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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: : Docket Number:
GULF CROSSING PROJECT : PF07-1-000
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Bryan County Free Fair
1901 South 9th Street
Durant, OK

Thursday, April 26, 2007

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

BEFORE:
ERIC J. TOMAIS, FERC

2 MR. TOMASI: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.
3 I'd like to go ahead and get started then.

4 I would like to thank all of you for coming out
5 tonight for the Gulf Crossing Public Scoping Meeting. I
6 would like to emphasize that this meeting is for Gulf
7 Crossing Pipeline proposed by Boardwalk. I understand there
8 are other -- well, another pipeline proposed in the area.
9 But this one is specifically to solicit comments for the
10 Gulf Crossing project.

11 Now my name is Eric Tomasi. That's Eric Tomasi.
12 And I work for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
13 And I'm the environmental project manager for this
14 particular docket. We are the lead agency.

15 And I'd like to go ahead and introduce Mr. Trevor
16 Loveday, with Entrix, Incorporated.

17 Trevor, why don't you wave your hand back there.

18 Trevor is a contractor working for FERC and they
19 help us prepare the environmental impact report -- sorry,
20 environmental impact statement.

21 Now the purpose of tonight's meeting is to
22 provide each of you with the ability to go ahead and comment
23 on this project, and give us specifically your environmental
24 concerns. Now we want you to tell us the issues that you
25 believe should be addressed in our environmental impact

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1 statement and tell us the concerns that you have about it.

2 Now your input is really critical to this
3 process. And to get that I want to make sure that anybody
4 who wants to put their comments on the record tonight has

5 signed up on our comment sheet in the back. There is a
6 speakers list in the back and you can put your name down,
7 and you can come up to the front and you can go ahead and
8 put your comments on the record.

9 Now to let you know how the process works and
10 where we are right now, right now we're in the pre-filing
11 phase of the process. It is the pre-filing phase of the
12 environmental review. And this meeting, along with the
13 other meetings that we've had this week, is just an early
14 step in that process.

15 And also I wanted to let you know that the
16 environmental impact statement is merely one portion of the
17 analysis that takes place at the Commission. There are
18 other types of analyses that get done: economic, need-
19 based, and those sort of issues.

20 Now many of you will have received the public
21 notice which was issued on April 2nd of this year. The
22 notice period for this project will end on May 4th. This is
23 the official period under which we accept comments for
24 review. However that's not to say that we will not accept
25 comments at other times; we will. It is our policy to take

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1 your environmental comments during the entire process. We
2 will use those within our environmental impact statement and
3 respond to your comments. It's our policy to respond to
4 every comment that you make, across the board.

5 Now in addition, after we complete our draft
6 environmental impact statement there will be another time
7 for you to comment on our findings in that document.

8 Now for us to analyze your comments we need them
9 as soon as possible. It does take a lot of time for us to
10 look at all your suggestions, all your alternatives, all
11 your route alignment changes that you want and address those
12 in a document. So we need them essentially as soon as you
13 can put them on paper and get them to us.

14 And I also want to go ahead and let you know that
15 there's an electronic way for you to respond to the
16 Commission documents. There is a pamphlet in the back
17 entitled Your Guide to Electronic Information at FERC. Many
18 of you will have gotten this. And this is a really good way
19 for you to comment to us and get those in the record
20 immediately. Now you can also go directly to our website at
21 ferc.gov, go to the e-Library link, which is another way for
22 you to go ahead and comment on our filings.

23 There is also a third way for you to comment
24 electronically. There's a system called e-Subscription
25 which we use. And that allows you to go ahead and put your

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1 -- sign up for our service. And what happens at that point
2 is that anything that gets filed under this docket, you'll
3 receive an e-mail saying that something was filed and then
4 you can go ahead and look and see what that was.

5 Also I mentioned the e-Library link earlier. If
6 you just go to that link and you type in a docket number --
7 and the docket number for this should be listed on all the
8 paper -- paperwork that you found in the back. Anything you
9 took should have our docket number. And that is PF07-1 for
10 this project. That should be listed on any correspondence

11 that you have.

12 But what you do is you put that docket into our
13 e-Library system and you can find out information on
14 everything that was filed, both everything filed by the
15 company, stuff issued by us at FERC, and also all the
16 comments of your friends and neighbors; and also government
17 agencies, local agencies, state agencies, anyone who
18 commented on the docket, you can go ahead and find that
19 information right there.

20 I wanted to let you know that there are certain
21 things which we do not have on the Internet. We don't
22 include maps and what's called critical energy
23 infrastructure on the Internet. Because of security
24 concerns after 9/11 it was decided that we should remove any
25 location identification off the Internet. That's not to say

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1 if you are a land owner you can't get a map.

2 One thing that I want to point out to you is that
3 if you're a land owner and you have a pipeline coming across
4 your property you can contact the company. And I believe
5 the company has a number on their sheet that they provided
6 in the back that you can call, and they should be able to
7 provide you with an actual alignment across your particular
8 property so you can know exactly how they propose to go
9 across your property right then.

10 Now we did have another fact sheet back there but
11 I believe we've run out. It's called the Gulf Crossing
12 Project Fact Sheet. This was prepared by us. And I
13 apologize for running out. If anyone wasn't able to get a

14 copy you can just leave your name with me or with Trevor in
15 the back and we'll try to get you a copy later in the
16 future. But all this information is available on-line at
17 our Internet address, and that's ferc.gov at our e-Library
18 link So you can get all the same information right off of
19 there. Okay?

20 Now I mentioned we were in the pre-filing phase
21 earlier. Now this means that the formal application by
22 Boardwalk hasn't actually been filed yet with the FERC. Now
23 we have already begun our NEPA review.

24 Now NEPA stands for National Environmental Policy
25 Act. And that's the Act that was passed back in the '70s

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1 that makes us look at the environmental impact of any
2 federal project. And what the NEPA review allows, it allows
3 you as land owners and government agencies and other
4 interested parties to get involved very, very early. And
5 the whole process is basically geared to encourage you to
6 comment and give your input to us because, as I've stated to
7 other land owners during this week, we can't help you -- I
8 can't help you -- as a project manager, I can't help you
9 unless you talk to me and tell me what your concerns are.

10 Now if you're upset about these things, if you're
11 angry, if you don't let me know what your concerns are there
12 is nothing that I can do.

13 Now we are the lead agency on this project. And,
14 like I said, we're going to do an environmental impact
15 statement. And the things that we look at during our review
16 and the places that we gather our information from are

17 several different sources. The first is the resource
18 reports that the company provides to us. If you're land
19 owners you will have seen survey crews coming across your
20 property. That information is very, very important for us
21 so we can understand what resources there are on your
22 property.

23 Now when I say resources I mean environmental, I
24 mean cultural, I mean agricultural or any sort of resources
25 that are on your property those surveys should identify and

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1 allow us to analyze.

2 We also get information from government agencies,
3 you know, both from the local, state and federal. We get
4 comments from agencies all the time on our various projects
5 and we take those very seriously.

6 And one of the things I wanted to point out is
7 the most important, you know, amount of information that we
8 get is from you because this is a 355 mile pipeline, not
9 including two loops in Mississippi. And we simply don't
10 know as much about the local area as you do. You own the
11 land, you've lived there; you know much more than we ever
12 will. And so we want to understand from you what your
13 concerns are.

