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BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: : Project Number:  
TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPE LINE : CP06-421-000  
CORPORATIONS'S PROPOSED POTOMAC :  
EXPANSION PROJECT :

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Virginia Run Community Center  
15355 Wetherburn Court  
Centreville, VA 20120

Friday, March 2, 2007

The above-entitled matter came on for public  
meeting, pursuant to notice, at 7:22 p.m.

BEFORE:  
DAVE SWEARINGEN, FERC

## 1 PROCEEDINGS

2 (7:22 p.m.)

3 MR. SWEARINGEN: We are going to go ahead and  
4 start. As I said, if you could fill in some of the spaces  
5 here, there are still people who are coming in the door and  
6 they need room to be able to come in.

7 Okay, good evening everyone. My name is Dave  
8 Swearingen and I am on the Environmental Staff of the  
9 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC.

10 Here with me tonight in the middle is Danny  
11 Laffoon. Danny is the Environmental Project Manager  
12 specifically for the Transco Potomac Expansion Project.  
13 Also representing FERC staff are Michael Boyle and Larry  
14 Sauter, and those are the two gentlemen at the sign-in table  
15 by the door.

16 At the end of the table is Alex Dankanich with  
17 the Department of Transportation's Community Assistance and  
18 Technical Services Office.

19 On behalf of the FERC I want to welcome you all  
20 here tonight. Let the record show the public meeting began  
21 at 7:22 p.m., Friday, March 2nd, 2007, at the Virginia Run  
22 Community Center in Centreville, Virginia.

23 Now the purpose of tonight's meeting is to give  
24 you the opportunity to provide environmental comments  
25 specifically on the proposed Potomac Expansion Project.

1 This project is being proposed by Transcontinental Gas  
2 Pipeline Corporation, or Transco.

3 The FERC Commissioners are responsible for either  
4 approving or denying the project. And its Environmental  
5 staff--that's us here tonight--are responsible for the  
6 environmental evaluation. And I will talk a little bit  
7 about that a little more later.

8 Now construction of the Potomac Expansion Project  
9 would consist of--I can break it down into three main  
10 phases:

11 One is about 12 miles of 42-inch diameter  
12 pipeline in Pittsylvania County; 3-3/4 miles of 42-inch  
13 diameter pipeline in Campbell County; and about 3 miles of  
14 replacement of a 30-inch diameter pipeline with a 42-inch  
15 diameter pipeline here in Fairfax County.

16 Various above-ground facilities would also be  
17 required, including a pig launcher/receiver at either end of  
18 the replacement that's right here in Centreville.

19 Now based on the comments that we've received  
20 recently on this, it seems like this last section of the  
21 project, the pigging facilities and the replacement pipeline  
22 here in Centreville is the main issue of concern, and that  
23 is going to be the focus of this meeting tonight.

24 Now representatives of Transco are also in  
25 attendance, and I know that they have brought some maps and

1 such in the back. Now after the meeting if you haven't had  
2 a chance to talk with them, they may hang around and you can  
3 ask them some questions and look at some maps, time  
4 permitting.

5 AUDIENCE VOICE: Excuse me. Do you want to  
6 introduce those folks, please?

7 MR. SWEARINGEN: I'm not sure who is attending  
8 from Transco.

9 AUDIENCE VOICE: Just have them raise their  
10 hands.

11 MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, if the people from Transco  
12 could raise your hands?

13 (Hands are raised.)

14 MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, they are congregated  
15 around the back with the maps and such.

16 Now in November 2005, Transco was accepted into  
17 the prefiling process. So we issued a Notice of Intent, or  
18 a NOI, to prepare an environmental assessment and to solicit  
19 comments from the public.

20 An NOI was mailed to property owners along the  
21 proposed route, organizations, Federal and State agencies,  
22 County and Local Government agencies, elected officials, and  
23 parties on the FERC's official service list for the  
24 proceeding.

25 One purpose of the NOI was to solicit comments

1 from anybody who felt like they wanted to comment on the  
2 project.

3 In response to the NOI, we received some comments  
4 from several different agencies and a few landowners in  
5 Pittsylvania County. In addition, the staff made several  
6 site visits to examine the proposed route and identify  
7 potential environmental concerns.

8 On July 17th, 2006, Transco filed its application  
9 with the FERC under the Natural Gas Act to construct and  
10 operate its proposed project.

11 The FERC staff takes information given to us by  
12 the company--in this case Transco--State and Federal  
13 Agencies, landowners, other commenters, and then it conducts  
14 our own independent research and compiles this information  
15 into the environmental assessment.

16 This (holding up a document) is the Environmental  
17 Assessment, or EA, that was prepared for this project. If  
18 you are on the mailing list, you should have gotten a copy  
19 already.

20 I think the agenda that was passed out explains  
21 how you can get a copy if you don't have one.

22 AUDIENCE VOICE: It's on the bookshelf.

23 MR. SWEARINGEN: Now we issued that EA on January  
24 16th of this year and had a comment period that closed on  
25 February 16th.

1           Now we are not reopening the comment period for  
2 this project. However, any comments that we receive  
3 tonight, any comments we receive tonight either spoken or  
4 submitted as written comments, will be placed into the  
5 record and considered.

6           Be assured that the comments that we receive  
7 tonight are weighed equally to the comments that we received  
8 during the official comment period. And that goes for  
9 written versus spoken. So if you want to write your  
10 comments, that's fine. If you want to get up and speak,  
11 that's also fine. Either way, your comments will be given  
12 equal weight and will be considered for the project.

13           Now I need to differentiate the different roles  
14 between that of the FERC Commission and that of the FERC  
15 Environmental Staff.

16           The Commission is responsible for making a  
17 determination on whether to issue a Certificate of Public  
18 Convenience and Necessity for the project. That is, whether  
19 or not to approve the project.

20           The EA, prepared by the FERC Environmental Staff,  
21 does not make that decision. In general, an EA describes  
22 the project facilities and associated environmental impact,  
23 alternatives to the project, mitigation to avoid or reduce  
24 impacts, and our conclusions and recommendations.

25           The EA is used to advise the Commission and to

1       comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA.  
2       The EA discloses to the public and the Commissioners the  
3       environmental effects of constructing and operating the  
4       proposed project, and provides comments on our analysis.

5               The Commission will then consider the  
6       environmental information that is supplied in the EA, in  
7       addition to public comments, as well as a host of  
8       nonenvironmental issues such as engineering, market, rates,  
9       tariffs, design, and cost in making an informed decision on  
10      whether or not to approve the project.

11             Only after taking the environmental  
12      considerations and the nonenvironmental considerations will  
13      the Commission make its final decision on whether or not to  
14      approve the project.

15             Now during the scoping process, we received  
16      relatively few comments on the project, which is why we did  
17      not have a scoping meeting at that time.

18             However, once the EA was published, we received  
19      many different comments from landowners expressing concern  
20      about certain aspects of the project, mainly the proposed  
21      pigging facility here in Centreville.

22             As you can see by the turnout tonight, you can  
23      see that there has been a lot of interest recently in this  
24      aspect of the project. And we also received a request to  
25      hold a public comment meeting, which is why we are here

1       tonight.

2                   Now I realize that many of the recent concerns  
3 deal with the siting of the proposed pigging facility and  
4 possible alternative locations. Our EA includes the  
5 criteria we use to evaluate alternatives for a project. Any  
6 new information or alternative suggestions presented tonight  
7 will be considered by the same parameters.

8                   That is: Technical and economic feasibility and  
9 practicality;

10                   Significant environmental advantage over the  
11 proposed action; and

12                   Whether or not the alternative meets the project  
13 objective.

14                   Are there any questions about the NEPA process or  
15 the FERC role in what I've just described in this matter?

16       Yes, sir?

17                   MR. HENDERSON: My name is Bjarne Henderson and I  
18 would like to know why a total Environmental Impact  
19 Statement is not required, as opposed to this cursory  
20 Environmental Assessment?

21                   MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, the FERC during the NEPA  
22 process takes a look and makes the decision whether or not  
23 an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary. The  
24 difference between the Environmental Impact Statement and  
25 the Environmental Assessment is: The Environmental Impact

1 Statement is necessary for projects in which there are  
2 significant environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated.  
3 The conclusion of the Environmental Assessment was that  
4 there were no significant impacts that could not be  
5 mitigated.

6 If the conclusion of the Environmental Assessment  
7 was that there were significant impacts, then under NEPA  
8 then we would provide and produce an Environmental Impact  
9 Statement.

10 Okay, that is my overview of the FERC role. Now  
11 I think that somebody from Williams would like to say a few  
12 words. Would you like to say a few words on discussing the  
13 engineering parameters that went into the design of the  
14 proposed project?

15 (Pause.)

16 Raise your hand so I know you're coming. Okay,  
17 we do have somebody.

18 MR. SHANNON: Thank you. I'm Jim Shannon. I'm  
19 the Director of Operations for Williams. This region  
20 includes the Virginia Run community. I cover operations in  
21 Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, and a small portion  
22 of South Carolina. I have been with Williams-Transco for  
23 almost, well actually past 30 years.

24 What I would like to do, if it's okay with you,  
25 is talk about why we chose this site. Is that what you're

1 looking for?

2 MR. SWEARINGEN: Yes, and a very brief rationale  
3 behind what you've proposed.

4 MR. SHANNON: I have about two-and-a-half  
5 paragraphs to read about why we chose the site here at  
6 Virginia Run.

7 The length and location of the Fairfax  
8 Replacement on the Potomac Project were determined by  
9 hydraulic studies in order to serve the incremental capacity  
10 to be provided by the project.

11 AUDIENCE VOICE: Could you speak up, please?

12 MR. SHANNON: Do you have a way to turn that  
13 thing up--

14 MR. SWEARINGEN: Put the mike closer.

15 MR. SHANNON: Is this better?

16 MR. SWEARINGEN: That's better.

17 MR. SHANNON: Okay, sorry. Do you want me to  
18 start over?

19 MANY AUDIENCE VOICES: Yes. Please.

20 MR. SHANNON: Okay. The length and location of  
21 the Fairfax Replacement on the Potomac Project were  
22 determined by hydraulic studies in order to serve the  
23 incremental capacity to be provided by the project.

24 The project will replace 3.43 miles of 30-inch  
25 pipeline beginning at the intersection of the Dominion

1 Transco easements with 42-inch pipeline and will connect  
2 with existing 42-inch pipe at our valve setting located near  
3 Brookfield.

4 The specific site for the start of the Fairfax  
5 replacement and associated above-ground facilities was  
6 selected for several reasons. From an engineering and  
7 hydraulic standpoint, the site is the optimum location of  
8 all the sites that were considered.

9 It uses existing valves and taps at the  
10 connection point of the Dominion-Cove Point Pipeline.  
11 Moving the site upstream toward Route 29 would result in  
12 over a half a mile of additional pipe replacement that is  
13 not necessary to provide the design capacity.

14 Moving the site upstream would also needlessly  
15 impact approximately 40 additional homes during the  
16 construction process.

17 Moving the site downstream would reduce design  
18 capacity of the project. In addition, it is common practice  
19 to minimize visual impacts of above-ground facilities by  
20 locating them in areas where similar facilities exist.

21 Transferring the visual impacts from one site of  
22 residents to another without environmental advantages is not  
23 sufficient justification for relocating the facilities.

24 The FERC mentions this in the Environmental  
25 Assessment which was issued late last month--actually it was

1 in January. The proposed location is at the intersection of  
2 two easements, one operated by Dominion and the other  
3 operated by Williams-Transco.

4 On the Dominion easement, there are three  
5 separate high-voltage electricity transmission systems, the  
6 cellular telephone antenna, the pig receiver, and above-  
7 ground valve operator.

8 On the Transco easement, there are existing  
9 above-ground valve operators.

10 The site selected is therefore in an area where  
11 multiple above-ground utility facilities already exist.  
12 Moving the proposed facilities to a different site would  
13 require that a second location within the Virginia Run  
14 neighborhood have above-ground facilities where none  
15 currently exist.

16 By selecting our proposed site, Transco will have  
17 the least impact of Virginia Run residents during the  
18 construction phase. The FERC agreed with this position in  
19 the Environmental Assessment.

20 MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, thank you, Mr. Shannon.  
21 Next we have Alex Dankanich with the Department of  
22 Transportation. He is the Department of Transportation's  
23 Community Assistance and Technical Services Manager, and he  
24 is going to say a few words about the DOT's role in natural  
25 gas pipeline proceedings.

1 MR. DANKANICH: Thanks, Dave.

2 Good evening, everyone. Again, my name is Alex  
3 Dankanich. Can everybody hear me in the back?

4 MANY AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

5 MR. DANKANICH: Again, my name is Alex Dankanich.  
6 I am with the Department of Transportation, Pipeline and  
7 Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, or PHMSA, as I'll  
8 be referring to it as.

9 PHMSA is a branch of the Department of  
10 Transportation. Pipeline Safety is a section of PHMSA that  
11 is responsible for the safety of our Nation's pipelines.

12 We have five offices throughout the country with  
13 our headquarters in Washington. Our office has oversight on  
14 gas transmission pipelines and hazardous liquid transmission  
15 pipelines.

16 There are over 298,000 miles of gas transmission  
17 pipelines in our country. Distribution pipelines, gas  
18 distribution pipelines total over 1.1 million miles of  
19 distribution main pipelines.

20 Transmission pipelines are the larger diameter,  
21 higher pressure transmission lines that generally start down  
22 in the South. A lot of them start in the Gulf of Mexico and  
23 transport fuel or natural gas up through the country up to  
24 the Northeast section of the country.

25 The distribution mains that I talked about are

1 the smaller diameter lower pressure mains that run up and  
2 down our streets in our cities and towns. PHMSA is  
3 responsible for the inspection and enforcement of the gas  
4 pipeline regulations that are codified in 49 CFR Part 192.  
5 Our regulations cover the design, construction, operation,  
6 and maintenance of the gas transmission and distribution  
7 pipeline operators in the United States.

8 Pipelines built in this country must meet strict  
9 requirements that are listed in our Code. These standards  
10 also reference many industry standards such as those listed  
11 in ASME, ASTM, and ATI codes.

12 Our inspectors must complete a rigorous training  
13 curriculum before beginning a career as a regional inspector  
14 for PHMSA. Our inspectors take their jobs seriously and  
15 utilize a standardized checklist. Our codes and these  
16 checklists, along with an overview of our agency, can be  
17 found on our web site at [www.ops.dot.gov](http://www.ops.dot.gov).

18 One of our more recently passed regulations is  
19 called Integrity Management. On November 15th, 2002,  
20 Congress passed the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002.  
21 This Act was signed into law by the President on December  
22 17th of 2002.

23 The statutory requirements of this Act for an  
24 Integrity Management Program include:

25 Conducting a baseline assessment and reassessment

1 testing of each covered transmission line at a specified  
2 interval, and taking the necessary action to address  
3 integrity concerns that are found after such testing takes  
4 place.

5 The most technological method to inspect a  
6 transmission pipeline is by using an internal inspection  
7 device. I believe earlier I heard it called a "smart pig."  
8 An internal inspection device sends out magnetic impulses as  
9 it travels through the pipeline. These impulses bounce back  
10 from the wall of the pipe and are captured on an internal  
11 disc or storage drive.

