somehow called Route 78; I don't
23 know why since it's an expensive toll road why it's called
24 an Interstate, but it is.

25 There's always some construction going on. In

1 the morning, you will wait maybe a half, three-quarters of
2 an hour just to make that one crossing. I don't know how
3 many people perhaps died as a result of a heart attack
4 because they could not get to the hospital, all right? Our
5 local hospital is not doing too well. As a result, the
6 ambulance services have to go farther and bad things happen,
7 okay?

8 This is not good for us. Please help us.

9 Thank you very much.

10 (Applause)

11 MS. HARRIS: Thank you.

12 MR. WASNUP: My name is Scott Wasnup {ph}. I
13 reside at 243 Avenue E here in Bayonne.

14 I understand of course New York's need for
15 natural gas and certainly -- I mean, it does help the
16 regional economy if New York does well. But I think
17 everyone is expressing their great concern having this gas
18 line go right through Bayonne, especially in the way in
19 which it is planned.

20 One looks at it and says it's kind of amazing how
21 close it is to the residential areas. In addition, it was
22 just mentioned here -- it was mentioned that Bayonne is a
23 peninsula. I take the Turnpike in the morning and at times
24 it's thickly congested. You look at this map here, you can
25 see how close it does come to the Turnpike, 14A. In

1 addition, you can see it goes right up near 440; that's
2 another way to get out of Bayonne, and even near the Bayonne
3 Bridge.

4 Basically, you're locking Bayonne here in with
5 this gas line. if there is a leak, and I was in Edison, New
6 Jersey and just literally about maybe a couple hundred feet
7 away from my office there was a massive gas leak, and I
8 could smell gas in my office. Fortunately it didn't
9 explode, but the sense is there was a sense of panic; we
10 were trapped. If that had exploded, there would have been a
11 lot of casualties.

12 I understand that gas is a dangerous substance,
13 and if it's ignited, who knows what could happen? We know,
14 it's a massive explosion. So there is a real risk, it was
15 mentioned that there's a risk. We have already a risk here
16 with a lot of petroleum tanks here, and of course all the
17 lines that go there.

18 Then we think about, that this gas line goes
19 right up, 440 goes up right where the Turnpike is, into the
20 Holland Tunnel area. This is a very vital artery going to
21 New York; it crosses over PATH tubes, so it could have an
22 impact on the PATH. And of course, it's right next to the
23 Erie Lackawana station in Hoboken, a massive port of entry
24 and exit.

25 And you kind of think 'Well, why on earth are you

1 going to put it right there in this area where there's so
2 many people, there's such an infrastructure that is so vital
3 to national security,' and three feet deep in some spots is
4 not enough to protect the residents.

5 Jersey City is very opposed to this gas line, and
6 obviously tonight people are expressing their concern. I
7 think New York should get their gas, but there's got to be
8 another way to get it to them. And I think that since there
9 is so much water around Bayonne, why not try a water route?
10 And to accommodate the people here in Bayonne, to meet their
11 concerns and their interests.

12 I think the problem is you're trying to ram this
13 thing through, people are scared, they have a right to be
14 concerned, there hasn't been a lot of publicity about this
15 until very recently, and I'm glad that people are out here
16 expressing their concern; because I only live just a couple
17 of blocks away from this proposed route; and I go to these
18 areas where this route is planned. My wife works downtown
19 Jersey City, my child takes the Light Rail, I take the
20 Turnpike regularly. I am very concerned about your route
21 and I'm very concerned about your plan.

22 But if you want to accommodate New York, there's
23 got to be a better way. Let's work together.

24 (Applause)

25 MS. HARRIS: Thank you.

1 Would anyone else like to speak?

2 Please state your name and spell it if needed.

3 MR. ANDERS: Good evening. My name is Dale
4 Anders, and I represent Henkels & McCoy. I've been drawing
5 that green and white paycheck from Henkels & McCoy for 41
6 years. It is a third generation family-owned business,
7 started in the suburbs of Philadelphia. We now do all
8 communication and energy infrastructure in all 50 states
9 across the United States.

10 We are proud to have been in New Jersey for over
11 40 years, and why I told you about the length of my
12 employment is that Henkels & McCoy has a lot of people like
13 that; we're here today and we expect to be here tomorrow,
14 and in 85 years from now.

15 The concerned people that came here tonight will
16 help you make a decision on where to put this pipeline, and
17 they'll pick the safest route in order to provide energy for
18 this service. Henkels & McCoy, if we are fortunate enough
19 to be awarded this work, would certainly ensure that we will
20 build this as safely as we can; we use operator-qualified
21 people. The government has put many programs in place to
22 make sure these pipelines are installed safely. So because
23 we have been here for a long time and we plan on continuing
24 to be in New Jersey for a long time, we just like to assure
25 the people that we will build this pipeline as safe as

1 humanly possible. Thank you.

2 MS. HARRIS: Thank you.

3 (Applause)

4 MS. HARRIS: Would anyone else like to speak?

5 MR. KUCHLER: Hello. My name is Bill Kuchler
6 [spelling]. Lifelong Bayonne resident. I currently reside
7 on First Street. Just another point I'd like to make about
8 not running through a residential area.

9 In the literature it has been identified that
10 there are ways to have a device called a pig which goes
11 through to look for corrosion and damage to the pipeline for
12 repair. I think that brings up the point then to repair the
13 pipeline there is necessarily more digging in the future to
14 disrupt more quality of life, that if repairs have to happen
15 to the pipeline, and it's in First Street or any other
16 residential street, that's going to require more street
17 closures and digging.

18 The only other point I'd like to make is we
19 haven't heard a lot from the City of Bayonne about this;
20 very little. I would like to see something from them
21 addressing what they think of it and what they have in
22 preparation of emergency services for when things can
23 potentially go wrong. Thank you.

24 (Applause)

25 MS. HARRIS: Would anyone else like to speak?

1 (No response.)

2 Well, if no one else would like to speak, I'll go
3 ahead and mention the FERC website. Within our website
4 there's a link called eLibrary. If you type in the Docket
5 No. PF10-17, you can use eLibrary to gain access to
6 everything on the record concerning this project, as well as
7 filings and information submitted by Texas Eastern and
8 Algonquin.

9 There is also a link called eSubscription where
10 you can subscribe with an e-mail address or receive an
11 e-mail every time something is placed in the record, in that
12 PF17-10 docket.

13 On behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory
14 Commission, I want to thank you for coming out tonight.
15 This meeting is adjourned. We'll also be here to answer any
16 questions that you have, off the record.

17 (Whereupon, at 8:30 p.m., the scoping meeting
18 adjourned.)

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