14 We also will go ahead and, like I said, after we
15 gather all this information we prepare that draft
16 environmental impact statement. And we distribute that for
17 comments again. So if you have any additional comments
18 there's going to be another time for you to voice your
19 concerns and your complaints about any project. And there

20 is a specific time period after the draft that look -- we
21 solicit comments from you. And then after that time we look
22 at your comments, we analyze them, and we prepare the final
23 environmental impact statement.

24 And there's several ways for you to get this,
25 both the draft and the final environmental impact statement.

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1 First, if you're a land owner you have already received
2 what's called our notice.

3 Many of you will have seen something that looks
4 like this that came in the mail. Okay? Now this has the
5 basic information about the project as proposed by the
6 company. Now obviously this is not necessarily what the
7 project is going to look like after we give our final
8 commendations to the Commission. We routinely will go ahead
9 and recommend mitigation and recommend route changes and
10 various other changes to the project. And the Commissioners
11 will go ahead and vote on that.

12 But to get the draft environmental impact
13 statement what you need to do is you need to make sure
14 you're on the mailing list for it. And in Appendix 3 of
15 this document it's basically the information request. To
16 get the copy of the draft statement, our document that we
17 prepare, you need to go ahead and send this back in to us.
18 You can either -- if you have this with you tonight you can
19 go ahead and give it to us and we'll make sure that, you
20 know, we keep it. And it basically asks you to keep your
21 name on the Gulf Crossing mailing list. If you don't do
22 that we will not keep your name on the mailing list.

23 In addition, at the very, very bottom there is a
24 question that asks 'Please send me a paper copy' of the
25 environmental document. Right now we will send electronic

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1 copies on CD or DVD that has the environmental -- the whole
2 document. It's the same document; it's just in electronic
3 form. So if you don't want it in electronic form you need
4 to tell us. And that's why we have a check box on that.

5 There's other ways for you to get the draft
6 environmental impact statement. Obviously if you sign up in
7 the back for the mailing list we will go ahead and make sure
8 that you get a copy of the draft environmental impact
9 statement and the final, because if you get the draft you're
10 going to get the final.

11 In addition, if you send us a comment letter --
12 either tonight you can fill out that comment form or send me
13 a letter directly to the Commission -- you're going to go
14 ahead and be put on the list to get the draft environmental
15 impact statement.

16 Now one thing I want to point out about, when you
17 send a letter to us make sure that you include both the
18 docket number -- that's PF07-1 -- that's very, very
19 important; you must have that on the letter. In addition,
20 please include your mailing address in the body of the
21 letter. Don't just put it on the envelope because a lot of
22 times, you know, that envelope gets thrown away by the time
23 it gets to me and I don't know necessarily the address of
24 the person who sent it to us.

25 The document number -- The docket number is PF07-

1 1. Now it is on all the information that was given to you
2 in the back. If you got any of these documents like this,
3 the Guide to Electronic Information -- and we also have
4 another document that says 'Interstate Natural Gas Facility
5 on My Land, What Do I Need to Know.' On the back of both of
6 those -- well, not on these because they're sample copies --
7 there will be a docket number on the back right in the
8 blank space on the bottom. And that's on all that.

9 And also if you go ahead and look on the Gulf
10 Crossing Project fact sheet you will also see the docket
11 number listed in that first paragraph. And it's very
12 important that you include that to us. Otherwise it may
13 take a few days for us to go ahead and, you know, figure out
14 what docket that particular letter is for. Okay?

15 Now one thing I want to go ahead and state
16 earlier, I mentioned that there was that additional comment
17 period. Now once we go ahead and finalize our environmental
18 impact statement, that goes to the Commissioners for review.

19 Now I stated earlier that there's other issues
20 that the Commissioners look at. The environmental review is
21 merely one part of all the issues that they look at. We
22 have five Commissioners at FERC. They're all political
23 appointees appointed by president. And those five vote on
24 the projects, whether they should be approved or
25 disapproved. They look at other issues other than

1 environmental, such as economics, as I explained earlier,
2 need, and any other issues that they feel should be
3 incorporated into the document.

4 Now Boardwalk actually wants to go ahead and --
5 well, we've invited them to go ahead and give a very, very
6 brief presentation to you tonight. And to do that is Mr.
7 Steve Gonzalez of Boardwalk.

8 Now before I bring him up I want to go ahead and
9 let you know that there will be an informal question and
10 answer session after we get the formal comments from you.
11 And so please, I would like you to hold all your questions
12 until that time and then I can go ahead and answer those for
13 you.

14 Is Steve in the room right now?

15 MR. GONZALEZ: Right here.

16 MR. TOMASI: Why don't you come on up, then.

17 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you, Mr. Tomasi.

18 And thank you all for coming here tonight.

19 This is the last of four meetings that we have
20 held this week. We were in Delhi, Louisiana on Monday,
21 Sarepta, Louisiana on Tuesday. Last night we were in Mt.
22 Pleasant. And here we are tonight. I can tell you that you
23 all win the prize for having the largest crowd of any of
24 these four. So you're to be congratulated that you've taken
25 the time out of your schedule. It's a lot easier to sit in

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1 your den and watch TV than it is to come here. And I
2 appreciate the fact that you're here because we're all
3 really part of something really big and really important.

4 You know, you have -- most of you, hopefully, got
5 the fact sheet so I'm not going to try to -- and I'll answer
6 your question in just a second. I'm not going to go over
7 all the numbers about the pipeline.

8 I will tell you that there's a lot of people at
9 the end of this pipeline a year or more from now that are
10 going to depend on the natural gas that's going to flow
11 through this pipeline to heat their homes, to cook their
12 food, electric generating plants to use that natural gas for
13 boiler fuel to generate electricity. And so it is extremely
14 important.

15 And we want to hear your thoughts and opinions.
16 Just as Mr. Tomasi said that the Federal Energy Regulatory
17 Commission wants to hear your comments and your input, I can
18 tell you that our folks in Houston are very curious of what
19 is going to be said tonight. And that's where I'm based at;
20 I'm based out of Houston. And so I can tell you that I
21 write a report every night. I'll write one tonight. And
22 then I'll bring back far more detail for our executives to
23 hear what were your thoughts, what were your questions, what
24 were your concerns.

25 So thank you for being here.

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1 And I will now turn it back to Mr. Tomasi.

2 There is someone raising their hand. Go ahead.

3 VOICE FROM THE AUDIENCE: (Speaker off mic.)

4 MR. GONZALEZ: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. My
5 name is Steve. My last name is Gonzalez. That's spelled G-
6 o-n-z-a-l-e-z. And my title is Manager of Communications

7 for Gulf Crossing.

8 Sure.

9 VOICE FROM THE AUDIENCE: (Speaker off mic.)

10 MR. GONZALEZ: No, I don't. I really messed up.
11 You know, actually I forgot: This is not Louisiana; this is
12 Oklahoma.

13 Yeah. What he's referring to is I have an LSU
14 shirt on. I did go to -- graduate from LSU.

15 But thank you for pointing -- very sharp person
16 there.

17 Thank you all very much. Thank you again for
18 coming. We're looking forward to hearing your comments.

19 MR. TOMASI: Thank you, Mr. Gonzalez.

20 Now before we get started with comments I want to
21 go ahead and remind you that, like I said -- well, there was
22 a fact sheet in the back, and if you need one just let us
23 know and we'll try to get you one in the future.

24 Also I would like to ask everybody to turn off
25 your cell phones or turn the ringer down so when the

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1 speakers come up to comment you're not going to disturb
2 them. Disturb me, that's fine; but I don't want them to be
3 disturbed while they're trying to give their comments.