12 Once this storage drive is retrieved, the data on  
13 the storage drive is then downloaded and a technician  
14 reviews the data on that storage drive. This data is read  
15 by technicians to determine the integrity of the pipeline  
16 from the time that internal inspection device was launched  
17 and retrieved. And generally--and the industry people may  
18 correct me on this--that launch and retrieve is generally  
19 covering a 50- to a 100-mile segment of pipeline.

20 This type of device again provides for the safe  
21 operation of pipelines, as the data that is retrieved is  
22 examined and if any anomalies would exist they can be  
23 determined by that technician and then repaired.

24 This operation can determine if the pipeline  
25 contains anomalies, like I just said, which may weaken the

1 structural integrity of the pipeline.

2 In summary, PHMSA's oversight through a strict  
3 inspection and enforcement program provides for the safe  
4 operation of the pipelines that provide us the fuel and  
5 energy that we need.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, thank you, Alex.

8 Now we have reached the point in the meeting  
9 where we are going to take your comments. Now as I stated  
10 before, your comments are very important to us. It was,  
11 obviously, the interest in this project and this portion of  
12 the project that prompted this meeting. That is the reason  
13 that we are here.

14 As you know, we have already published the  
15 Environmental Assessment. However, our environmental  
16 analysis is not concluded, and the future analysis that we  
17 do that's based on comments that we receive tonight will be  
18 conveyed in the Commission Order when the Commission meets  
19 on this particular project.

20 Now we have arranged for a transcription service,  
21 Ace-Federal Reporters, to record the meeting for the public  
22 record. The meeting transcript will be placed into the  
23 public file for the Potomac Expansion Docket--and that is  
24 Docket No. CP06-421. I think that is listed on the agenda  
25 that was handed out.

1           If you wish to order a copy of these meeting  
2 transcripts, these can be ordered from Ace-Federal for a  
3 fee. If you would like to order a copy, you can make  
4 arrangements with the transcriber after the meeting.

5           I need to emphasize that this meeting is not a  
6 hearing on the merits of Transco's proposal. We are here to  
7 receive your comments on what you know to be the project and  
8 what we have written so far. It is giving you an  
9 opportunity to comment on the environmental assessment.

10           What will be the most helpful to us and best  
11 enable us to complete our environmental analysis and review  
12 of the project is for your comments to be as specific as  
13 possible.

14           We are particularly interested in any new  
15 information or suggestions that you may have. And like I  
16 said, we will convey the continuing environmental review  
17 based on the comments we receive tonight. We will convey  
18 those to our Commission and they will be a part of the  
19 Commission's Order for this project.

20           Now if you would rather not speak tonight, you  
21 can use the forms attached to the agenda and turn in written  
22 form in the box that is on the table.

23           If you choose to submit written comments, you  
24 need to leave them with us tonight because, like I said, we  
25 are not reopening the comment period to receive things in

1 the mail.

2 Now I will call up the individuals to speak  
3 according to the sign-in sheet.

4 AUDIENCE VOICE: Can you have the Representative  
5 speak first?

6 MR. SWEARINGEN: Yes, I've got the list here. I  
7 am going to see how many people we have. Okay, it looks  
8 like we've got about 30 people signed up to comment. So  
9 what I am going to ask that you do is, you need to limit  
10 your comments to five minutes. Twelve people take five  
11 minutes, that is twelve per hour. So at thirty we are  
12 looking at two-and-a-half hours worth of comments. And that  
13 is at five minutes. So if I see that you are starting to go  
14 over that time, I am going to have to respectfully ask that  
15 you cut it off short at that time.

16 All right, when you get called up, please spell  
17 your name for the record. Like I said, it is being  
18 transcribed and we want to have an accurate recording of  
19 your name. So you need to spell it. Identify any  
20 organization, if you're representing an organization.

21 The first person who I am going to call to speak  
22 is State Delegate Tim Hugo.

23 (Applause.)

24 STATE DELEGATE HUGO: H-U-G-O. I want to thank  
25 you very much for everybody being here tonight. And I want

1 to thank first Congressman Wolf's office for getting  
2 everybody and putting this together. They have been working  
3 arm-in-arm with me on trying to fight this thing.

4 (Applause.)

5 STATE DELEGATE HUGO: I want to say--

6 (Applause.)

7 STATE DELEGATE HUGO: --I appreciate FERC being  
8 here and the work that they're doing, but I'm going to  
9 respectfully disagree. In my mind, this is a hearing. It  
10 is a hearing on what is right or wrong for this community.  
11 And I tell you what, we are, when you talk about--and you  
12 are doing just what you need to do--when you talk about  
13 there's a concern out here in Centreville, you're darn right  
14 there's concern.

15 I think when you see a couple hundred people  
16 here, you understand the level of concern. And I tell you,  
17 my friends are here. I see Transco here, and I appreciate  
18 them. And I tell you what, one of the things I did, too, is  
19 Julie, my aide, went to the last meeting and said that the  
20 last time Transco said that there was a problem at Columbia  
21 Gas, and Washington Gas, so I've invited them here tonight,  
22 and I appreciate their being here because this is something  
23 that's important.

24 I told my friends this. And when I met with the  
25 Transco representatives' lobbyists in Richmond, they said

1 "it's not a bid deal; it's just something, just a little  
2 thing," and I said, well, Julie, okay, I just had a baby, I  
3 could go out to the meeting, I said: Julie, would you go to  
4 the meeting?

5 She came back. She called me that day and said:  
6 This is a big deal. And I talked to Beth Tweddle, who is  
7 somewhere here, and I called Beth and she said: This is a  
8 very big deal.

9 So when Transco came in, I said: Let me tell you  
10 all something. I am not happy. This is wrong. I've got  
11 people upset. I just got on the Commerce and Labor  
12 Committee on the Utilities Subcommittee, and I am going to  
13 darn sure make sure that everything that relates to gas and  
14 pipeline, I am going to pay special attention to from now  
15 on.

16 (Applause.)

17 STATE DELEGATE HUGO: I think everybody knows,  
18 when you wanted the road fixed, you know, we had a big  
19 hearing and VDOT said it couldn't be done, and we can't do  
20 it, no way, and we fixed it. Because--

21 (Applause.)

22 STATE DELEGATE HUGO: --this is my way of, one, I  
23 believe that my job is to be the squeaky wheel for you.  
24 And, two, my belief on the way to do things, growing up I  
25 played sports. I was not the fastest and I was not the

1 biggest, but I always believed if you hit your head against  
2 the wall long enough, the wall breaks. And we're going to  
3 keep hitting our head against the wall until the wall  
4 breaks, because this is not right.

5 I'm telling my friends at Transco, I'm not  
6 amused. I tell you, go to Richmond. Anything dealing with  
7 Richmond, to Columbia Gas, and you guys are good people, I  
8 like you, Washington Gas, Transco, anything dealing in  
9 Richmond, we're going to make it interesting because this is  
10 something, if you can't see 200 people showing up on a  
11 Friday night, that they're not happy, that you are impacting  
12 their property values, that they are concerned about the  
13 danger, they're bringing their kids here, there is something  
14 wrong.

15 (Applause.)

16 STATE DELEGATE HUGO: And what we're going to  
17 do--and literally, you know, we're going to lay down in  
18 front of this pipeline. This is just not right. If you  
19 want to do it, find a way that doesn't impact this  
20 community. If you have to spend another buck or two, spend  
21 it. Because the fact of the matter is, these people moved  
22 into this community because it's a good place. If you can't  
23 look around--and I say this, this is a neighborhood. It's a  
24 big development, but it's a community. And if you can't see  
25 that in this community center here, and the people just got

1       eight zillion e-mails, because people talk to each other.  
2       And you come out here, and I've been out here, and you've  
3       had little wine-tastings out here, this is a community. And  
4       people are not going to let you ruin it.

5               And I tell you, whatever you need, we're going to  
6       be here for you. Julie is here from my office. You've got  
7       Matt and George also that are in our office. We are going  
8       to do whatever it takes.

9               I'm going to call the speaker tomorrow. I'm  
10       going to call--we'll call the SEC. Whatever it takes, This  
11       is wrong. We're going to work arm in arm with Congressman  
12       Wolf on this. But I'm telling you, as the newest member of  
13       the Utilities Subcommittee that has jurisdiction over  
14       everything dealing with pipelines and gas, as a member of  
15       the Commerce and Labor Committee, anything dealing with  
16       Richmond is going to get a special look until this  
17       neighborhood is happy.

18               Thank you, very much.

19               (Applause.)

20               MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. Hugo. Next we  
21       have District Supervisor Mike Frey.

22               (Applause.)

23               (No response.)

24               MR. SWEARINGEN: Mr. Frey?

25               (No response.)

1                   MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, maybe we need to come back  
2 to Mr. Frey.

3                   Next on the list we have a representative of U.S.  
4 Congressman Frank Wolf's office, Dan Scandling.

5                   (Applause.)

6                   MR. SCANDLING: Good evening, my name is Dan  
7 Scandling. I'm Mr. Wolf's Chief of Staff. He apologizes he  
8 couldn't be here tonight. When we got this meeting  
9 scheduled last week, he had already been committed to be out  
10 of town this weekend, so we just couldn't change his  
11 schedule.

12                   I will be brief. I have a letter here from the  
13 Congressman to the FERC Commission based on the HOA when Tom  
14 and the Congressman talked, and we've had several  
15 conversations.

16                   Essentially the letter says: Look, the HOA has  
17 done a lot of work. They've reviewed some other sites.  
18 They need a fair hearing and a fair review of what those  
19 alternatives are, and I hope that FERC will give every  
20 attention and the attention they deserve to what the HOA  
21 wants.

22                   And I just want--because I know it is going to be  
23 a long evening--I just want to let you know that the  
24 Congressman himself has personally been involved in this.  
25 He has had several conversations with Tom. He has had

1       conversations with the Chairman of the FERC. He has had  
2       conversations with higher ups at Transco-Williams in  
3       Houston.

4               Our office has been out here and done site  
5       visits. I've been out here. I mediated a three-and-a-half  
6       hour meeting with the HOA and Transco last Wednesday night  
7       at our District Office, and it was our office that pushed  
8       FERC to have this hearing.

9               So here is your chance, and I hope that you guys  
10       can make your case and really let them know what the  
11       community wants. Thank you.

12               (Applause.)

13               MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. Scandling.

14               Next on the list we have a representative from  
15       State Senator Ken Cuccinelli's office, Mr. Mike Joyce.

16               (Applause.)

17               MR. JOYCE: Thank you. My name is Mike Joyce.  
18       I'm from the office of State Senator Ken Cuccinelli. I will  
19       also be brief. Senator Cuccinelli was meeting with the same  
20       lobbyists who met with Delegate Hugo who assured him that  
21       they will be negotiating, that the Transco folks will be  
22       negotiating with the folks at Virginia Run. They said they  
23       will be negotiating except for placement of the launch and  
24       receiving site, which kind of distressed him very much.

25               I have letter that Senator Cuccinelli wrote. I'm

1 just going to submit it to the write-in basket, and I won't  
2 keep you guys with that, but the community publication put  
3 together by some of your neighbors has several letters of  
4 discontent on how Transco went about "informing you,"  
5 quote/unquote, on how this sending and receiving project was  
6 going to be built.

7 There are, in this for the January meeting, there  
8 are three or four letters of discontent on how they noticed  
9 you just from January. And now with the numbers in this  
10 room, that has multiplied by 20 with the folks who couldn't  
11 make it tonight who live in your community. So I just  
12 wanted that to be on the record as well.

13 I also wanted to say that we support, Senator  
14 Cuccinelli, supports Virginia Run and hope that Transco will  
15 consider their wishes better than it has, and urge that  
16 Transco may be more transparent to the Virginia Run  
17 community.

18 So if you need anything from us, my name is Mike  
19 Joyce. I work in Senator Cuccinelli's office. Eve Marie  
20 Barner, you can check us out at Cuccinelli.org, that's the  
21 official senate site. And if you need anything, let us  
22 know. Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Joyce.  
25 The next person we have signed up to speak is J.R. Doyle.

1 MR. DOYLE: Here.

2 MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, you're up to bat.

3 And I will go ahead, the people that are going to  
4 be following Mr. Doyle are Andrew Boyd and Bill Cookson. So  
5 if you could--

6 MR. DANKANICH: We need them to spell their last  
7 names for the court reporter.

8 MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, yes, a reminder to spell  
9 last names for the court reporter. Thank you.

10 MR. DOYLE: Good evening. My name is James  
11 Doyle, that's D for Delta, O-Y-L-E. I am a home owner in  
12 Virginia Run. I've been here for 19 years since the  
13 beginning.

14 Two quick points. First of all on the  
15 environment, I suggest to you, my neighbors, that we  
16 Virginia Run have done our bit. Three or four years ago,  
17 you will recall that an enormous trench was dug along the  
18 right-of-way. One would have thought they were making a  
19 movie about World War I. It was enormous. And they put in  
20 a big new section of very wide pipe, and they put in above-  
21 ground gate valves.

22 So we've done our bit. If there's more to be  
23 done, let's move it down the line a little bit.

24 Secondly--and I'll keep this quick--I am amused  
25 by our elected representatives who tell us what they're

1 going to do. You know, kids learn in school that once upon  
2 a time in America we had a government that protected the  
3 people. Teddy Roosevelt, who was the Trust Buster.  
4 Franklin Roosevelt who helped the people during the Great  
5 Depression. But we voted that away.

6 We voted for conservatives who were going to get  
7 the government off the people's back.

8 (Boos and hisses from the audience.)

9 MR. DOYLE: Okay? Well, the government is off  
10 your back now--

11 AUDIENCE VOICE: Talk about the gas line.

12 MR. DOYLE: --and I respectfully suggest to you  
13 that this pipeline is not a family value, and I thank you  
14 for your time.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. SWEARINGEN: All right. Could we ask for all  
17 the speakers, that you can clap or whatever, but this is not  
18 going to end up in a debate and I don't want people shouting  
19 out from the audience, either disagreeing with anything that  
20 a speaker has to say. Everybody has the opportunity to say  
21 their piece.

22 The next person who signed up is Andrew Boyd.

23 MR. BOYD: Thanks. My name is Andrew Boyd,  
24 A-N-D-R-E-W B-O-Y-D. I live at 15103 Wetherburn, and I am  
25 about a hundred feet from the proposed site for the

1 launchers. I have four kids. My concern isn't just that it  
2 is an eyesore and that it's aggregating amongst a number of  
3 other things, it is really safety from my perspective.

4 The last time that we spoke about this was  
5 probably in the January timeframe when we looked at the  
6 Environmental Assessment. Since then, Virginia Run hired an  
7 independent gasline pipeline engineer. I would like to read  
8 to you some of the findings and then suggest to you what his  
9 recommended alternatives were, as well.

10 If I can, page 2 of the report--don't worry, this  
11 will be quick--says:

12 The positioning of the pigging station in such a  
13 populated area poses numerous safety concerns, as  
14 well as the obvious intrusion of an industrial  
15 facility inside a residential community. The  
16 safety concerns that I would put forward are as  
17 follows:

18 The pigging station is shown to include mainline  
19 block belt assemblies as well as pipeline  
20 blowdown facilities. The blowing down of this  
21 section of the pipeline would likely necessitate  
22 the evacuation of numerous private residences.

23 Let's think about that. Why? There are surrounding  
24 locations for protection not only from the gas but also from  
25 the noise created by such a pipeline maintenance. That's my

1 primary issue.

2 There is another one that is a little more  
3 abstract, however it is important.

4 Locating of the pigging solution at this location  
5 has ultimately necessitated installation of additional  
6 cross-overs in the immediate vicinity of pigging facilities.  
7 The interconnections between pipelines have shown to be  
8 locations of potential failure due to additional stresses.

9 And so one of the argument is that because the  
10 Dominion receivers are there, the pigging receivers are  
11 there, let's put the other ones there. But I'm afraid what  
12 we are doing is we are adding risk in this area. And that  
13 doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me.

14 I understand that from an eyesore perspective  
15 let's all put them in one area, but for my four kids at home  
16 that is not what I'm worried about.

17 So what we did is we did some research, and  
18 Transco had some issues with some of their pigging  
19 operations. We're just talking about putting the facilities  
20 there in construction, but let me tell you a little bit  
21 about the operations associated with putting this canister  
22 in the receiver, or taking it out.

23 They do a very good job of engineering it such  
24 that not a whole lot of gas escapes during that time frame,  
25 but there's been incidences such as in December of 1992

1 where they had someone, they had employees working doing  
2 this pigging facility operations. Someone was about 60 feet  
3 away with a propane gas tank like we use in our backyards in  
4 our barbecues, 66 feet away. Some gas escaped during this  
5 pigging procedure, even though they had the engineering  
6 safety precautions, et cetera, and the density of the gas  
7 went out and it caught fire. And it caught fire and burned  
8 the three people that were in the immediate vicinity. So  
9 I'm a little worried.

10 It turns out--I'm about 100 feet from this  
11 thing--it turns out that Phil Cookson is about 35 feet from  
12 this thing--that's around 66 feet. Well, people about 300  
13 feet away were not burned, so that's a good thing. And so  
14 I'm thinking let's move this a little further away from my  
15 four kids and the other residents in the area.

16 So, one, we would all like not to have this in  
17 our community at all, and that would be great, but the  
18 safety associated with making sure these pipelines are sound  
19 is a good thing. Okay, I get it.

20 So what we talk about here is, right here  
21 (showing a chart) this is my backyard. This is my backyard  
22 right here, and I am about 100 feet. Phil Cookson is about  
23 35 feet. And so that is a little close for us.

24 If it has to be in the Virginia Run area, I would  
25 prefer it to be hundreds of feet away from residences and

1 churches and stuff like that. And so what we proposed is a  
2 location here that is hundreds of feet away from home.

3 MR. SWEARINGEN: Can you turn that [the chart].

4 MR. BOYD: Yes.

5 AUDIENCE VOICE: Is that a recent photo?

6 MR. BOYD: No, I believe that's two years old.

7 AUDIENCE VOICE: Is that before or after the  
8 church was built?

9 MR. BOYD: I believe it was before the church was  
10 there. So the church is in some proximity. I'm sure what  
11 we would all like is to have it across the street and away  
12 from everybody so that you can essentially see it from the  
13 highway and there would be easy access, et cetera, but again  
14 if this is not engineeringly possible--I mean, there's  
15 granite there--then let's have it further away from the  
16 residences, et cetera.

17 If I can, I would like to show you this one  
18 [another chart]. This is my friend Phil Cookson's house.  
19 He's about 35 feet or so, maybe 40 feet from where the  
20 facilities are going up. This is the view out the other  
21 way, and this is Phil Shapiro's house, so it's about 100-  
22 plus feet.

23 This is not a good area for us. What we would  
24 like to do is, if it has to be in Virginia Run, why not put  
25 it--we call this "Site B." It is about .65 miles that way,

1 a little closer to the church, but hundreds of feet from all  
2 the residences.

3 If there are safety issues that go on, if people  
4 are affected in some negative manner, emergency vehicles  
5 have to get in there. They have easy access from 29, and  
6 the facility is only a couple, maybe a couple hundred feet  
7 off of Route 29. So from a safety perspective, Transco  
8 likes to put these things near residences or places where  
9 people can make sure these things are secure and no one  
10 fools with them, I get it, so put it just off of 29 where we  
11 have a lot of traffic and you can see that thing back there,  
12 so it's not too bad, but it's hundreds of feet away from  
13 residences. You still have access to it. Et cetera.

14 So again, I would propose not putting it within  
15 35 feet of a residence, or a hundred feet within a  
16 residence. Let's put it hundreds of feet away from a  
17 residence, and that's my proposal. That's all I have.

18 (Applause.)

19 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. Boyd.

20 Now I do have--Mr. Boyd, you were aiming it that  
21 way, so just for a second, I just want to make sure that  
22 we've got your proposal location on the record here.

23 Go ahead and point it out again just so that we  
24 can take a look at it.

25 MR. BOYD: We would all like it to be across the

1 street from Location A. Secondly if it has to be  
2 Virginia Run, that it be at Location B which is .65 miles  
3 southwest of the original site.

4 MR. SWEARINGEN: So this [indicating] is 29?

5 MR. BOYD: Yes, sir, it is.

6 MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay.

7 MR. BOYD: It is described in your EA.

8 MR. SWEARINGEN: Right. Okay, I'm just making  
9 sure.

10 MR. BOYD: Right, but I'm going to give you the  
11 title. It says State Highway 29 Alternative.

12 MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, I wanted to verify that  
13 this was the same site and not a different site. This is  
14 the same site. Okay, just to let you know, I went out--  
15 because I'm not the Project Manager for this specific  
16 project, so I went out with the Project Manager, Danny  
17 Laffoon here before the meeting and took a look at that.  
18 That is next to a church, across the parking lot from the  
19 church right there at the corner of 29. Okay, I went out  
20 and look a look at that early this evening.

21 Okay, the next person signed up is Phil Cookson,  
22 and after that we have--I can't read the first name  
23 correctly, but it's Henderson looks like the last name. So,  
24 Mr. Cookson.

25 MR. COOKSON: Good evening. My name is Phil

1 Cookson. First I would like to thank everybody for making  
2 the effort to come here tonight and support us. Thank you,  
3 very much.

4 MR. SWEARINGEN: Would you spell your name?

5 MR. COOKSON: Cookson, C-O-O-K-S-O-N. Thank you.

6 Okay, firstly I would like just to read a short  
7 statement that was written by my wife who unfortunately  
8 couldn't be here tonight:

9 Dear ladies and gentlemen:

10 The following are my comments which I am  
11 submitting in regard to the Williams-Transco Potomac  
12 Expansion Project.

13 In July 2006 when Transco asked the FERC to  
14 approve the project, it did not present information about  
15 the permanent placement of large above-ground industrial  
16 facilities in Virginia Run land.

17 Moreover, its notices to affected landowners  
18 stated that even if Transco condemned land, it would only be  
19 for the use of sub-surface land, and that landowners would  
20 continue to own and resume all prior uses of the surface of  
21 the land. This and other information provided to us led us  
22 to believe that this would only be a pipe replacement  
23 project.

24 There was no suggestion at that point of any  
25 above-ground facilities. These statements we have now

1 learned were false. Under the FERC's rules, Transco was to  
2 disclose all pertinent information and data which provide us  
3 with a clear understanding of the project. It did not.

4 We and others, including the Virginia Run  
5 Community Association, have asked the FERC to declare the  
6 false notice materially defective and to order Transco to  
7 make full and accurate disclosure of its plans.

8 These motions have been totally ignored. For  
9 more than half a century the landscape has been  
10 characterized by buried pipelines. We live in a Class III  
11 high consequence community--and we are of high consequence.

12 We are worried about the safety of such a  
13 project, and of course we are concerned about the values of  
14 our homes. No one objects to the status quo, even if the  
15 underground pipes have a larger capacity.

16 We ask you to consider a reasonable accommodation  
17 in which, one, the large above-ground industrial facilities  
18 are eliminated by the use of an alternative technology; or,  
19 two, the facilities are moved to proposed Location B which  
20 is located close to Highway 29, has an existing access road,  
21 and is far from any residential properties.

22 In addition, Transco stated in its February 21  
23 meeting at Congressman Wolf's office that they were planning  
24 to expand the 42-inch line south to their Manassas  
25 Compression Station in the near future.

1                   If this is the case, why not put the facilities  
2 to Location B where the equipment can eventually be removed  
3 easily? The VR easement would not have to be torn up again  
4 in a few years time to expand the pipelines and the danger  
5 of excavating near a major pipeline intersection at  
6 Transco's proposed Location C would be avoided.

7                   This would be a much safer and actually cost-  
8 effective solution for Transco.

9                   We do accept that we are not experts in the field  
10 of pipeline, or pipeline technology. We have a basic  
11 understanding of the integrity of pipelines and the pigging  
12 of pipelines.

13                   We have made a great effort to educate ourselves,  
14 given the limited amount of information that has been given  
15 to us by Transco.

16                   I and others are not opposed to the Potomac  
17 Expansion Project, and I fully understand the need of  
18 customers requiring gas further north. I welcome safe  
19 practices shown by the gas pipeline industry in integrity  
20 monitoring the condition of their pipelines by cleaning and  
21 maintaining by use of pigging tools.

22                   What is not welcomed are the above-ground  
23 facilities that traditionally are associated with performing  
24 pigging operations.

25                   What is not welcomed is what seems to be the

1 extremely underhand way the impacted parties were made aware  
2 and informed. All information with regard to above-ground  
3 facilities seems to be privileged and only on request.

4 Official notification that is dated July 2006 to  
5 homeowners gave no indication of an above-ground facility.  
6 This letter clearly states it is a pipeline replacement. I  
7 have no problem with that.

8 The first week of November, I wrote several e-  
9 mails asking if Transco would willingly landscape the  
10 existing apparatus within the easement.

11 At this point I learned of the much larger  
12 project planned. I requested a site meeting to get a better  
13 understanding. The following day I requested illustrations  
14 and diagrams. This was my first indication that an above-  
15 ground facility was planned.

16 On studying the diagrams, I became alarmed at the  
17 size of the project. The fall intervention period by this  
18 time was over.

19 The information only became available when asked  
20 for, and after the time of intervention.

21 I have requested information formally together  
22 with many other members of the community in an effort to be  
23 able to understand what will be going on here, and to have  
24 the ability to be able to give comment. It all fell on deaf  
25 ears.

1           I fully support Locations A and B. I also  
2 believe solutions can be used by way of pigging technologies  
3 that will either eliminate the need for pigging stations  
4 completely, or greatly reduce its impacts.

5           I recently visited the pipeline and pigging  
6 conference in Houston. A multi-diameter pigging tool is a  
7 possibility. However, there will be need for development of  
8 that tool--but it is a possibility.

9           Due to the fact that we did not receive timely  
10 information, accurate information, we were unable to make  
11 these suggestions timely enough to enable Transco to  
12 consider it into their project.

13           A more realistic solution is temporary pig launch  
14 and facility configurations. This is a service offered by  
15 many field service companies that work very closely with gas  
16 transmission companies.

17           There is no requirement for a huge, or a large  
18 static permanent facility. It is an engineering project  
19 that would need--or there would be a need to weld a flange  
20 onto an existing pipeline. This enables the full process of  
21 pigging to take place, be it the integrity management side  
22 or be it the cleaning.

23           This can very, very easily also be removed at the  
24 end of the operation. The launching flange would have to  
25 remain, and it would actually be above ground--although of

1 much less impact to a full-size pig and receiver facility.  
2 It's a compromise.

3 Okay, I just want one more--

4 MR. SWEARINGEN: Just wrap it up, please.

5 MR. COOKSON: I see the temporary pig launcher  
6 configuration as being a very viable proposition, and this  
7 is my suggestion:

8 Should, and if Transco, as they say, decides to  
9 expand the line towards Manassas, the temporary pigging  
10 launcher facility could very easily and very cost-  
11 effectively be dismantled and got rid of.

12 That would mean that we could pig the lines as  
13 normal. Transco would be able to do all their necessary  
14 pigging functions, and we would be able to minimize the  
15 impact visually.

16 Okay, thank you very much.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, next we have  
19 Mr. Henderson, and after that Linda Flanigan will follow Mr.  
20 Henderson.

21 MR. HENDERSON: Thank you. The first name is  
22 spelled B-J-A-R-N-E, Bjarne. Last name, Henderson,  
23 H-E-N-D-E-R-S-O-N.

24 Good evening. I want to--I have filed written  
25 remarks in the back of the room, and I would like those to

1 be fully considered, as well as these supplemental comments.

2           Everybody in the room heard the FERC  
3 representative comment about the appropriate criteria that  
4 we were supposed to consider. We were supposed to consider  
5 the technical feasibility and practicalities, the  
6 significant environmental impacts, and the project  
7 objectives.

8           Did anybody hear the word "safety"? No. How  
9 many people are here? Maybe 200, at least. Of the 200  
10 people in this room, how many people got notice of an above-  
11 ground facility being placed in Virginia Run?

12           (No response.)

13           MR. HENDERSON: I would like the public record to  
14 reflect that not one hand in this entire room is raised.  
15 And I want the record to reflect that none of the people in  
16 this room ever got an indication that above-ground  
17 facilities were being placed in our community.

18           Having said that, I would also like to thank  
19 Chief of Staff Scandling for being here tonight. He said he  
20 hopes that this hearing gives us a chance to make our case.  
21 Well I hope Congressman Wolf helps us make our case. I  
22 think it is important that he stand behind us, much like  
23 Delegate Hugo has, and the other elected officials, and not  
24 just tell us to come here and make our case. The  
25 Congressman needs to be behind us.

1           My wife tried to call his office and was told to  
2 put her comments in a letter. Okay? Yes, somebody else  
3 says "that's what I was told." So I guess if you're a  
4 voter, be sure and write it down because he doesn't want a  
5 phone call.

6           Now I just think that's absurd, I truly do. So  
7 please take that message back. It's not just about a few  
8 people; it's about a community of 1200. It's about safety.  
9 You didn't hear FERC mention safety, and that is a critical  
10 concern.

11           Now having said all that, this [indicating] is a  
12 copy of the brochure that came in our materials--and I have  
13 an extra copy of this for our elected officials, as well.  
14 Pass that one back to Congressman Wolf's office. It says on  
15 the front of it:

16           Our commitment. And under "our commitment" it  
17 says:

18           Williams is committed to being a good neighbor  
19 with the landowners and communities along the pipeline  
20 system.

21           That is their written commitment to us. Now what  
22 they have done so far is not informed us of their plans, not  
23 told us about what they were going to do and, quite frankly,  
24 that is just not being a good neighbor, is it?

25           AUDIENCE VOICES: No.

1                   MR. HENDERSON: Let the record reflect there's at  
2 least a dozen noes.

3                   (Laughter.)

4                   MR. HENDERSON: So that might be why at the  
5 scoping meeting nobody came, because we all consider  
6 Williams to be our good neighbor. And we all read the  
7 materials and said that said 'we're just coming in to put in  
8 new pipes,' and we really aren't NIMBYs. We recognize the  
9 importance of having good, reliable natural gas service  
10 throughout the Nation as well as our own community.

11                   But the point is, they were not good neighbors  
12 and they didn't treat us the way we would treat them as a  
13 neighbor.

14                   You know, the more things go around the more  
15 things stay the same. The Supreme Court had to deal with  
16 this issue at the turn of the Century when the railroads  
17 decided to build in Washington, D.C.