4 Also you can probably see to my left -- your
5 right -- we have a court reporter provided to us by Ace-
6 Federal Reporters. The court reporter is an independent
7 agent and he's not a part of FERC. And he's here strictly
8 to get an accurate record of the proceedings because
9 everything that goes on tonight will go ahead and go into

10 the public record. And your comments will be transcribed
11 and put there.

12 Now for those of you who come up to speak I'm
13 going to go ahead and invite you up to the podium. And when
14 you do get up here I would like you to state your name,
15 spell it for the court reporter, and go ahead and give your
16 affiliation, whether it's a land owner or just a private
17 citizen or you're with some sort of other organization.

18 Now I want you to please speak clearly.
19 Sometimes I stumble over my words too, but, you know, that
20 happens. And it would be great if you could just go ahead
21 and, as I said before, just go ahead and spell your name so
22 he can go ahead and get that into the record.

23 And please be as specific as possible. I
24 understand that, you know, many of you may be opposed to
25 this. But if you are opposed to it give your reasons why.

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1 Explain what resolution might work for you. Because, you
2 know, if you give us very general comments it's very
3 difficult for us to analyze those. But if you give us
4 specifics we can go ahead and really try to work with you on
5 those.

6 And we have a total of eleven people signed up to
7 speak. I'm sure nobody wants to be here all night, so right
8 now I'd like to limit everybody's comments to about three
9 minutes. If you could do that it would really be
10 appreciated. We appreciate that.

11 Now at the end of everybody's comments if someone
12 wants to come back up and speak again, that's going to be

13 fine. But I wanted to give everybody the opportunity to
14 speak. And the three-minute limit is really good so we can
15 get, you know, a variety of speakers to come up and talk
16 about that. Okay?

17 Now the first speaker is Patrisha Murphy.

18 Did you want to speak at the podium or do you
19 want me to take the mike off?

20 Okay.

21 VOICE FROM THE AUDIENCE: (Speaker off mic.)

22 MR. TOMASI: The transcript will be available --

23 VOICE FROM THE AUDIENCE: (Speaker off mic.)

24 MR. TOMASI: You can go to our website, yes, and
25 get that. It will eventually be put in the public record.

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1 MS. MURPHY: My name is Patrisha Murphy, P-a-t-r-
2 i-s-h-a M-u-r-p-h-y. And I am a private citizen that is
3 part of the Cherrymound Coalition.

4 I'm going to read it off of this because I'm very
5 nervous and feel quite emotional.

6 I lived in Cherrymound for much of my life and I
7 moved to Washington State for several years. I moved back
8 to Texas with my husband three years to care for my parents
9 and to build a small home, which will be finished in two
10 weeks. I live on 80 acres that my parents have handed down
11 to my brother and I.

12 Our family has lived in the Cherrymound area for
13 many generations. Our property line borders the Baldwin's
14 property on which the proposed compressor station is to be
15 built. Our new house is at the back of our property and

16 within one-half mile due north of this proposed site. We
17 were not informed about the plans to put in a compressor
18 station and pipeline. However our lives will be
19 dramatically altered by these plans.

20 I want to address several of the impact issues,
21 although I could address all of them.

22 Number one, visual impact. I have seen and know
23 the size of this proposed compressor station. I know the
24 property between its placement and our new home like the
25 back of my hand. My father, Gene Vaughn sold the Baldwin's

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1 50 acres of that property years ago. When we walk out our
2 front door we will see this station. When we fish in one of
3 our three ponds we will see this station. The station will
4 be a devastating eye-sore from every inch of our property.
5 This will be even more visible when the deciduous trees lose
6 their leaves.

7 Number two. The second impact I want to address
8 is the noise. I have spent many hours on the phone with
9 land owners across Texas who have had a compressor station
10 on or near their property. Every one of them says the noise
11 is a dramatic polluting factor in the quality of their
12 lives. If built, I want Gulf Crossing to install serious
13 noise abatement systems.

14 The third impact I want to address is the smelly
15 fumes. The land owners I have spoken with that have a
16 compressor station as near or even farther from them as the
17 one proposed here say the stench is present 24 hours a day.
18 One couple, Lionel and Dorothy Millburger were forced to

19 move off of their property to maintain their health. Our
20 home will be in the southerly prevailing wind pattern.

21 We want Gulf Crossing to install and maintain
22 state of the art compressor exhaust systems, catalytic
23 converters. I spoke with a retired engineer with a national
24 gas company that says this is possible. I have learned
25 through discussions with engineers and scientists that

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1 emissions from the station's combustion source will be
2 dangerous. Hydrogen sulfide, carbon dioxide that converts
3 to sulfur dioxide comes to the ground levels and lowers the
4 oxygen level, much like greenhouse gases.

5 The high BTEX levels can be poisonous. Gulf
6 Crossing needs to provide a daily analysis of their fuel
7 sources being used to the regulating authorities if the
8 station is built.

9 Number four, the fourth impact I want to address
10 is endangered species. Through research with federal and
11 state agencies I have learned that there are three
12 endangered species of birds that migrate and live for
13 several months of the year in Grayson County. Their flight
14 patterns enter Grayson County on the sand bars of the Red
15 River, over Cherrymound and surrounding communities, and
16 onto Hagerman Wildlife Refuge in Pottsboro.

17 I have literature that contains this and more
18 information, and ask that you take the information and give
19 it to the group that will be doing the environmental impact
20 study. I ask that you put a form of moratorium on this
21 project until a thorough study of these birds can be done.

22 We know realize we have seen at least one of these birds the
23 least -- L-e-a-s-t -- tern -- t-e-r-n -- on our property.

24 The last impact I want to address is probably of
25 no interest to you but I am compelled to speak about it. It

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1 is the impact of my soul.

2 Our family discussed years ago the intentions --
3 excuse me. Okay.

4 Our family discussed years ago the intentions we
5 all have for this last 80 acres of Vaughn family property.
6 We intend to turn it into a nature preserve with the help of
7 federal and state agencies to hand down to our children and
8 grandchildren and donate to the community, if necessary, to
9 ensure that at least some of Cherrymound Community will
10 remain pristine and show generations to come that the
11 effects of urban sprawl need not destroy our natural
12 sanctuaries and historical heritage.

13 I do not belong to an organized religious group
14 or faith. My family's land has always been my church. I go
15 there daily to pray and find the strength to deal with
16 whatever life's challenges throw my way. The country's
17 quiet, beauty, smell, and spirit are essential.

18 Please do not destroy our family's lifestyle.
19 Should you choose to give Gulf Crossing the opportunity to
20 build this compressor station at the proposed site my family
21 will work adamantly and never-ending to inhibit the effects
22 of your decision on our property regardless of the cost.

23 My family is only too familiar with the pain that
24 other Texans live in as a result of some of your past

25 actions.

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1 Thank you very much.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. TOMASI: And I wanted to go ahead and comment
4 real quick on -- she's given us this sheaf of documents
5 here. We're going to go ahead and put this into the public
6 record as a comment. So this will be entered into the
7 public record.

8 The next speaker is Mr. Bob Murphy.

9 MR. MURPHY: Thank you. My name is Bob Murphy,
10 B-o-b M-u-r-p-h-y, and I belong to the Cherrymound
11 Coalition.

12 I wish I was like -- I wish I was like my father-
13 in-law, without temper, very kind. It's his land that my
14 wife and I are moving onto. And it abuts the Baldwin
15 property within a half-mile of the compressor station,
16 downwind.