18                   One of the railroads said: We have the right to  
19 come in here and put train tracks right down in here, and  
20 they put them right next to the Baptist Church. Can you  
21 imagine how the sermons went with the trains blowing outside  
22 the door?

23                   Needless to say, Baltimore and Potomac Railroad  
24 versus Baptist Church ended up at the United States Supreme  
25 Court. In that decision, the Supreme Court said:

1           The great principle of the common law, which is  
2 equally the teaching of Christian morality so to use one's  
3 property as to not injure others, forbids any other  
4 application of the use of rights and powers conferred.

5           In other words, yes, you may have the right as a  
6 pipeline company to come in and build this pipeline for the  
7 greater good, but you don't have the right to do that  
8 indiscriminately and stepping on people's rights, and most  
9 importantly the safety of their children and the safety of  
10 their neighbors.

11                   (Appause.)

12           MR. HENDERSON: My recommendation is that the  
13 FERC Commission respectfully consider the technological  
14 alternatives to placing this above-ground facility, and if  
15 an above-ground facility must be installed, that it be  
16 installed as far away from families, homes, and the densely  
17 populated areas of this community as possible.

18                   Thank you.

19           MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. Henderson. Just  
20 as a point of definition, Mr. Henderson brought out the  
21 criteria that we use to evaluate alternative sites. He  
22 mentioned significant environmental factors. Well, we  
23 consider safety to be under the umbrella of environmental  
24 factors.

25                   You will see that every Environmental Assessment

1 and Environmental Impact Statement that we publish, that we  
2 analyze, contains safety as one of those aspects.

3 So that is just a point of definition for what we  
4 consider to be an environmental impact as safety, and that  
5 is what we included in there.

6 AUDIENCE VOICE: Do you feel better about that  
7 now?

8 (Laughter.)

9 MR. SWEARINGEN: Like I said, sir, it was just a  
10 point of definition that safety is considered in all of our  
11 documents.

12 The next person that has signed up is Linda  
13 Flanigan, and then following here is Jim--I'm going to not  
14 get this right--it's Raw-cube, or, but anyway that person is  
15 next. So, Ms. Flanigan.

16 MS. FLANIGAN: It's Lynda, L-Y-N-D-A, Flanigan,  
17 F-L-A-N-I-G-A-N, a good Irish name.

18 I am one of the people who would look at this  
19 facility out the back of our deck. We live between Andrew  
20 and Bill Shapiro, and we would see this on a regular basis  
21 if this facility is built.

22 I have gotten over the emotional 'don't have this  
23 in my backyard' because I've been attending meetings since  
24 last fall when I first found out about this.

25 I have now moved over to the safety issue. The

1 Transco people were here in November and informed us that  
2 the Department of Homeland Security required fencing with  
3 barbed wire on top.

4 That magically went away somehow somewhere along  
5 the line where it no longer became a requirement. Transco  
6 or Williams, whoever you are, I'm sorry but you sound  
7 deceitful.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. FLANIGAN: And unfortunately that has been  
10 your pattern, and therefore please understand that as  
11 regular, average people that don't understand this business,  
12 we are scared. We do not want this unsafe facility in our  
13 backyard.

14 Andrew so kindly discovered another area which  
15 might be safer. We're not saying 'no,' we're simply saying  
16 please look at alternatives. Look at alternative sites.  
17 Look at alternative technology. You have the money. You  
18 have the experience. You have the people who can do that.  
19 Please, please consider the people here in Virginia Run and  
20 Centreville.

21 Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, thank you, Ms. Flanigan.

24 Next we have Jim --

25 MR. RAUBE: "Rob".

1 MR. SWEARINGEN: --okay, Raube, coming up. Go  
2 ahead.

3 MR. RAUBE: My name is Jim Raube, R-A-U-B-E. I  
4 am a resident of Virginia Run. My first comment is, this is  
5 one lousy way to get to know your neighbors, isn't it?

6 (Laughter.)

7 MR. RAUBE: I know nothing about zoning. I know  
8 nothing about pipelines. All I know is, it just seems  
9 inconceivable to me that anyone would even consider putting  
10 an industrial facility in a neighborhood like ours, or in  
11 anybody's neighborhood.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. RAUBE: I believe from everything that I've  
14 gleaned that it is noisy, that it's a potential for  
15 explosions, or at least some type of a safety hazard, and  
16 it's also unsightly. It just is not appropriate for a  
17 neighborhood.

18 Alternatively, there has to be a lot of open  
19 space somewhere between New Orleans where it comes from and  
20 wherever it is going up there in the Northeast.

21 (Laughter.)

22 MR. RAUBE: So I highly recommend that. And I  
23 oppose both the primary site and the proposed alternative  
24 site down by the Central Presbyterian Church. I think it's  
25 trading one person's problems for another person's problems.

1           We have to get it out of Virginia Run.

2                           (Applause.)

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1 MR. RAUBE: One other comment, anybody?

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. RAUBE: Now I forgot what I was going to say.  
4 I had one other comment that I wanted to make. Well, I've  
5 lost it, so, anyway, I just highly recommend that they move  
6 it out of Virginia.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. Raube. Next, we  
9 have Robb Osterhout, and following him, is Heidi  
10 Keufenkothen. I apologize for the butchering of the names  
11 here, Mr. Osterhout.

12 MR. OSTERHOUT: Robb Osterhout, O-S-T-E-R-H-O-U-  
13 T. My wife and I have lived in Virginia Run now for almost  
14 15 years.

15 About five years ago, my daughter, son-in-law,  
16 and four grandchildren, moved back into the neighborhood.  
17 Three years ago, my son and his wife and now a grandson,  
18 moved into Virginia Run, so we have three families, three  
19 generations, 11 Osterhout family members in the area.

20 The reason they moved back into this area, was:  
21 The community, the schools, and it was a safe place to raise  
22 their children.

23 Now, I've got a little -- I don't want to jump on  
24 all the -- repeat what's been said about safety, because I  
25 echo that fully, but there's some documentation that was

1 available to us, that hopefully you read.

2 And if you follow the clicks far enough, you can  
3 even find more detailed reports, which I did. And I think  
4 it's important, in the safety discussion, to realize that  
5 the Congressional Research Services Report to Congress on  
6 pipeline security in 2004, indicated that between 1997 and  
7 2001, natural gas pipeline explosions and incidents, caused  
8 18.6 deaths per year.

9 I'm not sure where the .6 comes from, but that  
10 was their report. There were 183 gas pipeline incidents in  
11 2002, and in 2000, there was a particular incident in  
12 Carlsbad, New Mexico, that killed an extended family of 12.

13 Now, if you went a little bit further in, as I  
14 said, you'd find the National Transportation Safety Board's  
15 Pipeline Accident Report of February 11, 2003. The  
16 explosion took place at an above-ground natural gas pipeline  
17 in Carlsbad.

18 The extended family of 12, were victims who were  
19 camped 675 feet away, okay? That was not from the pipeline,  
20 but from the crater.

21 Now, I've got four grandchildren inside of 150  
22 feet, as their backyard. This may not be a common incident,  
23 but as the previous speaker said, there is absolutely no  
24 excuse to place these facilities inside of Virginia Run.

25 Now, I think that Alex, in your comments, you

1 made reference to integrity management being a bellwether of  
2 the Office of Pipeline Safety.

3 Well, in the reports associated with integrity  
4 management and protecting high-consequence areas where  
5 people are located, integrity management was defined as  
6 taking preventative and mitigative action. It is time to  
7 take preventative and mitigative action and move this  
8 facility to a location other than Virginia Run.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. SWEARINGEN: Now, Ms. Keufenkothen, and  
11 following her, is Beth Tweddle.

12 MS. KEUFENKOTHEN: Heidi Keufenkothen, H-E-I-D-I;  
13 K-E-U-F-E-N-K-O-T-H-E-N.

14 Hi, I'm here because I have family in this  
15 neighborhood. I'm not a great public speaker, so please  
16 forgive my voice.

17 I did work in the gas industry, though, the  
18 energy industry. I worked with Transco, and they have some  
19 great people at Transco.

20 So, it's really disappointing to know that  
21 Transco -- and I hope you are listening, Mr. Shannon and all  
22 of your people back there with the smiles going on back  
23 there; I hope you're really listening to these people.

24 Mr. Shannon, there was, back in 2002 -- and I'm  
25 sure everybody may know this -- the Pipeline Safety

1 Improvement Act was signed by President Bush in 2002, and it  
2 requires meaningful pipeline inspections at least once in  
3 the next ten years and every seven years after that,  
4 although some infrastructures near bit cities require more  
5 frequent attention.

6 Because the U.S. Department of Transportation has  
7 a poor history of compliance with Congressional directives,  
8 the language provides a fail-safe mechanism.

9 But I'm getting this from Energy Insider. It's a  
10 May 6, 2000 -- May 8, 2008 issue. The title of the article  
11 is "Avoiding Pipeline Explosions."

12 The fact that there has to be an article on this  
13 at all, would make me think that FERC -- and thank you for  
14 being here tonight -- and that Transco, would not want a  
15 pipeline or a pigging station set in the middle of a  
16 neighborhood.

17 Mr. Shannon, you mentioned that Transco tried to  
18 keep the pipe structures out of sight, but I don't think  
19 settling your pipe, especially a pigging station, into a  
20 neighborhood, is out of the way, as, in fact, it is in  
21 harm's way.

22 I just wanted you all to note that, the  
23 improvement act, and if we could take that one step further  
24 and not put the pipeline in an area of harm or where it need  
25 that much attention. Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 MS. KEUFENKOTHEN: I'm sorry, but I would also  
3 say that when these big explosions happen, it wasn't that  
4 much money. I don't know if you guys would put this in  
5 perspective of lives or money, because I know how much money  
6 you guys make, how much capacity. You guys are going to  
7 make a killing on this.

8 You already have Transco Zone 6, New York and  
9 non-New York, under your foot, so this is going to just  
10 boost your -- I guess, income, even more, so you could spend  
11 the money it takes to put this outside of the neighborhood.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. SWEARINGEN: The next person we have to  
14 speak, is Beth Tweddle, and then following, is Amy Millman.

15 MS. TWEDDLE: Thanks. It's T-W-E-D-D-L-E.

16 Next week marks seven years since my husband and  
17 I brought our family here from California. I'm well versed  
18 in the negative consequences that the industrialization of  
19 neighborhoods.

20 I want to echo Delegate Hugo's words in thanking  
21 everyone who's made this meeting possible, specifically  
22 Congressman Wolf and his staff, State Senator Cuccinelli,  
23 Supervisor Frye, the much-beleaguered members of FERC, and  
24 some incredible volunteer neighbors that live here,  
25 residents and Board members, alike, that have given us this

1 opportunity to make sure that we're heard, so I appreciate  
2 that.

3 I thought, not just tonight, but some other times  
4 over the last eight months that I've never, ever wanted to  
5 learn about gas pipeline pigging technology.

6 I never would have known it would have been such  
7 a burning topic of suburban conversation, but I also never  
8 wanted to learn how inconsequential people's lives and  
9 dreams and everything they have worked for, can become, in  
10 the face of profits and economics. And that's why we're  
11 here.

12 It's been said, and I'll say it, and so will the  
13 next two or three hundred folks after me: There are safer,  
14 less impactful sites and technologies available for this  
15 testing equipment.

16 No matter where it's put or what equipment is  
17 used, it's going to cost a lot of money, but that one-time  
18 recoverable cost by Williams, pales in comparison to the  
19 decades of safety issues and property value diminishment  
20 that every single one of us will incur, if the proposed site  
21 is approved. That's something I'd really like to avoid.

22 Over the next 50 years -- and I thought this was  
23 interesting -- if the equipment is used, as proposed, it  
24 will be used seven times. At the proposed site, that's five  
25 decades of, every single day, we get to contend with it,

1 while the folks who put it in, they might think of it, maybe  
2 a dozen times, seven to 12.

3 But there are positive alternatives available,  
4 and not only does it not make sense, it just isn't right.

5 So, I can't help but invoke the glaring  
6 similarities -- and my parents will be proud -- in invoking  
7 David and Goliath. I know profits and economics weren't  
8 part of that original story, but the players are still the  
9 same as they are here.

10 So, I'm asking that our neighborhood not become  
11 cost-effective at the expense of all of us. Instead, have  
12 Goliath move down the road, incur and recover the one-time  
13 cost and leave the safety and dreams and everything that the  
14 Davids have worked for, intact. I'm asking you not to make  
15 my neighborhood, California. Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. SWEARINGEN: Next we have Amy Millman, and  
18 then following -- let me check and see. Is Mike Frye here?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. SWEARINGEN: We skipped him earlier.

21 (No response.)

22 MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, I guess we'll continue and  
23 skip Mr. Frye. So, Amy Millman, and then following her,  
24 John O'Shaughnessy.

25 MS. MILLMAN: Will you allow me to read a comment

1 within the five minutes, for someone who cannot be here?

2 MR. SWEARINGEN: Take the time that you need. If  
3 you're really running too long, I'll ask you to move faster.

4 MS. MILLMAN: Okay. Can you hear me? I'm just  
5 going to read --

6 COURT REPORTER: Excuse me --

7 MR. SWEARINGEN: Your name, for the record.

8 MS. MILLMAN: Amy Millman, A-M-Y; M-I-L-L-M-A-N.

9 I live about eight lots west of the Dominion and  
10 Transco crossover point, so it is with great concern that I  
11 approach this above-ground project and its impact.

12 However, the burden has been placed on us to try  
13 to discover the details. Williams, Transco would have you  
14 believe that the community's concerns are simply another  
15 not-in-my-backyard protest.

16 Let me be clear: Fear is a great motivator for  
17 taking the time to research and voice objection.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. MILLMAN: Two and a half years ago, you could  
20 walk the crossover trail in our neighborhood, and there was  
21 no above-ground gas pipeline equipment. The trails in our  
22 neighborhood are well used and enjoyed by families and  
23 children, children and families not only in our own  
24 community, but in bordering neighborhoods.

25 Suspect, indeed, then, is the piling on of the

1 equipment at the crossover point, suggesting a predetermined  
2 result, that late November 2006, finally brought to light,  
3 clever gas company and naive-ness on our part, perhaps.

4 We have been blindsided by a dominant power  
5 company intent on profit goals and expedience above all  
6 else.

7 As reasonable people, I ask you, would you want  
8 this project in your neighborhood, under high-voltage power  
9 lines, yet? Williams-Transco chooses to ignore other  
10 existing dual-pigging technology that would accommodate  
11 underground inspection, and placing such industrial  
12 equipment in an alternative location, as recommended by a  
13 pipeline engineer, because of safety security issues.

14 It is their changing, Transco's changing of the  
15 status quo, that places undue risk onto residents.

16 Williams-Transco's approach is not just, and I  
17 urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reject  
18 Williams's proposal, and, preferably, require underground  
19 pigging technology be used, or move the above-ground pigging  
20 equipment to a less-densely populated site.

21 Furthermore, the increase in the pipeline B size  
22 from 30 inches to 42 inches for four miles, affecting  
23 several neighborhoods in the Centerville area, has been  
24 underemphasized. This, by itself, is cause for unease and  
25 deserves greater scrutiny to do such a sizeable increase

1 through densely populated areas.