17 Speaking of downwind, I called the Dallas Zoo
18 today and I told -- I asked a lady for some help on the
19 impact of compressor stations on wildlife. And as a matter
20 of fact I found someone who did know something about it.
21 And she said to me, 'well, you're going to see -- with that
22 compressor station you're going to see an increase in turkey
23 vultures.' And I said, 'Why?' And she said, 'Because they
24 smell death.'

25 Mr. Gonzalez, sir, as a member of the Cherrymound

1 Coalition we emphatically -- we prefer you to move that
2 compressor station elsewhere.

3 Thank you, sir.

4 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. TOMASI: Thank you, Mr. Murphy.

7 The next speaker is Corliss Currie.

8 MR. CURRIE: I'm Corliss Currie, C-o-r-r-l-i-s-s
9 C-u-r-r-i-e. I'm a rancher in southeastern Oklahoma. And
10 my son and my grandson and my grandson's daughter all live
11 on the ranch, four generations of us.

12 The things I want to talk about tonight are
13 things that certainly I think that need to be considered and
14 things that each one of us need to think about seriously.

15 As the gentleman said a while ago, this is big
16 business. This is not only big business, this is long-term
17 business. I suppose that pipeline will probably still be
18 there when my granddaughter is still probably operating the
19 ranch.

20 We had the first pipeline that crossed us in
21 1973. At that particular time land value was probably about
22 \$100 an acre. The majority of the land in the country was
23 used for agricultural purposes. It was thinly populated.
24 So consequently the lines that went across at that
25 particular time did not interfere a lot with residential

1 people.

2 Today if we look at the land in the country it's
3 entirely a different situation. I noticed just recently
4 some statistics that 80 percent of the land sold in Texas
5 last year went to non-agricultural purposes. So that means
6 that probably in due time that the biggest part of our
7 ranches in country land is going to be cut up in small
8 acreages, that people are going to want to get out of the
9 big cities and come and build a home and build a pond,
10 possibly. And so we are looking at entirely a different
11 situation.

12 And getting back to what the land value was at
13 that particular time and look at where we've gone in the 34
14 years that we have housed a home for that particular
15 pipeline we have seen taxes increase, we've continued to pay
16 taxes so that they had a place to house their pipeline.

17 I couldn't help but wonder as I thought about
18 this how many living increases that we've had since that
19 particular time.

20 Now I'm leading up to this: These pipelines are
21 probably going to be here for, as I've said before, for
22 years and years to come. Certainly we're probably going to
23 see land values much higher than we see today. I think that
24 it is time that the land owners justly receive an annual
25 reoccurring fund to stay up with the increase in livings and

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1 the cost of everything else. In this period of time, I'm
2 talking about 37 years that those pipelines have been on our
3 land, how much increase have we seen in the gas that goes
4 through them? Probably about, you know, at least probably

5 four times.

6 So I know today that there is not a law that
7 allows reoccurring revenue. But I also know that there are
8 laws made every day. So this is something that I think we
9 all need to consider and look at seriously.

10 I'll not take up any more of your time. Thank
11 you.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. TOMASI: Thank you, Mr. Currie.

14 The next speaker is Katie Hayes.

15 MS. HAYES: My name is Katie Hayes, as a land
16 owner, Anna Katherine Hayes. I'm with the Cherrymound
17 Coalition.

18 We organized this group of the Cherrymound
19 Coalition because I felt Gulf Crossing was trying to sneak
20 this compressor station and pipeline in. The only ones in
21 our community that knew about this was a few land owners
22 that happened to get a letter from Gulf Crossing which
23 didn't say much, it sounded pretty rosy about this
24 compressor station. And then we got the letter from FERC
25 that told us how big this compressor station was going to

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1 be: 35,600 horsepower.

2 I don't see any compelling need to have this
3 compressor station at the proposed site. I ask that you
4 move this compressor station out of our community a few
5 miles northeast, where there is ample land that is already
6 disturbed. It is used for commercial industrial purposes.
7 There are already existing gas lines through there so

8 there's right-of-ways through there. There's already
9 existing right-of-ways for transmission lines through this
10 land.

11 I operate and own a horse veterinary hospital and
12 a horse -- thoroughbred breeding farm. I have valuable
13 thoroughbred racehorse mares and colts under my care.

14 Gulf Crossing has shown us land owners no respect
15 and have abused us. They have come on my property without
16 permission. They came on my property to survey without
17 permission. They spooked the horses. The horses started
18 running. A colt got injured.

19 Never asked permission to come on. Never asked,
20 'We would like to come on. Would you put up the horses?'
21 They just come on. They have no respect for us land owners
22 and our property.

23 They have lied to us. They have told us that the
24 Baldwins have sold out, they have sold for this land
25 compressor station. The Baldwins said they have not. And

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1 we are also in the pre-filing process. How can we trust
2 these people and how can we trust their environmental impact
3 statement. They're the ones going to provide us with the
4 environmental impact statement.

5 About the noise, 35,600 horsepower, Gulf
6 Crossing's brochure says it's 55 decibels. At what point
7 was this measured? Is there a noise study? Is there
8 information about this noise that this compressor station is
9 going to create? The people and the group we've talked to
10 at Paris, the Lamar County Landowners' Association said

11 their compressor station is noisy 24/7, 365.

12 We demand that Gulf Crossing, if they succeed in
13 putting this compressor station in Cherrymound, we demand
14 noise abatement, that there will be high walls and
15 structures to reduce the noise.

16 This is also proposed to be behind a church.
17 It's going to be a negative impact on our place of worship.

18 What about the air quality? Because we are close
19 to Dallas and the prevailing winds in the summer we get the
20 smog from Dallas. There's been many studies of NOx gas from
21 compression plants mixed with the carbon dioxide from the
22 smog from cities, that that creates ozone. So are we going
23 to live in a red alert ozone level all the time? And what
24 about the people with lung problems and health problems that
25 move to the country to get out of that.

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1 Has there been any studies from Gulf Crossing on
2 what level the NOx, the SOx, the PMx and the COT levels are
3 going to be? And what is our current ozone level in the
4 summer, you know, where we live? And when this compressor
5 station with 35,000 horsepower encompassing 17 acres with
6 huge 40 to 80 foot stacks in the sky emitting nitrous oxide
7 gas all the time, what is that going to do to our air?

8 If they get this compressor station we demand and
9 ask that FERC do an air quality testing every summer,
10 annually, and a noise testing every winter.

11 Thank you for your time.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. TOMASI: Thank you, Ms. Hayes.

14 Also, after we proceed with comments we're going
15 to have a question and answer session. And I can talk you
16 through some of the analysis that's going to be done both at
17 FERC and by our contractor to deal with some of the issues
18 that everybody's brought up so far.

19 The next speaker is William Justiss.

20 MR. JUSTISS: I told my wife I should have taken
21 a Midol or something before I come up here tonight. I just
22 -- My name is William Justiss. I'm a land owner. W-i-l-l-
23 i-a-m J-u-s-t-i-s-s -- better known as Bubba. 70 years old.

24 I lived on the same piece of dirt all my life.
25 And I get emotion every time. My son come up here and made

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1 a speech for the Cherrymound. And he couldn't be here
2 today. They're bailing hay. And so I told him I'd do my
3 best.

4 I'm against compressor stations. Sometimes when
5 you're outside the exhaust is so bad you'll get some of that
6 gas and it will bring you to your knees. And we have to
7 drive off and go somewhere else, 30 or 40 miles. And I'll
8 tell you, anybody that sells them a block of land is just
9 like taking 30 pieces of silver, if you know what I mean.
10 You'll never have another friend after you put this on the
11 community.

12 They're proposing another pump station right next
13 to the one we're living by, Gulf Crossing is. And I
14 understand that this man has already sold it to them. But
15 when I pinned him down he said no, they just gave me ten
16 percent. But he's getting \$300,000 for sixty acres. And it

17 will be right behind this other one. And we're northeast.
18 So that southerly wind is coming right across us.

19 And I'm telling you, it will be a whole lot
20 easier to try to stop it because after they get it there
21 they're not going to do one thing. They can buy credits
22 where they can pump all they want -- they can turn that air
23 black -- those clean air quality credits. And that's no
24 secret.

25 That land that they set that pump station on,

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1 they can't condemn it. They can condemn and take that where
2 the pipeline goes. But that is added because that
3 compressor just allows them to pump more gas through the
4 lines.

5 And where the gas comes out of that compressor,
6 our pipelines are buried about four foot deep and it's so
7 hot coming out of there that it'll kill the grass. And it's
8 been since '92. And I've tried to get them down there to do
9 something about the land. And this guy was from Arkansas.
10 And I'm not saying anything there, but if you know -- if you
11 know, they've got chickens all over Arkansas. He said,
12 'What would you do to fix that?' And I said, 'I'd bring
13 some of that poultry litter down here and have them mulch on
14 the top of those lines.'

15 They're just like graves; they're sunk in. They
16 will not touch them. And seven land owners around that
17 station, we've got a lawsuit against them. And it should
18 have come to court in February but one of the county
19 commissioners died and that knocked out date out because

20 that was the date of the funeral.
21 But I can't -- I just can't explain it to you.
22 Now last night in Mount Pleasant I invited
23 anybody that wanted to know to come spend the night with me.
24 But we've got a good bit of room. We live in a house that
25 was built in 1914. It's about that tall up off the ground.

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1 And that stuff just comes under it and up through the floors
2 and through the windows and ceilings and everywhere else.
3 And they've -- the gas company has got a
4 hygienist, they call her. So she came down there -- I
5 messed her vacation up; it was on the 4th of July. And they
6 hung the stuff inside the house, hung it up out there in the
7 trees and took all those readings. And they never, ever
8 sent me any results from that.
9 And I met the plant manager and I said, 'I never
10 did get my report on that.' 'Oh,' he said, 'There wasn't
11 anything the matter.' And so I called -- by the way, her
12 name -- I can remember it -- her name is -- the same lady
13 that's running for president, her first name -- Hillary. So
14 I said, 'Hillary, why don't you send me what you had?' And
15 she said, 'Mr. Justiss' -- well, nobody calls me Mr. Justiss
16 -- and she said -- this is the '90s -- 'You know, you're
17 just going to have to get used to it.' Well, this is 2007
18 and I'll guarantee you we're not used to it yet.
19 And that's all I can say. Don't give up. Keep
20 fighting. Don't let them have a foot.
21 Put it somewhere else out of the way.
22 That's all I've got to say.

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(Applause.)

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MR. TOMASI: I just wanted to comment that I

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spoke with Mr. Justiss -- I'll call him Mr. Justiss -- for a

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1 great deal of time last night. And we actually went down to
2 the compressor station he has issues with and I took a look
3 around that particular compressor station. In addition, I
4 went ahead and talked to him last night, and a lot of the
5 people there, that when you have a compressor station or a
6 pipeline going across your property and you -- and that
7 pipeline is regulated by FERC -- if you have a problem with
8 that pipeline, you know, you go ahead and give us a call.

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Now on this little flyer right here, you know,

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Interstate Natural Gas Facility on my Land, What Do I Need

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to Know, there is a hotline number on the back. It's a

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toll-free number there, and you can give us a call. Let me

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tell you right now that when we receive a hotline call on a

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complaint about a compressor station or any facility, we

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take that very, very seriously. Not only do the people

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taking the call in the Office of External Affairs, they take

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that very seriously because they have to go ahead and make

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that come to resolution.

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In addition, a lot of the issues when it comes to

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compressor stations end up coming to me. I'm the lead air

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noise expert at the Commission. And so all those sort of

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issues end up coming to my attention. And, you know, I take

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these things, obviously, very seriously also. And my

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managers, these are very high priority issues when a

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complaint comes in on these pipelines and they want to know

1 what's going on.

2 In fact, I've been sent out to compressor
3 stations in various parts of the country to take a look at
4 them. And also -- both on noise and on air issues. And so
5 we take these very seriously and we really seriously look
6 into these issues. So I invite you, if you do have a FERC-
7 regulated compressor station on your property and you have a
8 problem with it and it's a serious issue for you, give us a
9 call.

10 Your first call should be to the company. The
11 company should be the first one to fix your issue. But if
12 they don't resolve it give us a call and we'll, you know,
13 we'll do something about that. Sometimes, you know, if
14 they're following all the laws, there's little that we can
15 do. However, we'll at least find out whether they're
16 following the existing laws and doing the right thing.

17 Okay? I just wanted to let everybody know that.

18 The next speaker is LaDonna Stanek.

19 MS. STANEK: Hi. My name's LaDonna Stanek, L-a-
20 D-o-n-n-a Stanek, S-t-a-n-e-k. I am a member of the
21 Cherrymound Coalition. I am a land owner. I am a school
22 teacher.

23 My husband is Mr. Tony Stanek -- excuse me,
24 Raymond Anthony Stanek. He's from Wisconsin. He's a
25 farmer. He works for Proctor and Gamble. He is also deputy

1 chief of the Bell's Volunteer Fire Department, who, by the
2 way, knew nothing about this. They knew nothing.

3 Do we not have to contact them? Is this not a
4 safety issue? Because you are in this compressor station
5 that wants to be built is in Bell's Volunteer Fire
6 Department District. I know that very well.

7 This morning I got up at 5:20, got ready; went
8 out to the barn to feed my lambs and just sat out on the
9 picnic table and listened to the quiet. Because that's why
10 I moved to the country: Because it's quiet. At six o'clock
11 the sun's just coming up. You hear a few birds. My lambs
12 were in the barn letting me know they were happy; I'd fed
13 them. The cats were around me enjoying having someone out
14 there to love them, because they live in the barn.

15 I don't want something with 55 decibels that
16 sounds like a constant 18 wheeler going up and down in front
17 of my house. I don't want that.

18 Mr. Gonzalez, would you want that? Would you?
19 You know what? I don't either.

20 I don't want to open my front door and see it
21 either because it would be a quarter of a mile -- less than
22 a quarter of a mile from my front door.

23 And, by the way, I'm all-electric. I don't need
24 natural gas. That's GCEC's problem because they're my
25 electric company, and I'm all-electric. My parents live on

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1 Stagecoach Trails; they're all-electric. They don't need it
2 either.

3 I know that my husband hunts on the Baldwin land

4 and the Whiting land. He hunts coyotes, a few bobcats;
5 there's even a black panther he's looking for. He's not
6 going to hunt it; he's just going to watch it.

7 There's new homes being built all the time in our
8 area. I like the quiet and I want the quiet. I don't want
9 to have trouble breathing when I'm outside with my family.
10 I want what I have -- and I guess I have a lot of wants.

11 I also have a question about as the crow flies,
12 Bell's Elementary is five miles. What will this do to the
13 students, the 450 students that go out to recess every day
14 and breathe this? Friday night football, Thursday night
15 football; you have a high school that's just right up the
16 hill. What will this do to them? Because we're not only
17 talking about my family, we're talking about Bell's
18 Elementary, Bell's Junior High and Bell's High Schools
19 students that this will affect.

20 Move this station someplace else. Because as the
21 old saying, if it looks like a skunk and it sounds like a
22 skunk, guess what? It's a skunk. And I don't want it.