2 In the event an emergency occurred at the project  
3 site, are County emergency personnel prepared, if an  
4 evacuation were necessary? Weatherburn Drive is the only  
5 road that accesses the site, posing additional safety issues  
6 as residents leaving and emergency vehicles arriving, would  
7 create gridlock.

8 I would like to thank Congressman Frank Wolf and  
9 his staff, and our friend, Delegate Timothy Hugo, for their  
10 support in arranging this meeting and giving us this  
11 opportunity to express our comments and concerns.

12 (Applause.)

13 MS. MILLMAN: I would like to read now, the  
14 statement of Philip Shapiro, another resident in the  
15 neighborhood. It's P-H-I-L-I-P; Shapiro, S-H-A-P-I-R-O. He  
16 resides at 15105 Weatherburn Drive, and is, in fact, an  
17 impacted homeowner.

18 "I urge the FERC to reject Transco's proposal, to  
19 the extent that it contemplates installing those above-  
20 ground facilities in a heavily populated residential area.  
21 I urge the FERC to be to the letter and spirit of the  
22 National Environmental Policy Act, by avoiding or minimizing  
23 siting impacts by taking into account, landowner concerns,  
24 and by selecting unobtrusive sites for any above-ground  
25 facilities.

1           This is a major federal action, significantly  
2 affecting the quality of the human environment, and the FERC  
3 must take a hard look at the proposed action and carefully  
4 consider the alternatives.

5           As indicated in the joint comments and the  
6 supplemental joint comments, the most secure, economic, and  
7 safe option, is for Transco to pursue dual-diameter pigging  
8 for Pipeline B.

9           It is irresponsible to forego this option,  
10 particularly given the year-long intervals between  
11 inspections.

12           If the more secure option of dual-diameter  
13 pigging is not pursued, then Transco should modify its  
14 proposal to either convert Pipeline B to 42 inches, from  
15 Manassas to Virginia Run, now, and thereby obviate the need  
16 for a pig receiver and a pig launcher at Virginia Run.

17           Otherwise, Transco, should modify its lower-  
18 pressure Pipelines A and B, so that gas currently placed in  
19 Pipeline B, is added to Pipeline A at Manassas, rather than  
20 at Virginia Run, or it should install a Y-pipe where  
21 Pipeline B gas will flow into Pipeline A, which enables a  
22 30-inch pig, launched on either Pipeline A or B, to continue  
23 on Pipeline A, downstream of Virginia Run.

24           These accommodations are just and reasonable,  
25 particularly in view of the hazards identified by gas

1 pipeline expansion engineer, Jeff Holloway, associated with  
2 the placement of exposed facilities at Location C, including  
3 the need to evacuate numerous private residences during  
4 blowdowns, for protection, not only from the gas, but also  
5 the noise created by such pipeline maintenance.

6 Dominion's blowdown last year was piercing and  
7 frightening to children.

8 Mr. Holloway recommended Location B, a point  
9 close enough to U.S. Route 29 to maximize the security of  
10 Transco's facilities. Mr. Holloway also noted that such a  
11 location with easy access to a major highway, would provide  
12 better access for emergency vehicles, and reduce the need to  
13 evacuate residents in emergency situations.

14 Please adopt the recommendations. Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Ms. Millman. Next,  
17 we have John O'Shaughnessy, and then following, it looks  
18 like the last name is Boss.

19 MR. O'SHAUGHNESSY: O--capital-S-H-A-U-G-H-N-E-  
20 S-S-Y.

21 There are two points that I want to make: I live  
22 up against the back side of the pipeline. I have lived  
23 through sections of pipe being emplaced right in my  
24 backyard, with personal property damaged by Transco.

25 I have been in this community for about 16 years.

1 I have served on the Asset Committee and also served on the  
2 Board of Trustees. I was here on the Board when Transco  
3 came to propose to build the switch-over lines that are out  
4 there right now.

5 We, as good neighbors, tried to work with them.  
6 In hindsight, thinking about it back and then and thinking  
7 about what we know now, they knew what they were doing when  
8 they did that.

9 You can't tell me that you didn't. You knew this  
10 was coming, you've tried to hide it from us, and I think  
11 you've been dishonest.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. O'SHAUGHNESSY: The second point I want to  
14 make, is very simple. You're putting in an above-ground  
15 facility.

16 We've talked about some of the dangers; we've  
17 talked about the safety issues. You're going to put this  
18 facility in the middle of a residential neighborhood, a  
19 commercial, industrial facility, in the middle of a  
20 residential neighborhood. What's the matter with you?

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. O'SHAUGHNESSY: Do you think it's a viable  
23 solution to do that? You've got better heads on your  
24 shoulders than that, and I think maybe money is getting in  
25 the way.

1 I'd like you to consider my thoughts here  
2 tonight, and think about putting that facility in the middle  
3 of a residential neighborhood. And if you approve it, I'd  
4 have to ask you, what's the matter with you?

5 (Laughter and applause.)

6 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. O'Shaughnessy.  
7 Next, we have -- the last name is B-O-S-O, it looks like.

8 MR. BOSS: Actually, it's Terry Boss.

9 MR. SWEARINGEN: Boss, okay, Terry Boss, and then  
10 following Mr. Boss, Al Iaconangelo.

11 MR. BOSS: I'm Terry Boss, T-E-R-R-Y; B-O-S-S.  
12 I live on Steelfield place. About ten years ago or 11 years  
13 ago, I was on Woodmere Place, which backs up to the pipeline  
14 right-of-way.

15 My position right now is Senior Vice President of  
16 Environment, Safety, and Operations, for the Interstate  
17 Natural Gas Pipeline Association of America.

18 I've been that for about ten years, and before  
19 that, I worked at the Gas Research Institute, understanding  
20 nondestructive evaluation for pipelines, and I worked for 20  
21 years for a large pipeline, natural gas pipeline out of  
22 Chicago.

23 I've watched a few things going on on this event,  
24 watching and looked through the docket, followed all the  
25 information on this docket, and tried to figure out what all

1 was going on.

2                   These pipelines were built quite a few years ago,  
3 before the subdivision was built. The pipeline coming  
4 across Dominion, was built later.

5                   Unfortunately, a lot of people like natural gas,  
6 because of its environmental benefits and what it can do for  
7 electric generation. And that's why this growth is going  
8 on, and a lot of gas is coming from the terminal up over in  
9 Maryland.

10                   That's why they're expanding the pipeline; the  
11 gas tends to go this way, and then it heads the other  
12 direction. That's why they're not expanding this way.

13                   They need to put in some kind of pigging  
14 facilities in there. Like I said, I've worked on the safety  
15 aspects of this, the research aspects.

16                   Mr. Cookson did some very good work on that.  
17 Unfortunately, there's a lot of technology that's not out  
18 there right now, and the best technology out there, is the  
19 technology that they're planning on using on this.

20                   They have been using that on the 30-inch line,  
21 but, unfortunately, it doesn't go from 30- to 42-inch. That  
22 is the safety purpose of putting in these launchers and  
23 receivers.

24                   The risk of inserting the launcher and the  
25 receiver in the blowdown on it -- yes, it is high-pressure

1 gas, and it makes noise, but it's the gas that is inside the  
2 barrel that's been shut off.

3 But that is probably a small price to pay for the  
4 safety of that kind of equipment and the work that they do  
5 on it.

6 There are some different alternatives out there,  
7 that Mr. Cookson mentioned, about temporary facilities in  
8 there. Yes, you can put temporary facilities in there, but  
9 they need time that you're moving those facilities in and  
10 taking them out on the live facility, and there is an  
11 increased risk for doing something like that.

12 I'm sure that's probably the engineering choice  
13 that they did when they put this equipment in there.

14 Some of the other discussions talked about here,  
15 moving it down on the road, yes, but then you'd probably  
16 have to put the 42-inch line all the way down the road, and  
17 have to disrupt all the neighborhoods going in through  
18 there.

19 So they're trying to make a balance on this sort  
20 of thing, and there's lots of different options to do this  
21 thing, but they think they've got the best balance on that.

22 If anybody has any questions about safety or the  
23 technology or anything like that, I'm available. Like I  
24 said, I live on Steelfield Place, and I'll give you all the  
25 information you need to know on the technology and what is

1 going on.

2 But they're trying their best to make a very safe  
3 pipeline system out here, for a very good fuel that  
4 everybody wants for electric generation and in their houses.  
5 Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. Boss. Next on  
8 the list, Al, Iaconangelo, and following him, Mr. Brubaker.

9 MR. IACONANGELO: Hi, I'm Al Iaconangelo. That's  
10 I-A-C-O-N, and the rest is Angelo, A-N-G-E-L-O.

11 Hi, i'm Al Iaconangelo. I've been a homeowner  
12 here in Virginia Run for 16 years. I live at 15106  
13 Weatherburn Drive, and that's directly across the street  
14 from the Boyds and the Shapiros and the Flanagans and others  
15 that back up directly to this proposed facility.

16 I'd like to keep my comments to just, probably, a  
17 few new points, and then I'll pass this on to the next  
18 speaker.

19 I live across the street, but it's still pretty  
20 close, and I just want to say that it's obvious that  
21 Williams tried to get approval for this project in a  
22 stealthy manner, by originally stating that the facilities  
23 would be located underground.

24 But what they haven't said, is -- at least I  
25 haven't seen anything -- what impact would there be on

1 residents during, say, construction, operation, and  
2 maintenance, if there was an accident, if some fire ignited,  
3 the power lines or something like that.

4 What is your plan for evacuation? You know, what  
5 do we do? That has not been communicated to any residents,  
6 as far as I know.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. IACONANGELO: Secondly, I was at the meeting  
9 November 28th, and learned of thee intent that during the  
10 construction of these facilities, they were going to post an  
11 armed guard at the facility 24 hours a day, seven days a  
12 week.

13 To me, an accidental shooting would be a horrible  
14 tragedy, and that, in itself, is an unacceptable risk.

15 Thirdly, I urge the FERC or any governmental  
16 body, not to bow to any pressure to lead to short-term delay  
17 in profits. This is not just about making a buck, it's  
18 making a fast buck.

19 I think they'd be more willing to look at  
20 alternative technologies, if they knew they could -- that  
21 they wouldn't miss selling gas during this next heating  
22 season.

23 And so, lastly, I just want to say that I oppose  
24 them placing these facilities in the middle of our  
25 neighborhood, and I urge you to look at other technologies

1 or other locations.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. SWEARINGEN: Next we have Rick Brubaker, and  
4 following him, William Hassan.

5 MR. BRUBAKER: My name is Rick Brubaker.

6 MR. SWEARINGEN: Could you spell that?

7 MR. BRUBAKER: B-R-U-B-A-K-E-R. I have just a  
8 couple of very brief comments. My wife and two daughters  
9 live on the upper part of Eagle Tavern Lane, so probably one  
10 of the less impacted areas, but I can tell you that I'm not  
11 happy about that, and I don't feel good about this plan.

12 I believe the plan is ill-conceived, fails to  
13 address a variety of obvious safety issues that are clearly  
14 raised by the construction of this kind of facility in the  
15 heart of our neighborhood.

16 The appearance to our community, is that this  
17 plan is oriented towards minimizing the costs to Transco-  
18 Williams, exclusively.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. BRUBAKER: Very little consideration seems to  
21 have been given to alternate locations, to alternate  
22 technologies that could be used for achieving the desired  
23 goal.

24 The facilities described are going to be very  
25 obtrusive and totally inconsistent with the setting in which

1           they are to be built.

2                         We fear for the safety of our community, for the  
3 unnecessary and considerable damage to the aesthetics of our  
4 neighborhood, that are going to result from this, as well as  
5 the inevitable reduction in our property values.

6                         This proposal seems poorly thought out and very  
7 insensitive to the needs of an established neighborhood of  
8 working professionals and families.

9                         We ask that a different plan be implemented,  
10 which takes the above-ground facilities completely out of  
11 our neighborhood. Thank you.

12                         (Applause.)

13                         MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. Brubaker. Next,  
14 we have William Hassan, and, following him, we have John  
15 Enescu.

16                         MR. HASSAN: William, W-I-L-L-I-A-M; Hassan, H-A-  
17 S-S-A-N. That's the Irish Hassan.

18                         It's nice to see all of you come out. I want to  
19 start by thanking Phil Shapiro, Phil Cookson, and all of the  
20 other people --

21                         (Applause.)

22                         MR. HASSAN: -- who have worked so hard to --

23                         (Applause.)

24                         MR. HASSAN: Those folks have demonstrated  
25 themselves to be good neighbors, unlike Transco.

1           Let me say a couple of things that really trouble  
2 me. This is not a meeting of people who oppose the idea of  
3 modernizing natural gas transmission in this area. This not  
4 a group of people who are opposing technology.

5           What we're saying is, they have not thought it  
6 through and they have used the wrong criterion for selecting  
7 what they're going to do.

8           (Applause.)

9           MR. HASSAN: There is -- we have heard tonight,  
10 people suggest that we have to do it this way, because of  
11 this or that or the other thing.

12           An awful lot of false logic has been perpetrated  
13 on us tonight. Let me give you a couple of examples, and I  
14 urge FERC to pay attention to real logic, not false logic.

15           They told us that if they move the site, to  
16 Facility B, or to Site B, that that would disrupt all these  
17 other homeowners. What they forget in that, is that there  
18 is a short-term disruption during construction; there is a  
19 permanent disruption where the site is located.

20           (Applause.)

21           MR. HASSAN: The second piece of false logic in  
22 this, is that the Dominion facility is located there and if  
23 they collocate it together, that will minimize the impact on  
24 the community.

25           That's baloney, and the reason it's false logic

1 and baloney, is because this site dwarfs that one by a huge  
2 amount. Go look at the diagrams.

3 It's 175 feet by 75 feet, and, bear this in mind,  
4 there are three pipelines down there. They are enlarging  
5 one. Whether they're going to start enlarging the other  
6 one, we're talking about collocating another pigging  
7 facility in the same place, because those two are already  
8 there. It's false logic.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. HASSAN: Now, here's the situation: I first  
11 learned about this because my good neighbor and friend, Phil  
12 Cookson, came to my house and said, we've got a problem.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. HASSAN: And I met Phil Shapiro here at that  
15 meeting, and we learned that they were presenting this to us  
16 as a faits accompli, that they snuck it through the notice,  
17 so that we didn't know what was going on, and only because  
18 of Phil Cookson and Phil Shapiro and others like them, did  
19 we learn.

20 And when we came here to that meeting, you all  
21 will remember, at the end of November, in that meeting, we  
22 pointed to the aerial photo, and said, why not here? And we  
23 were pointing, without having any background, at Site B,  
24 which is up toward the Church, but away from all the homes,  
25 as the gentleman has earlier pointed out.

1                   And they said, oh, no, we can't do that; we've  
2 already looked at that and it won't work. And why?

3                   Well, because they would have to build the 42-  
4 inch pipeline for another few hundred meters, a quarter of a  
5 mile further on down, to be able to reach that site.

6                   And why couldn't they do that? The answer we got  
7 from Transco officials that were here that night, was money.

8                   (Applause.)

9                   MR. HASSAN: Our community, our lives, our  
10 children, our investments, and our style of living here, is  
11 worth more than money, and we ask you to protect us. You're  
12 our government; you're supposed to do that.

13                   I thank Tim and I thank Frank Wolf --

14                   (Applause.)

15                   MR. HASSAN: -- and the other folks who have  
16 been on our side. But you've got to get out in front of it,  
17 not behind it, and that's where you are right now,  
18 unfortunately.