23 Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 MR. TOMASI: Thank you for your comments.

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1 The next speaker is Carin Monk.

2 MS. MONK: My name is Carin -- C-a-r-i-n --
3 Whiting -- W-h-i-t-i-n-g -- Monk -- M-o-n-k. Okay.

4 I am also a member of the Cherrymound Coalition.
5 Our family has approximately 800 acres that would cover two
6 sides of the proposed compressor station. Presently these

7 800 acres are used for -- we have them leased out for cattle
8 ranching. My mother still lives on one part of the
9 property.

10 I think that I was probably one of the first
11 people that Gulf Crossing spoke to when they came into our
12 area. As a matter of fact, at the time the compressor
13 station site had not been picked out. I guess because of
14 numerous meetings and conversations that I've had with Gulf
15 Crossing, I'm a bit skeptical of some of the things that
16 they have said because they haven't always said the same
17 thing twice.

18 This compressor station -- and I'm sure I'm going
19 to be repeating myself on some of the ideas, but I have a
20 few new ones, too -- besides being noisy and a health risk,
21 it also devalues the property around it, the pollution
22 discharge and the wildlife. They are proposing to purchase
23 40 acres of which the pump station is going to be -- or
24 compressor station is going to be on 17 acres. So what
25 happens to the rest of the acreage that they're purchasing?

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1 Does that mean that down the road they're going to be able
2 to come in and put in another compressor station or storage
3 tanks or who knows what else? You know, we don't know yet.

4 When they actually put down the pipeline it's
5 going to be 42 inches, which is one of the largest pipelines
6 in the area. It's going to cover approximately -- or dig a
7 hole approximately four foot by eight foot. They'll damage
8 the trees that's been on the property for over 100 years.
9 And this compressor station is going to have the ability to

10 push the gas all the way to Florida.

11 Within a three square mile area of the compressor
12 station is approximately 150 homes.

13 There's also safety issues. I'm sure several of
14 you saw last weekend on Saturday that down -- and I don't
15 remember, unfortunately I caught the tail end of this --
16 that either in Mayfair or Maypole there was a compressor
17 station that actually caught fire. And then I'm sure you
18 saw where in Fort Worth they had a safety valve pop off of a
19 gas line and caused a big fire during rush hour in Fort
20 Worth.

21 These are ongoing issues. When humans are
22 involved these are problems that could occur that no matter
23 what the safety issues they say they're going to take, that
24 doesn't mean that that is what's going to happen. And I
25 don't know if we're going to be able to get all this in

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1 writing that is going to be able to cover just every issue
2 that could possibly come up in causing, you know, damage if
3 this thing were to explode or cause a fire in the area.

4 Also another thing is that -- and I believe Mr.
5 Justice kind of alluded to this earlier -- is that the
6 temperature of the pipeline -- I mean how high is the
7 temperature of a 42-inch pipeline?

8 Also, when they are purchasing a 60 foot easement
9 and a 40 foot temporary space, that 60 foot easement, they
10 have a right then to come back and either sell or lease out
11 for additional pipelines to run through there. So it's not
12 like you may think you're only getting one pipeline through

13 there, but you could end up with multiple pipelines. And
14 there is no -- well, I think they've actually -- the people
15 at Gulf Crossing has told me that there is no remuneration
16 for you after the first go-around.

17 And as Dr. Hayes alluded to earlier, there are
18 other properties that would probably be more suited to have
19 this compressor station where the land is already destroyed.

20 The community does not want or need this and it
21 is absolutely of no benefit to any of us.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much, Ms. Monk.

25 The next speaker is Van Britt.

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1 MR. BRITT: My name is Van -- V-a-n -- Britt --
2 B-r-i-i-t-t. I'm here speaking also on behalf of my wife,
3 Kristie, and our three children who still live at home,
4 Jacob, Kiley and Casey, and on behalf of my grandson who
5 frequents out place often, Logan.

6 We happen to live within that three-mile radius
7 as was alluded to earlier by Carin. And in fact the
8 property we live on has been in our family for about 150
9 years.

10 I can appreciate what you're talking about, Mr.
11 Justiss.

12 And, Mr. Currie, I appreciate what you're talking
13 about.

14 I have many of the same concerns that have
15 already been expressed. But I have additional ones as well.

16 I'm not sure everyone has talked about the noise.
17 And that's certainly one of the things that I would want
18 FERC to do is some noise modeling. But I would think it at
19 least prudent to do it prior to any facility being out
20 there, as well as the air modeling for pollutants and
21 contaminants prior to there being any facility out there.
22 That's critical to know what the baseline is and then to --
23 I would ask that it continue to be monitored on a monthly
24 basis and not just random at a certain hour of the day or
25 night or a certain day of the week like coal plants are and

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1 other gas plants are and other pollutant-emitting
2 facilities.

3 With respect to the noise, I was thinking about
4 it. And in my other life I worked for the railroad. And I
5 recall that -- as I read here, this -- the noise that will
6 be emitted is represented to be 55 decibels. To put that
7 sort of in perspective, I'll tell you that the Federal
8 Railroad Administration on a railroad horn requires that 100
9 feet in front of the engine it has to put out a minimum of
10 115 decibels.

11 You all can relate to the sound of a train horn.
12 This 55, if that's the absolute maximum, would be about half
13 the noise output that the train horn will put out. And I
14 can tell you that we live on Fleming Road and I can hear the
15 trains coming through Dennisen. I can hear the Burlington
16 Northern and the Union Pacific. And that's about nine and a
17 half miles away from me. So I just wanted to try to put
18 that into perspective somewhat for you.

19 I don't know Gulf Crossing. I never heard of
20 you. In fact, I never even heard about anything about this
21 until Monday evening on the six o'clock news on channel 12.
22 I didn't know. You know the last thing I knew anything
23 about was the coal plant they was trying to shove down our
24 throats over at Bells. And we got that thing shut down,
25 too, because, you know, it just wasn't the right thing to

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1 you. TXU finally, you know, sobered up and saw that it
2 wasn't going to happen down there.

3 Some things that have occurred are somewhat
4 disturbing. I mean I know how it is: big corporation,
5 small people. Everybody thinks that they don't have a
6 chance. They want you to think you don't have a chance.
7 But, shoot, we know better than that. At Cherrymound, you
8 know, we went through the landfill thing and we've gone
9 through the coal plant thing. So if you get enough good
10 people fighting for the right reason you can change it.

11 I will tell you this, what I learned Tuesday
12 night at Cherrymound is that twice -- and I want you all to
13 be aware of it -- and maybe you are but maybe you're not.
14 But I just thought it was sort of interesting.

15 Two different times Gulf Crossing came to our
16 county judge and at least one commissioner to talk to them
17 about a tax abatement for their pipeline. That's a fancy
18 way of saying will you not tax us for it. Both times they
19 were supposed to bring a map; neither time did they ever
20 bring a map. So if I understood the commissioner right the
21 other night, that abatement is just not a happening thing.

22 Further, the suggestion was entertained -- and I
23 feel obligated to take this up -- is that someone -- and it
24 can't be a commissioner -- someone or more than one person
25 can request to be in front of the commissioners. And the

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1 Grayson County commissioners can impose a moratorium or
2 whatever you want to call it as far as gas pumping stations
3 from now until the cows come home.

4 I have heard -- and you all have heard some of
5 this too -- that the gas company says that they can condemn
6 that property where the pump is going to be on. I'm not a
7 lawyer but I've worked with a lot of them for a lot of
8 years. And it's my understanding that they cannot condemn
9 it.

10 The only reason I say this is the Baldwins have
11 known me longer than I've known them. They're good people.
12 I know that they've somehow -- they've been feeling like
13 somebody's pointing a gun to their head. And that's not
14 fair and that's not right. And so if -- I guess my point is
15 if Gulf State or their representatives or their land man or
16 whoever it is has been putting out that BS, I think you all
17 ought to know about it.

18 I guess the last couple of things I would ask
19 you, you talked about the first person to contact about
20 getting a thing resolved, a complaint or an issue would be
21 to contact the gas company. And I'm taking Mr. Justiss at
22 his word -- I don't have any reason not to -- but I guess
23 from what I gather they just tell you to go pound sand. I
24 don't know.

25 The second thing is I wonder -- you said that you

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1 all go in and check and monitor and you've got a hotline and
2 that kind of thing. Have you ever closed one of them gas
3 plants down?

4 MR. TOMASI: I'm not aware of us actually closing
5 down any facilities.

6 MR. BRITT: All right.

7 And as I understand it, it's just the minimum --
8 just the minimum standards that the gas company has to meet,
9 right? Just the bare bones minimum.

10 MR. TOMASI: Do you have any direct questions for
11 me? I can go ahead and answer them later. But I would
12 prefer your comments just to be on the record right now.
13 And I can -- If you have questions a little later I'll go
14 ahead and answer them so everyone can hear.

15 MR. BRITT: Okay.

16 MR. TOMASI: Okay?

17 MR. BRITT: That's fine.

18 Thank you very much.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. TOMASI: Thank you, Mr. Britt.

21 The next speaker is Ron Wilkerson.

22 MR. WILKERSON: My name is Ron Wilkerson. That's
23 R-o-n W-i-l-k-e-r-s-o-n. I'm a land owner and a private
24 citizen. And I'm also a member of the Cherrymound
25 Coalition.

1 I'd like to acknowledge some things.

2 Mr. Justiss, I think Joe would be proud of you.

3 Mr. Gonzalez, I'd like for you to put this in
4 your notes. I believe Terry Lockwood has no credibility
5 with the people that are here tonight and have dealt with
6 him.

7 To Frank I'd like to say, you know, it seems like
8 we have a noise model already. I think it's time that we
9 have a new noise model. You know, if you talk to the people
10 across the state that have one of these around them, your
11 noise model isn't working.

12 I'd like to save a little time here and just
13 ditto everything that Ms. Murphy said and everything that
14 Dr. Katie Hayes said. And I mean every word of it, not just
15 part of it.

16 And if you haven't realized this, to Mr. Gonzalez
17 and the FERC, you know, Cherrymound is a community. It's
18 been there a long time. It probably has one of the oldest
19 cemeteries in the county; it dates back to the 1840s. So
20 we're not new at being a community.

21 Concerns that I have is the compressor station,
22 like the others. I have concerns about the pipeline because
23 it goes diagonally across my line because Mr. Lockwood says
24 that pipe doesn't bend anywhere but where I want it to.

25 I'm concerned about the fact that it's a gas

1 plant. But they burn unfiltered gas. As I understand it,

2 that's where the stink and the pollution comes from. You
3 know, let them filter it. Do your job, FERC.

4 When you have 1480 psi coming out of a 42-inch
5 pipeline you're going to have a monstrous amount of heat.
6 You know, the snow's not going to land there and stick, and
7 neither will grass grow.

8 Now the really thing that seems just totally out
9 of reason to me is this land that the station is proposed on
10 shares that land with a radio tower. Now it doesn't take a
11 rocket scientist to figure out where you put a radio tower,
12 and that's one of the highest spots in Grayson County. Now
13 there's some things you might want to put on a hill, but a
14 gas pumping station of 17 acres is not one of them.

15 Like others mentioned, I have a problem with the
16 fact that the law says we can have no recurring revenue.
17 There's people in Wise and Parker County where this gas is
18 coming from depositing \$20,000 checks every week. And I'm
19 sure Broadway is making plenty of money and going to for a
20 long time. And you want to come in and give us a few
21 pennies and take our land forever. That doesn't wash well
22 with me.

23 As far as noise -- not just the noise of the
24 station but I understand pop-off valves go on a regular
25 basis in things. You know, it's always nice to feel like

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1 somebody just let a round go across the top of your head.

2 I have a problem with the way that this company
3 and other companies like them have left the property after
4 they go through there. You know, almost everybody you talk

5 to talks about how they have indentions, gully-washes. This
6 thing's going across a creek on my property; I can imagine
7 how they're going to fix that.

8 I guess that's the only thing I have to add at
9 this time. Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. TOMASI: Thank you, Mr. Wilkerson.

12 We have one last speaker before I open up the
13 floor. Lauri McCabe.

14 MS. McCABE: Hi. I'm Lauri McCabe. I am not
15 prepared to speak like the others. I don't have a degree in
16 communications, as I'm sure Mr. Gonzalez has. I'm just a
17 mom, I'm a wife, and I have four children. And I hope I can
18 get through this.

19 Shame on you. They should change their name from
20 -- what is it? Gulf Crossing sounds so pretty, to Sneaky
21 Snakes. And that's exactly what they have been.

22 They -- In fact, I ran across the people who were
23 doing the survey. I thought they were -- and they told me
24 they were making a new road. And I'm thinking, 'Oh, how
25 nice.' I kept my dogs inside being so nice so that they

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1 could do their survey.

2 And I guess that's -- and I really did not know
3 about this until the beginning -- I don't know. I don't
4 even know what today is -- I guess the beginning of the
5 week. And so I don't have any hard facts. But all I have
6 is my heart and my soul.

7 We have purchased this property to invest it for

8 not only us but my children and my children's children.
9 And, you know, we knew that progress would happen one day.
10 But this is not progress. This is ugly. It's noise
11 pollution. It's light pollution. It's dangerous, and even
12 potentially deadly. I would never, ever purchase this
13 property thinking that I was exposing my family and my
14 children and my children's children to this. It's wrong.

15 And I do not own the property on which the
16 station is going on or the pipeline. But my property runs
17 right next to it. I am Ms. Baldwin's neighbor.

18 I would never do this to your family ever. And I
19 cannot believe that you just so easily just do this to
20 families. And there is another site for this -- and I would
21 please wish you would consider it -- that does not condemn
22 or -- well, I say it's going to condemn my property. The
23 potential I thought my property had is gone. And all the
24 neighborhoods. It's gone. It's done. It will be through.

25 See, I told you I wasn't a professional speaker.

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1 But it is from my heart. And I hope you guys -- I'm not
2 even asking you to put better pipe stuff. I don't want it
3 there at all. Please find another spot.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much, Ms. McCabe.