19                   And we're all behind it, because they didn't tell  
20 us the truth.

21                   VOICES: Yes.

22                   (Applause.)

23                   MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. Hassan. Next we  
24 have John Enescu, and following him, Steven Lackey.

25                   MR. ENESCU: John Enescu, E-N-E-S-C-U. Hi. I'm

1 not a big speaker, so please forgive. My wife and I moved  
2 here in 2005, in April, from Fairfax.

3 And we lived in Fairfax since 1993, and I know  
4 the neighborhood very, very well, and I was always looking  
5 to move here, and I was so happy when I bought this house.  
6 I said, wow, this is a house for my kids.

7 And I said to myself that I'm going to do  
8 everything within my power to retire here. And I guess I  
9 did that. I know I'm an workaholic and I did disturb a lot  
10 of my neighbors, by trying to clean my house, get it -- and  
11 we like flowers.

12 We like flowers a lot. When we moved here, we  
13 said, we're going to fight here, we know we're going to  
14 fight here, but I never thought I'm going to fight this,  
15 never in my life.

16 And especially metal things that are going to  
17 come and grow around my neighborhood. I live exactly next  
18 to field, probably 50 feet away from where this facility,  
19 and my only concern I have is my safety and my family's  
20 safety, along with the other people's safety that are here.

21 I must continue to just move it away from this  
22 facility. I must go away and look all the economics behind  
23 this. We know that there's money and just find another  
24 location for this.

25 I cannot believe that the government, for this

1 great country, cannot protect its own people. Okay, thank  
2 you.

3 (Applause.)

4 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you. Next we have Steven  
5 Lackey, and following him, Thomas Yehl.

6 MR. LACKEY: Thank you. That's Steven, S-T-E-V-  
7 E-N; last name, Lackey, L-A-C-K-E-Y.

8 First, I want to say that I live directly behind  
9 where this is going to be happening. Every morning when I  
10 wake up and I sit down at my table, I look out at the  
11 existing pig launcher. Thank you very much, Dominion.

12 A couple things: There's been a lack of  
13 information from Transco. I remember that last year, we got  
14 one letter saying that they wished to replace the 30-inch  
15 line with the 42. I don't have a problem with that.

16 To me, "replace," means that you take out, you  
17 replace, you put back the way it is. Nothing was mentioned  
18 about pig launchers or anything else.

19 My concerns are a lot due to safety. I see  
20 people out there on ATVs, motorcycles, four-wheel-drive  
21 vehicles. I saw a four-wheel-drive Jeep yesterday riding  
22 down the bike path, spinning his wheels, and it went over to  
23 where the pig launcher was.

24 That was yesterday afternoon. Now, the gentleman  
25 driving this four-wheel drive, was dressed in a business

1 suit.

2 (Laughter.)

3 MR. LACKEY: It wasn't a teenager. So, these are  
4 supposedly responsible adults driving around here, spinning  
5 their wheels on our property.

6 Now, an issue I brought up when we met with  
7 Transco, back there in November and December, was that I  
8 asked them what about the safety of a vehicle or a kid  
9 driving an ATV or something like that? A six-foot chain-  
10 link fence is not going to stop a kid from crashing into  
11 that pipeline, and what's going to happen then?

12 Nobody answered my question. They went on to the  
13 next question. They totally ignored it.

14 So, how does this fuel safety? Yes, I'm worried  
15 about safety as my priority. When they blew off the  
16 pipeline and everything last year, there was four or five  
17 days of solid noise, with generators hissing. My kids were  
18 complaining, getting up in the middle of the night, coming  
19 to us, saying, mommy, daddy, I can't sleep because of the  
20 noise.

21 This is going to happen to me every seven years  
22 that I live in my house. That's just with one pig launcher.

23 How often is this going to keep happening? These  
24 are some of the problems I have.

25 Transco, I feel, has not done any representation.

1 We asked them at the last meeting, where they publicized?  
2 They said the Manassas Gazette, I believe. Does anybody  
3 here get the Manassas Gazette?

4 VOICES: No.

5 MR. LACKEY: We get this Center View or the  
6 Centerville Times, and Manassas is six miles up the road.  
7 So much for notification.

8 And I don't feel that a little letter saying,  
9 we're replacing the pipeline, with no pig launcher  
10 notification or anything else, was very --and that's pretty  
11 much what I have to say. Thank you very much.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you. Next we have Thomas  
14 Yehl, and then following him, Charles Brown.

15 MR. YEHL: My name is Thomas Yehl; T-H-O-M-A-S;  
16 Y-E-H-L.

17 I've prepared some remarks for tonight. Some of  
18 this is repetitious, but I think it's worth saying.

19 I've been a resident here since 1988. I'm also  
20 the Treasurer for the Board of Trustees. First of all, I'd  
21 like to thank the FERC for holding this public meeting. I'd  
22 also like to thank Congressman Wolf's staff for helping to  
23 coordinate and urge the FERC to have this meeting.

24 And I'd also like to thank Delegate Hugo for  
25 being here and for his continuing strong support for the

1 Virginia Run community.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. YEHL: I also should thank the Chief of Staff  
4 Stanley from Congressman Wolf's staff, for also being here.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. YEHL: And the representative from Senator  
7 Cuccinelli's staff, whose name I believe is Joyce. Thank  
8 you for being here.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. YEHL: Now, Williams-Transco has requested  
11 that they be permitted to replace one of their existing 30-  
12 inch lines with a 42-inch line, and I fully support that  
13 effort.

14 But I don't support the installation of above-  
15 ground pig receiver and launching facilities here in our  
16 community. The original 1949 agreement with Transco,  
17 permitted the installation of below-ground facilities.

18 There was no provision in that agreement for  
19 Transco take a significant portion of our land and fence it  
20 off for a receiver and launcher facility.

21 I would ask that the FERC require Williams-  
22 Transco to locate these receiver and launcher facilities in  
23 some other area, away from Virginia Run, as there are  
24 significant safety concerns about these facilities being  
25 placed in the middle of Virginia Run.

1                   There are a number of alternatives that should be  
2 explored. The include: Designing a direct link from the  
3 30-inch line to the 42-inch line, and adjusting the gas  
4 pressure so that multidimensional pigs could be used to  
5 inspect the lines.

6                   (Applause.)

7                   MR. YEHL: And just so you all know, Williams-  
8 Transco says, well, they can't work a multidimensional pig  
9 through the lines, because they are not connected, and  
10 because the two lines operate at two different gas pressure  
11 levels.

12                   Well, there are a lot of smart people in Transco-  
13 Williams, and I'm sure they could work out a way to make a  
14 direct link between the two lines, and to safely operate the  
15 inspection for both lines.

16                   Now, if they were to make a connection for a  
17 multidimensional pig, this would eliminate the need for a  
18 receiver and a launcher facility, two facilities to be  
19 located in Virginia Run.

20                   Now, there are alternatives. They could  
21 establish the pig launcher and receiver facilities, in  
22 Manassas, by extending the 42-inch line, or they could  
23 establish the launcher and receiver facility, just to the  
24 south side of Route 29, which would not be close to any  
25 homes, especially Virginia Run homes.

1                   With the current proposal to locate the receiver  
2                   and launcher facilities in the middle of Virginia Run,  
3                   there's only one way for residents to exit the area, if  
4                   there is some kind of emergency or evacuation procedure that  
5                   needs to be performed, in the event there is some  
6                   inadvertent release of gas. This is a significant safety  
7                   concern.

8                   The best remedy for all of our concerns, is for  
9                   Williams-Transco to devise ways to eliminate the  
10                  launcher/receiver facilities from Virginia Run. Thank you.

11                  (Applause.)

12                  MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you. Next on the list, is  
13                  Charles Brown, and following Mr. Brown, Oliver Henderson.

14                  MR. BROWN: Hello, I'm Charles Brown. My  
15                  neighbor is sitting here. I have the same concerns that he  
16                  has.

17                  I worked with the U.S. Geological Survey for 21  
18                  years, and I reviewed over 500 NEPA documents like the one  
19                  that FERC has here.

20                  This is the thinnest one I've ever seen, of my  
21                  500 documents.

22                  (Applause.)

23                  MR. BROWN: (Inaudible over applause.)

24                  What you are seeing, the paper says here, we sent  
25                  Environmental Assessment to federal, state, and local

1 government agencies, elected officials, Native American  
2 tribes, Intervenors in FERC's proceeding, and affected  
3 landowners and individuals.

4 How many people here got an environmental  
5 assessment?

6 (Show of hands.)

7 MR. BROWN: That's Charles Brown, B-R-O-W-N, and  
8 I would like it on the record, that there were two, three,  
9 four -- there were four people who received documents.

10 I have put my name down to receive one to review.  
11 What are my options for the comments? I don't get the  
12 Manassas Gazette and I didn't receive the notice of the  
13 affected landowners and individuals, not able to address the  
14 issues in that little thin document there.

15 I have written term papers for graduate classes,  
16 which I was doing an exercise for, and it was thicker than  
17 that. I'm trying to figure out, what could you have in  
18 there, that's obviously involved with a multi-million dollar  
19 contract of Transco.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. BROWN: One more thing: Have you considered  
22 the fact that this area is one of those areas that can have  
23 tornadoes? I also wonder whether your document shows how  
24 many homes will be blown off the ground, and how many people  
25 will be killed per certain areas surrounding this new

1 project.

2 Also I would ask if FEMA knows of your safety  
3 issues, as it involves terrorism. And you mentioned safety,  
4 but I think for those projects like that, I think FEMA has  
5 some say-so in those sites that may represent very hazardous  
6 conditions.

7 I would probably say that FERC knows of FEMA's  
8 problems with New Orleans, and I would tend not to want them  
9 to get in that same position. It seems to me, therefore,  
10 with this project, you are putting yourself in the same  
11 position as FEMA has been in New Orleans.

12 And that document there, I am hoping it's worth  
13 more than the paper it's written on, but it's pretty thin,  
14 so we could probably buy that paper for about a buck-twenty-  
15 five.

16 Hopefully, the technology in that paper, is well  
17 documented and state of the art. There are few places in  
18 the United States that they are placing above-ground  
19 facilities. I know that in Alaska, where you have freezing  
20 conditions that you're dealing with, I'm not sure, in this  
21 area, we have a problem with the soils and the rocks, such  
22 that they need to be above ground. Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. Brown. Next on  
25 the list is Oliver Henderson, the following, we have Kyle

1 Osterhout.

2 MR. HENDERSON: Hello, my name is Oliver  
3 Henderson. That O-L-I-V-E-R; H-E-N-D-E-R-S-O-N.

4 I live near the proposed pig launching facility.  
5 I am against placement of the pig launching facility at  
6 Location A.

7 My friends and I, neighborhood friends, use  
8 Location C as a football or soccer field, pretty regularly.  
9 This field is the only location close to our homes.

10 We have as few as six and as many as 20 children  
11 playing soccer in this football area, every Friday, weather  
12 permitting.

13 Ask yourself whether you would be willing to go  
14 over that fence to get the ball that somehow was thrown over  
15 or kicked over the fence, with an armed guard or barbed wire  
16 at the top?

17 Thank you for listening.

18 (Applause.)

19 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. Henderson. Next,  
20 we have Kyle Osterhout, and then followed by Ray Gustave.

21 MR. OSTERHOUT: Hello. My name is Kyle  
22 Osterhout, K-Y-L-E; last name, O-S-T-E-R-H-O-U-T.

23 I'm Robb Osterhout's son; I'm Andrew Boyd's  
24 brother-in-law.

25 (Laughter.)

1                   MR. OSTERHOUT: We're part of the Family Von  
2 Trapp here in Virginia Run.

3                   (Laughter.)

4                   MR. OSTERHOUT: I'm a resident. I live on White  
5 Chapel Court. Unfortunately, what the FERC would have you  
6 believe here tonight, is that they are a neutral observer  
7 tasked with collecting data and ruling on the -- and making  
8 a decision.

9                   I would remind FERC of their mission statement,  
10 as it appears on their website: "The Federal Energy  
11 Regulatory Commission regulates and oversees energy  
12 industries and the economic, environmental, and safety  
13 interests of the American public." They are not here to  
14 rubber-stamp Transco-Williams's plans.

15                   (Applause.)

16                   MR. OSTERHOUT: They have the first  
17 responsibility to ensure that Transco-Williams is  
18 forthcoming, consistent, and transparent throughout this  
19 approval process. Virginia Run and the FERC has been misled  
20 by Transco-Williams throughout this process.

21                   (Applause.)

22                   MR. OSTERHOUT: First, the barbed wire: We were  
23 originally told around December, that barbed wire was  
24 required on the top of the fence, by the Homeland Security  
25 Agency.

1                   On January 11th, Virginia Run received a letter  
2                   from Williams, stating -- and I'm going to read it, because  
3                   I'm going to do this on every occasion, because I think  
4                   their words are more powerful:

5                   "Enclose all above-ground facilities with an  
6                   eight-foot vinyl-coated chain-link fence, without the barbed  
7                   wire that was associated with the seven-foot fencing."

8                   This was on January 11th, okay. The  
9                   Environmental Assessment, which came out on January 16th,  
10                  which they are using to make the decision as to whether or  
11                  not to approve this, Transco's proposed to screen the 75-  
12                  foot by 170-foot above-ground equipment with an eight-foot-  
13                  tall chain-link fence. The fence would have mesh netting to  
14                  obstruct the view and barbed wire atop.

15                  So, I would implore that, you know, that the FERC  
16                  take the extra steps, as opposed to just accepting the  
17                  documents on face value. This Williams letter was submitted  
18                  to the FERC on the 11th of January, so they're not even  
19                  doing due diligence to research the actual documents that  
20                  have been filed by Transco-Williams with them.

21                  And the list of these instances go on and on.

22                  Second, Transco-Williams's reasoning for why Site  
23                  B, which is described as the State Highway 29 alternative,  
24                  would be unacceptable -- the Environmental Assessment Report  
25                  states the following: "According to Transco, this

1 alternative would cause operational inefficiency, due to the  
2 site not being easily visible from the existing roadways,  
3 and would require a new access road."

4 Well, we saw the pictures that Andrew Boyd  
5 presented. It is very visible from the road, and not to  
6 mention the site that they are proposing to build the  
7 current -- behind Andrew's house, is not at all visible from  
8 Weatherburn Drive.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. OSTERHOUT: Furthermore, on December 21st,  
11 Williams wrote a letter, once again to the FERC, and it  
12 stated this: Land and safety issues with the upstream  
13 toward the Highway 29 site; the site has site has two access  
14 roads for operation, maintenance, and emergency equipment.

15 When we go back to the Environmental Assessment,  
16 it says: In addition, the area will also -- I'm sorry, it  
17 says: Would not be visible from existing roadways and would  
18 require new access roads. So which is it?

19 Once again, are there two access roads or are  
20 there no access roads?

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. OSTERHOUT: Third, Transco-Williams,  
23 Washington Gas, and multiple-owner service partners have  
24 filed statements urging that the approval process be  
25 expedited in order to meet an inservice date of November 1,

1 2007.

2 Williams -- Washington Gas has sent letters to  
3 Congressman Wolf's office. All of these agencies have filed  
4 with the FERC, that this November 1, 2007 is the inservice  
5 date.

6 On December 15, Williams issued an internal press  
7 release picked up by the gas industry, who states the  
8 following: The Company anticipates approximately 67,000  
9 decatherms of natural gas per day will be placed into  
10 service in November of 2008, with the remainder going into  
11 service, November 2009.

12 So, which is it? Again, I must ask the FERC and  
13 Transco-Williams, is it -- are we rushing to meet a  
14 deadline, so we're inservice on November 1st, 2007, or is it  
15 actually what's reflected in the press release, which you  
16 have to dig through and find, and is read by industry  
17 experts, that we really aren't going to be having service  
18 until November of 2008?

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. OSTERHOUT: My final comment is this: If the  
21 FERC is, indeed, not a rubber stamp for Transco-Williams,  
22 why is Transco-Williams using the following as an excuse for  
23 why this cannot -- this current site can no longer be moved?  
24 And this is from February 7th, 2007: Moreover, Transco has  
25 already ordered significant supplies, materials, and

1 equipment necessary for the construction of the project.  
2 Transco has already scheduled contractors to construct the  
3 pipeline expansion.

4 You guys have got to do a whole lot better than  
5 this. You guys have got to do the job that we as the  
6 American public, have sent you up there to do, and we need  
7 this moved.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. Osterhout. Mr.  
10 Osterhout makes a good point that I'd like to address.

11 Sometimes we get information after a document has  
12 gone to the printer. In this case, I think he mentioned  
13 that the FERC received information in the second week of  
14 January, and, of course, the EA came out the following week.  
15 It's because of situations like that where we -- where the  
16 document has already gone to print, that we have the comment  
17 period and that we have, you know, an additional time period  
18 to get the new information.

19 Like I said earlier, that information is then  
20 conveyed -- we take that into consideration and then that's  
21 given to our Commission and the updated information is  
22 conveyed in the Commission's Order. So thank you for  
23 pointing that out.

24 The next person we have is Ray Gustave, and then  
25 following him, Michelle Brooke.

1                   MR. GUSTAVE: Good evening, everyone. Thank you  
2 for coming here today.

3                   COURT REPORTER: Spell your name, please.

4                   MR. GUSTAVE: Oh, the last name is Gustave; G-U-  
5 S-T-A-V-E.

6                   Most of the comments I was going to make, have  
7 already been made, so I'm not going to waste your time going  
8 over them again.

9                   There are a few things, though, that I would like  
10 to briefly go over. One was the concern about the venting  
11 from the receivers and the launchers.

12                   Every time a pig is launched or received, there's  
13 going to be venting from the receiver, in order to reduce  
14 the pressure.

15                   But another point that I want to make, is that  
16 people talked about these pigs being launched every seven  
17 years. I suspect that is a minimum requirement and that the  
18 pigging is done much more often than that.

19                   Also, people have been talking about the pigs to  
20 determine the structural integrity of the pipeline. There  
21 are also cleaning pigs that are run through the pipeline in  
22 order to clean out any debris, water, you know, corrosion,  
23 things that might get into the pipeline.

24                   Those are going to be launched, too, so you're  
25 going to have venting from those, also.

1           A point was made about the additional pipelines  
2           that are there, and the potential for additional pigging  
3           facilities will be there.

4           One concern that I would have, is if that does  
5           happen, is, what's next? A pumping station?

6           If you've got to maintain pressure in that  
7           pipeline, you're probably going to need to put in a pumping  
8           station there.

9           Another thing: A point was made about  
10          Weatherburn being the access and evacuation. Well, we all  
11          know that Weatherburn Drive is a dead-end road. What  
12          happens if there is an event or an incident that impedes the  
13          ingress and egress on Weatherburn Drive?

14          What's the evacuation plan? I suspect, there is  
15          none.

16          (Applause.)

17          MR. GUSTAVE: And the last point that I want to  
18          make, is, a gentleman from FERC mentioned early on, that  
19          when they had the scoping meeting, I believe he called it,  
20          the initial meeting --

21          MR. SWEARINGEN: There was not an original  
22          scoping meeting. I'm not sure what meeting you're referring  
23          to.

24          MR. GUSTAVE: Well, the first meeting where you  
25          said there was little response.

1                   MR. SWEARINGEN: Oh, no, I just said that through  
2 the scoping period that we opened up, there was little  
3 response to that.

4                   MR. GUSTAVE: Oh, okay, the scoping period. I  
5 submit that the reason why there was no response to that  
6 scoping period, is because Transco advertised their plans in  
7 a Manassas newspaper. Nobody knew about it.

8                   (Applause.)

9                   MR. GUSTAVE: So, it just seems logical that  
10 that's why there was no comment or very little interest  
11 expressed.

12                   The rest of my comments were adequately presented  
13 earlier, so I'm going to conclude now. Thank you.

14                   (Applause.)

15                   MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you. Next, we have  
16 Michelle Brooke, and then, following, Melinda Welch.

17                   MS. BROOKE: Hi, my name is Michelle Brooke; M-I-  
18 C-H-E-L-L-E; B-R-O-O-K-E.

19                   I live on Patrick Court in the neighborhood, so  
20 my property is not directly affected, but I feel very  
21 strongly that facilities such as this do not belong in  
22 anybody's neighborhood.

23                   There are alternative sites, there's new  
24 technology that should be utilized; it does not belong in a  
25 neighborhood.

1           I just find it amazing that this country we live  
2           in, whose government does things like puts fluoride in the  
3           water to help our children's teeth, that makes us vaccinate  
4           our children against infection, that makes us wear our seat  
5           belts, would allow such a facility to be in the middle of a  
6           neighborhood.

7                           (Applause.)

8           MS. BROOKE: It could be a terrorist target,  
9           although may be minimal. It could explode, if a worker  
10          miscalculates a dig they're doing, and every time they use  
11          it, people will have to be evacuated from their homes. I  
12          don't think that's right.

13                        I hope that just because Transco might consider  
14          this to be their 11th hour, that they need to get moving on  
15          their project, that you don't just push it through.

16                        I hope that the FERC will help us to continue our  
17          objective to live in a safe and peaceful environment in  
18          Virginia Run.

19                           (Applause.)

20          MS. BROOKE: I hope that our fight against  
21          Transco will set a precedent to help, so that other  
22          neighborhoods don't have to deal with this.

23                           (Applause.)

24          MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, thank you, Ms. Brooke.  
25          Next, we have Melinda Welch, and then following, will be

1 Stephanie Somers.

2 MS. WELCH: First, I'd like to thank the FERC and

3 --

4 MR. SWEARINGEN: Spell your name, ma'am.

5 MS. WELCH: Melinda Welch, W-E-L-C-H.

6 Okay, I am the previous owner of the Cookson  
7 Home, which backs directly to the easement, and firstly, I  
8 would like to say that if Dominion and Williams had been  
9 honest with us and had made full disclosure, this would have  
10 been timely addressed, six months ago, not at this late  
11 hour.

12 (Applause.)

13 MS. WELCH: Until the end of July, we did not  
14 have any knowledge of this massive expansion project,  
15 because it was not advertised locally. In fact, we received  
16 the letter back in July. It made no mention -- if somebody  
17 would like to see it, I'll have it available -- and backing  
18 up, in the end of April, I stood in my backyard with my  
19 husband, Karen Solas from the Homeowners Association,  
20 several members of our Board, including Tom Martin, Beth  
21 Tweddle, Sharon D'Angeles, a representative from Dominion, a  
22 representative from Williams-Transco, addressing the issue  
23 of our landscape screening for the project that Dominion was  
24 doing, and we had asked if we could put -- if Dominion would  
25 agree to put landscaping on the right side of our yard,

1       which they agreed to do.

2                   During those discussions, we came right out and  
3       asked Williams if we could please move our tree line just a  
4       couple of feet onto the easement, you know, to just give us  
5       a little more space in the back.

6                   They adamantly said no, because they may have to  
7       come in and replace the pipe, down the road. They did not  
8       say that they were definitely were coming in to replace the  
9       pipe, you know, didn't say, we've had a meeting back in  
10      January and that there is information available at the  
11      library, if you need to know, you know, if you'd like to  
12      know more.

13                  Subsequently, we received the letter in July, and  
14      I thought, okay, you know, they're coming in to replace the  
15      pipe, you know, no big deal, 30-inch to 42-inch. It's going  
16      to remain underground, the easement is going to be the same.

17                  So I gave the letter to Phil Cookson and Sylvia -  
18      - . We settled on the house, and had I known all of this,  
19      and made full disclosure, you know, which I should have been  
20      able to do, we would currently be the owner of two homes in  
21      Virginia Run, because we moved over to Eagle Tavern.

22                  Okay, so, they never indicated anything about a  
23      pig launcher, pig receiving facility, at all.

24                  They did disclose that they had to replace the  
25      pipe, but a lie by omission, is still a lie.

1 (Applause.)

2 MS. WELCH: At this point, I know that --  
3 (inaudible over applause.) Once the truth was disclosed to  
4 us by Transco, well after the timely period for intervening,  
5 the truth is, there are alternatives that would work, but  
6 Transco decided to go the cheapest and quickest route.

7 Williams also adamantly denied the existence of  
8 dual-diameter pigs that would span more than a two-inch  
9 differential in pipe diameter. The truth is that technology  
10 does exist and Transco is one of the industry leaders in  
11 developing dual-diameter pigs, with GE.

12 During discussions with Congressman Wolf, the  
13 finally admitted that fact, that they do exist. Again, a  
14 lie of omission is still a lie.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. WELCH: The point is, Williams did not want  
17 to invest the time or money to develop this technology in a  
18 timely manner, to protect the safety of our neighborhood.

19 Okay, the most important aspect here, is safety.  
20 There was an incident in October, on October 3rd of 2005,  
21 which I'm not sure how many of you were aware of, but the  
22 U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous  
23 Materials Safety Administration proposed a fine against  
24 Williams-Transco.

25 During the investigation, the inspectors

1 determined that Williams allegedly failed to properly locate  
2 its underground pipeline for digging or excavation  
3 activities, failed to ensure personnel performing covered  
4 tasks, were appropriately qualified, did not follow written  
5 procedures for conducting operations and maintenance  
6 activities, and neglected to provide proper pipeline  
7 records, including construction maps, to appropriate  
8 personnel.

9 As a result of that, there was a gas pipe that  
10 had a leak and the evacuation of 850 people right here in  
11 our backyard in Chantilly, was necessary.

12 Our teenagers use that very easement to play on.  
13 Unfortunately, some of our older teenagers use it as a  
14 hangout to smoke cigarettes and put off fireworks.

15 It is now time for Williams to admit to their  
16 deceit and right a wrong, and move their above-ground  
17 facilities to a safer location.

18 I fully support our Board to fight this expansion  
19 project to the fullest extent possible. Virginia Run does  
20 not want to become a statistic.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Ms. Welch. Next, we  
23 have Stephanie Somers, followed by Tom Martin.

24 MS. SOMERS: S-O-M-E-R-S.

25 Well, I'm not an engineer and I don't know

1 anything about pig launchers or pig receivers and I don't  
2 even want to think about pig venting, but --

3 (Laughter.)

4 MS. SOMERS: But, you know, what I was thinking  
5 about -- and I hope I'm not being repetitive -- we got here  
6 late -- but there's a lot of talk lately about corporate  
7 citizenship, and you've seen the ads. British Petroleum  
8 does these things about viable and renewable energy sources,  
9 and even Cox Communications sponsors outdoor movies, and it  
10 seems to me that corporations are sponsoring community  
11 events and it's becoming more important and more the norm to  
12 try to get and collaborate and work with the communities  
13 that your company is going to impact.

14 And I feel that, unfortunately, in this case,  
15 Williams-Transco was not quite as up front as a company with  
16 specific information regarding this project and with the  
17 rather large, above-ground facility, and we didn't know  
18 about it in time to do anything.

19 It would be a different story altogether, if  
20 Williams-Transco didn't have any viable alternatives to  
21 their proposed facility, but because it does have  
22 alternatives, I'm asking that they do the right thing.

23 It seems kind of like a no-brainer to me. I  
24 mean, if you think about it, I know "the right thing" can  
25 mean different things to different people, but I think that

1 we'd all agree that in this particular case, the right thing  
2 is, one, to move the facility to a location that doesn't  
3 impact a huge number of people and families.

4 (Applause.)

5 MS. SOMERS: You know, Williams-Transco has that  
6 choice.

7 The second one, I mean, I feel like I should say,  
8 "duh," like we used to when I was little, but move the  
9 facility to a location that has easier access. Again, I'm  
10 repeating what everyone said, but this is a no-brainer, you  
11 know, to do that.

12 And the last thing -- and it's kind of a  
13 combination of the two -- is to move it to a location that  
14 is safer, which does have easier access and doesn't impact  
15 us.

16 Now, based on what I've read of what I'm hearing  
17 tonight, the right thing, according to Williams-Transco, is  
18 to put this facility in the cheapest place.

19 VOICES: Yes.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. SOMERS: And you know, we all know, all of us  
22 know that cheaper isn't always better, and, in this case,  
23 it's not. So, in essence, what Williams-Transco is saying,  
24 is that safety is only important, if it's cost-effective.

25 It's disheartening to think that with so many

1 companies working hard to foster positive relationships and  
2 good will in their communities, that Williams-Transco, seems  
3 not to give a hoot.

4 It would be a different story altogether, if  
5 Williams-Transco didn't have any viable options in this  
6 matter, but they do; they do have choices, and I hope they  
7 will do the right thing, and if they don't, that somebody  
8 will.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you. Next we have Tom  
11 Martin, followed by Gary Kanady.

12 MR. MARTIN: I asked to be last, but that will be  
13 fine.

14 So it's close to the end of this hearing, and I  
15 don't know if that's good news or bad news, but I would like  
16 to thank Congressman Frank Wolf's office. Without your  
17 efforts, this session would not be held. Thank you very  
18 much.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. MARTIN: Also, for his efforts -- we met with  
21 Williams-Transco last week and I thank Williams-Transco for  
22 agreeing to that meeting, and we can give them a little  
23 applause for that.

24 (Applause.)

25 MR. MARTIN: And Ken Hugo, I thank you for your

1 support, as well.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. MARTIN: And to all the wonderful people I'm  
4 not mentioning, I'm sorry if I'm missing someone, but, FERC,  
5 thank you very much for being here and listening to our  
6 concerns.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. MARTIN: I'll probably -- I'm Tom Martin; T-  
9 O-M; M-A-R-T-I-N.

10 I am the President of the Homeowners Association,  
11 but these are my personal comments. We, as a Board,  
12 technically, have not formulated a decision or a  
13 recommendation in this area.

14 I'll probably err a little bit on reading this,  
15 just to make sure that I get all the key points, knowing  
16 that this is going into the public record.

17 I'd like to make two major points: The first  
18 point is that Transco has not met the spirit of open and  
19 accurate communication in response to FERC's requirements.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. MARTIN: The second point is that there  
22 clearly are alternatives to the proposed location.

23 In regards to the first, about seven years ago,  
24 when Transco first constructed the Dominion line, the line  
25 that goes more north and south, we were told that the three

1 valves, the three existing valves, were all that would be  
2 constructed at that site.

3 They also signed an agreement that we would build  
4 a fence around it and that that fence would have a top to  
5 it. The fence is about seven feet tall.

6 And they didn't really want to build the fence,  
7 but they finally agreed to do it, after months of arguing.  
8 About a year later, they removed the top. They didn't tell  
9 us they removed the top, and made the valves taller. They  
10 didn't negotiate or talk to us about that; they just did it.

11 About a year ago, we started -- they sold that  
12 line to Dominion. Williams-Transco constructed that line  
13 and then sold it to Dominion, so Dominion had to come to us  
14 and sell the idea of the pig receiving unit that has now  
15 been constructed there.

16 Since then, now what Williams-Transco is telling  
17 us, is that, oh, look at all the facilities that are here,  
18 this is a wonderful place to expand, and so one of my major  
19 concerns is that they started with just three valves, then  
20 the valves got bigger, they don't even follow the written  
21 agreement that we signed with them, of having a top to that  
22 facility.

23 There's no top to it, even today, and then  
24 there's a pig facility that -- pigging was invoked before  
25 seven years ago. And now they're talking about two more,

1 and I'm also concerned about the other lines. There are  
2 five lines that go through that area. Three are Williams-  
3 Transco, two are Dominion.

4 I understand that it is a very convenient  
5 location, but it just doesn't make sense to put something  
6 like this in a residential community.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. MARTIN: We, like the residents, were never  
9 truly informed of above-ground facilities. The first time  
10 that I ever saw a diagram, was an e-mail that was sent to  
11 someone else and re-forwarded to me in early September.

12 That was the first time that I saw a diagram that  
13 they were proposing to take a third of an acre and fence it  
14 off and basically say, you know, this is mine; I'm taking  
15 it.

16 Then once we started talking to them, they said,  
17 well, you should have looked on the website. We looked on  
18 the website, and there was no mention of it on the website.

19 Then we went back to them and said, we can't find  
20 it on the website, and about two days later, it was on the  
21 website.

22 It just seems like it's been a kind of a comedy  
23 of errors. We were -- Williams-Transco has met with us on  
24 many occasions over the past year.

25 They sent a lands specialist. I'm not sure

1 exactly what his training is, but once we started talking  
2 about alternatives, that's when we started getting some of  
3 the bogus information, like, no, there is no such thing as a  
4 dual pig that could change variations, and we said, yes,  
5 there is. Well, they only go a couple inches.

6 We had to, ourselves, find out that there are  
7 pigs out there that can vary at least 12 inches.

8 We also asked for a meeting with Transco to talk  
9 to someone who understood the proposal, rather than land  
10 specialists. We got silence. We were never able to get  
11 that meeting until last week.

12 We also asked for copies of the alternatives that  
13 they considered. They have refused to give us those  
14 documents. We still don't have those documents. We get  
15 some hearsay about what they considered, but, for some  
16 reason, they don't want to share it with us, which, to me,  
17 tells me that there's something that they want to hide.

18 I'm not sure what that is. I'm not an expert,  
19 I'm not an engineer, but I just kind of feel that there's an  
20 alternative out there that they don't want to share with us.

21 There clearly are several alternatives. One  
22 possible alternative -- they plan to expand Line B. Line B  
23 is a 30-inch line that comes into Virginia Run, and end it  
24 at Virginia Run, divert the gas that's in B, over into A.  
25 This is my understanding, based on last week's meeting.

1                   And then start a new line in Virginia Run, which  
2 they are calling Line D, and that's the one that runs to  
3 Chantilly, and that would be a slightly higher pressure line  
4 that would be fed by the Dominion gas.

5                   So you'd have two 30-inch lines, A and B, coming  
6 into Virginia Run, and they end Line B, and divert the gas  
7 over into A at Virginia Run.

8                   One alternative, the third line, Line C, it's my  
9 understanding, is a 36-inch line. Why don't they expand  
10 Line C from a 36 to a 48-inch line, leave A and B, 30-inch  
11 lines. That get's you a 12-inch. In fact, because it's a  
12 larger line, you'd probably have even greater capacity than  
13 what they're currently proposing, and, guess what? There  
14 happens to be a 36- to 40-inch dual pig that's already  
15 constructed.

16                   I don't know why that alternative is not being  
17 considered.

18                   A second alternative is obviously -- we've  
19 brought it up several times -- placing this facility  
20 somewhere west of Virginia Run. I don't know if it's A,  
21 south of Lee Highway, a B, this side of Lee Highway.

22                   They say it costs so much money to put it under  
23 Lee Highway -- they did it one time, they built three, 30-  
24 inch -- or one's a 36 -- under Lee Highway. Now it's too  
25 expensive to dig under Lee Highway.

1           So we propose, on this side, to try to reduce  
2 their costs. Even that's too expensive. It costs several  
3 million dollars, probably about what they would make in a  
4 week's time with this increased flow of gas.

5           A third alternative, if this must be constructed  
6 at what we call Location C, here in the middle of Virginia  
7 Run, is -- and it was mentioned by one or two other people --  
8 -- why not make a Y-type of connection where the B line would  
9 just naturally flow into A, and make the curve such as not  
10 that sharp, where a pig could just pass through?

11           You would not need a 30-inch receiver unit.  
12 You'd still need the 42 delivery unit, but that would reduce  
13 the footprint by about 50 percent, and reduce some of that  
14 impact, the visual impact. I don't really think it would be  
15 that much more expensive.

16           Another question I have, and another alternative,  
17 is, why do they even have to bring B to A at Virginia Run at  
18 all?

19           (Applause.)

20           MR. MARTIN: I'm not exactly sure where the lines  
21 go, but I've seen a big facility there off Ballsport Road  
22 where the Sears thing is up there, and I suspect that's  
23 where the line goes.

24           Why can't the gas in B, be moved to A there?  
25 Obviously, you're putting A and B together at Virginia Run,

1 but just put A and B together a couple miles earlier, and  
2 you won't even have to build the unit here in Virginia Run,  
3 and just run to C.

4 Unfortunately, even with that alternative, you  
5 still have to have that 42-inch D, if B is built, and  
6 deliver the 42-inch, but, that, again, is an alternative  
7 that could lessen the impact.

8 So, in summary, I really don't believe that  
9 Transco-Williams has been open with us with this. It took  
10 us awhile to find out what they were doing, they didn't want  
11 to meet with us, even after we found out about it.

12 It took Congressman Frank Wolf's office to get  
13 this meeting, to get them to meet with us, and I don't think  
14 that's consistent with the type of guidance that we're  
15 getting out of FERC, that that would be what was called by  
16 others as good neighbors.

17 The second is, I really do think there are  
18 alternatives that you're not even aware about, that are out  
19 there. I'm not an expert and I've come up with four here,  
20 that, to me, see viable.

21 And there's probably 14 others, too. There is a  
22 technology out there that will reduce the impact here in  
23 Virginia Run. Thank you very much.

24 (Applause.)

25 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. Martin. We have

1 Gary Kanady, followed by James Hart.

2 MR. KANADY: My name is Gary, G-A-R-Y; Kanady, K-  
3 A-N-A-D-Y, my middle name is spelled C-O-M-S-E-R-B-A-T-I-V-  
4 E.

5 (Laughter.)

6 MR. KANADY: I came here totally ignorant of this  
7 whole issue, and I'm ashamed of that. I didn't pay any  
8 attention to it, really didn't hear much about it. It's not  
9 in my backyard; I live over in Herring's Court and I'm well  
10 out of range of this.

11 But I'm very glad to see all of you folks here,  
12 because I know you don't all live right around this area.  
13 It's not in my backyard, but it's in my community, and I  
14 think it's important that we stick together.

15 I don't expect Frank Wolf and Tim Cuccinelli to  
16 protect me. That's my responsibility, and it's our  
17 responsibility. They'll help us, but we've got to bring it  
18 -- we've got to bring this up.

19 So, stick together in the community.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. KANADY: We quoted a Supreme Court decision  
22 back in the early 1900s that talked about ownership and  
23 right of way and responsibility. We've just seen the  
24 Supreme Court put down the Kelo decision, so I don't depend  
25 on big government to protect me.

1                   What I know of big government, it can eat you,  
2                   and it will, so we need to stick together, and we need to  
3                   fight this thing all the way.

4                   Williams-Transco, the FERC people, all the other  
5                   safety people, they've got good jobs, they're all good  
6                   people, and we understand they're doing what they think is  
7                   right. There's a tremendous benefit to natural gas. We're  
8                   all going to benefit.

9                   I came in here thinking, we're making a big deal  
10                  out of nothing. You know, you want civilization, you want  
11                  comfort, you want lights that go on, you want hot water in  
12                  the morning to take a shower with. Those are things most of  
13                  the world doesn't enjoy, and there's a certain amount of  
14                  risk with that.

15                 But there are alternatives here, and the this was  
16                 -- they're trying to sneak this by us, and this is exactly  
17                 like what happened to those people -- I used to live in New  
18                 London, Connecticut, and I know exactly what they're talking  
19                 about up there when that Kilo decision went down. That  
20                 meant a lot more to me than it did to most people, because  
21                 I've been up there, I've seen those places, and we've got to  
22                 stand up. We can't -- this is a foot in the door.

23                 The valves go -- if they're going to put a  
24                 extension up there, this extension ought to be like a  
25                 subway, underground, so you don't see it at all.

1 (Applause.)

2 MR. KANADY: There are so many alternatives.  
3 There has been so much said about the technology here. I  
4 didn't know what a pig was. Whatever they were saying,  
5 "launcher" and "receiver" and all this stuff, I didn't  
6 understand it. I think I saw about it in a James Bond movie  
7 years ago.

8 (Laughter.)

9 MR. KANADY: That's kind of what it is. It's  
10 necessary, okay? But we don't have to have it right here.  
11 There are other ways to do it, and they ought to do it  
12 right.

13 What I'd like to do, is, I'd like to ask FERC --  
14 I think this is a serious enough argument, and I'd like to  
15 ask Jim and Frank to reopen this for public comment,  
16 officially.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you. Next, we have James  
19 Hart.

20 MR. HART: Jim Hart, H-A-R-T.

21 I, too, am speaking on my own behalf tonight.  
22 I'm a resident of Virginia Run, but I live on the west side.  
23 I'll be nowhere near this facility.

24 I hadn't planned on speaking this evening, but I  
25 did hear some things tonight. The gentleman that spoke at

1 the beginning, asked if we would make some new comments that  
2 would be helpful.

3 I have a little different perspective on some of  
4 these issues. I am speaking on my own behalf, but as a  
5 member of the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning  
6 Appeals, on my own behalf

7 I sit through a lot of public hearings, three  
8 days a week, and I think there's something that I've seen  
9 tonight in this room, that suggests to me that there is a  
10 problem with this process.

11 Unlike many other public uses, there is no local  
12 review for a facility like this. Maybe that's appropriate,  
13 maybe that's a determination up to Congress, but because of  
14 that circumstance, there is no opportunity for the type of  
15 public hearings that we have on local applications for many  
16 other types of facilities.

17 We, therefore, are dependent on this FERC  
18 process, whatever it is, with which I think we are for the  
19 most part, unfamiliar. Our confidence in the value of that  
20 process, is dependent, largely on meaningful notice to us.

21 I think that the magnitude of the response this  
22 evening, that all these people came out from the  
23 neighborhood and expressed pretty much the same concerns,  
24 tells me that there is some problem with this type of a  
25 process and the way this particular application has been

1 handled.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. HART: Specifically, such a process is  
4 woefully deficient, where no notice seems to have been  
5 required regarding an above-ground facility, which, to me,  
6 is a pretty significant aspect of this project.

7 Secondly, if an advertising requirement is met by  
8 advertising in a paper, in a newspaper in another  
9 jurisdiction, which none of us, apparently, receive -- I  
10 didn't know there was such a thing as the Manassas Gazette,  
11 until this evening.

12 (Laughter.)

13 MR. HART: But such a requirement is meaningless,  
14 and the idea that there has been notice to the community, is  
15 a fiction. I would ask that whoever is reviewing these  
16 comments afterwards, please look again at whether any notice  
17 or advertising legal requirements, have been met for this  
18 application.

19 No one seems to have gotten notice that this was  
20 above-ground, and the advertising --

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. HART: (Inaudible above applause).

23 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you, Mr. Hart. We have  
24 reached the end of the speakers list, and I see that it is  
25 almost 10:00. I think that it's probably appropriate to go

1 ahead and close the meeting.

2 If there's anybody else who has something to add,  
3 that they feel has not been voiced here tonight, I will  
4 allow for another speaker or two.

5 MR. DOUGHERTY: Thank you. My name is Walt  
6 Dougherty, D-O-U-G-H-E-R-T-Y.

7 I didn't notice that anybody really said anything  
8 about terrorism, but to put a gas facility of this size, 42-  
9 inch lines, up in the air, right close, within a reasonable  
10 proximity to high-tension wires, which are running close to  
11 a million kilowatts or some enormous amount of power, up to  
12 the north, is a terrorist opportunity beyond belief, to  
13 disrupt.

14 And it's easy. You've just got to blow the gas  
15 line up and down come the lines. I don't think anybody  
16 mentioned that, and I think that should be taken into  
17 consideration.

18 I don't care if it had been passed, because it's  
19 not considered a terrorist opportunity. I think it is, and,  
20 of course, it would disrupt not only this area, but wherever  
21 that gas and power goes to. Thanks.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. SWEARINGEN: Thank you.

24 MR. REDMOND: My name is Tom Redmond, R-E-D-M-O-  
25 N-D.

1           I was going mention terrorism, but in a round  
2 about way. I'm a jogger and I go up there all the time on  
3 that trail, and a couple of years ago, they were up there  
4 digging, and I stopped to talk to them, asked them why were  
5 they joining -- let me back up.

6           There's five lines up there; three that run  
7 east/west, and two that go north/south. And after 9/11,  
8 evidently the word came down that gas lines has to be cross-  
9 fed, which means you join lines that feed gas to other  
10 areas, so that if an area is taken out due to some terrorist  
11 activity, you can reroute.

12           So what we have up here is five lines that are  
13 interconnected with a spider web of pipe and multiple wells,  
14 many, many 90-degree turns, and as long as it's all  
15 underground, that's great. The risk that's not even  
16 mentioned in here in the hazards analysis, which was never  
17 conducted, evidently, because it's not in there -- if you  
18 bring any of it above ground, it becomes a target.

19           If it's underground, it's still a target, it's  
20 just a little harder to get to. If you bring it above  
21 ground, not necessarily to make it a target, but to make it  
22 a pig ingress/egress station, then all they heavy equipment  
23 that has to come in to bring in the pig, and if any other  
24 excavation is required, those vehicles have to travel over  
25 those other pipes, that spider web that's under there, and

1 the potential for breaking wells, now occurs.

2 That's not mentioned in here, either. I don't  
3 know if it's really a risk, because I don't know how deep  
4 the pipes are, how heavy the vehicles might be or whatever,  
5 but it's not even mentioned, and that's the problem.

6 If it were mentioned, I wouldn't be standing here  
7 talking about it. So I urge you to look into that, and I  
8 recommend that you don't approve it.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. SWEARINGEN: Okay, I think, since we're  
11 reached 10:00, if there's something else that you feel that  
12 you want to put on the record, we have the written comment  
13 box and you can drop those in before you leave.

14 On behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory  
15 Commission and the DOT, I want to thank you all for coming  
16 here tonight, and let the record show that the public  
17 meeting ended at 10:00. Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 (Whereupon, at 10:00 p.m., the public meeting was  
20 concluded.)

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