7 I realize that I missed a speaker. I apologize
8 to her.

9 Susan Thompson, why don't you come on up. I
10 apologize for missing you earlier.

11 MS. THOMPSON: My name is Susan Thompson. It's
12 S-u-s-a-n- T-h-o-m-p-s-o-n.
13 I've lived out at Cherrymound for 23 -- well,
14 actually for 43 years. My mom and dad and my little brother
15 all just passed away and I inherited part of the land and I
16 owned the other part.
17 I'm a member of the Cherrymound Coalition. And
18 I'm in with everybody on everything they just said because
19 I've lived there my whole life.
20 But I've been looking at your map and I think
21 there might be an alternative to even putting it in Ambrose.
22 There is 390 acres over in between Highway 82 and 56 off of
23 1417. It's probably about four miles away from the waste
24 treatment plant so the smell is not going to be a problem.
25 Highway 82 has cleared out the road to where all you'd have

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1 to do is go right down it. It would be saving you all
2 money. As far as going through Cherrymound and up into
3 Oklahoma and then back down, you could hit a straight shot
4 into Paris and there's nothing there to disturb. They've
5 already got all the noise there and you wouldn't be
6 disturbing anybody. There's not any houses there. It's a
7 highway. Why can't you move it there?
8 And that's pretty much what I had to say. But I
9 go along with everybody because this is our home. And we've
10 had people come in from New York and this is a Shangri-La to
11 them. They're in the middle of New York City and Yonkers
12 and everywhere and they don't have what we have. We have
13 birds; we have quiet. We have animals; they don't. Our

14 backyard, we actually have to mow it. Theirs is concrete.

15 And we want to keep what we've got.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. TOMASI: Thank you, Ms. Thompson. I

19 apologize again for missing you earlier.

20 That was the last speaker. However, I'd like to

21 open up the floor for anyone else who might have been too

22 shy to write down earlier. I'd like anyone else who'd want

23 to speak, just raise your hand, come on up and you can make

24 some comments.

25 Why don't you come on up.

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1 I'd just like, like everyone else, just state

2 your name and spell it for the court reporter. Thank you.

3 MS. PIERCE: My name is Amy Pierce. That's A-m-y

4 P-i-e-r-c-e. And I've only lived in the community for four

5 years and my grandparents -- I hope I can do this -- my

6 grandparents bought the land -- it's only about three acres

7 -- and had us come out and live with them so that they could

8 watch their grandchildren grow up.

9 And I did live in an area ever since I was five

10 and so I know how it feels. So it doesn't matter where I

11 am; it's my home. And one thing I just want to say --

12 because I want to be on record because if our children wind

13 up in National Geographic because of the things they found

14 out that this stuff will do to them, I want to say that I

15 spoke up for them.

16 But I'm a teacher, too. I home-school my

17 children. And my kids, we did a bird study and this is --
18 I've never seen so many birds. I thought we would never be
19 able to see all these birds in this book. We came from
20 Whitesboro and no birds; we live in the city. We saw so
21 many birds it's unreal. You can hear these birds. We did a
22 study of stars. And there's tons of stars in the country.
23 None in the city.

24 But these lights up here, we're not going to see
25 the stars. We're not going to find the birds. They'll be

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1 gone.

2 And she's right. You could do -- you could
3 definitely be able to preserve these animals. And you're
4 putting it in the wrong place. And I just want to speak up
5 for my family.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much.

8 Are there any other speakers?

9 Sir.

10 MR. KELLY: I'm David Kelly and I live here in
11 Durant. But I own land in Liberty Bottom. And, as I said,
12 my name's David Kelly, D-a-v-i-d K-e-l-l-y. And Corliss
13 Currie and I are friends and he lives over close to
14 Bennington.

15 I've lived in Liberty Bottom for about 30 years.
16 I own land down there. My brother lives down there. That's
17 where my parents farmed for years. We're going to be right
18 across the river -- or my land will be right across the
19 river from Cherrymound -- and I know Cherrymound well. In

20 fact, my father grew up across the river in Carpenters
21 Bluff.

22 It's really hard to describe what occurs when
23 these pipelines -- and not only do we have a pipeline coming
24 through Liberty Bottom -- and if you've ever been over
25 there, it's a pristine farmland is what it is. And we had

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1 peanut farms and cotton farms and alfalfa farms. And now
2 it's -- most of it's sod farms now.

3 But just about three years ago we had this huge
4 power line come through our territory. So now we get to
5 walk out on our farmland and we can see huge towers coming
6 through. And now we're going to have I guess probably one
7 of the hugest, largest pipelines in the world come through
8 our pristine valley.

9 When they first contacted me I said no. I said,
10 'Don't come on my land. Don't talk to me. Don't call me.
11 Don't write me. Don't send me anything. See me in court.'
12 And I can say that because I'm a lawyer. I can say that
13 because I can defend myself in court, which I intend to do.
14 And that's what I intend for them to do is to file whatever
15 they want to file. And so I've told them over and over,
16 I've told their lawyer, 'Hey, let's go to court.' Let's see
17 what you can do.

18 So that's what I suggest that we all do is say
19 no. Say no, you know, to FERC, say no to Boardwalk, Gulf
20 Crossing, and let's go to court.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. TOMASI: Thank you.

23 I believe there was another speaker over here.

24 MR. DOYLE: My name is Mark Doyle, M-a-r-k D-o-y-

25 I-e. I'm a land owner near Cherrymound.

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1 And I've been dealing with Gulf Crossing and
2 their representatives thinking that I was in it all alone
3 until this week when I saw Ms. Murphy on the local news and
4 realized that I wasn't alone. And so I went to the
5 Cherrymound meeting and realized that all the individuals in
6 there were dealing with the same issues I've been dealing
7 with. And I have voiced my -- a summary of all the
8 incidents that I have dealt with and submitted it to FERC.

9 And I guess, Mr. Gonzalez, you do have a big job
10 as far as being a communication manager because you have a
11 poor communication within your organization. And even those
12 people will say that.

13 But I've experienced threats of restraining
14 orders on my property because I was one that opposed the
15 pipeline. I didn't want the survey. I had an opportunity
16 to speak with Mr. Mills, the attorney for Gulf Crossing.
17 And my contingency finally was that they could survey my
18 property if I was present. I talked with two Gulf Crossing
19 individuals, 'Oh, we can make that happen. We'll contact
20 you.' That didn't happen. To this day I'm still waiting
21 for that information. But I've got survey stakes in my
22 property line.

23 I've also received very limited information from
24 Gulf Crossing as far as the status of what's going on. I
25 didn't know about the compressor station until Monday night

1 on the local news. And very poor communication.

2 So I think that if that's an example of how this
3 company operates I pretty much feel that there's a lot of
4 doubt about the safety, manageability of the project and
5 what kind of things may happen in the future.

6 I sent a summary of everything, dates, events,
7 everything I've experienced. And as I read through it I
8 thought, 'Well, this is a very elementary letter. It kind
9 of sounds like just a chronic complainer.' But as I sat in
10 that meeting Tuesday night I realized, 'Hey, I'm not the
11 only one experiencing the same things: everybody.' I
12 noticed tonight a lot of heads shaking as comments were made
13 that, 'hey, I'm in the same boat.' You may not be voicing
14 it, but you felt it.

15 And I had some questions as far as directed
16 toward environmental. There is an existing Lone Star TXU
17 pipeline and it's a half a mile or so from my property. So
18 I thought there's an easement there, right-of-way. Why not
19 use it rather than disrupt other properties. And I'm sure
20 there's probably a compressor station on that line at some
21 point and, if so, why couldn't it be modified to handle the
22 new pipeline. It's already existing. And I don't know any
23 locations but I do agree that it needs to be in a very
24 remote area away from homes, houses, schools.

25 And also in that area as far as pipeline, in my

1 area it's a very shallow water table. I've got water wells
2 on my property, 40 foot, great drinking water. It's spring-
3 fed. But I would like to say that my experience with Gulf
4 Crossing has not been positive and thus tends to cast doubt
5 as to the quality, safety and capable management of this
6 type project.

7 And in closing, I, too, would like to ditto
8 everything that was said tonight. Some great comments. And
9 it's been a learning experience. I think each meeting that
10 we go to we learn more.

11 Also, as far as -- we hear things, we hear
12 stories. We have to call people. And I guess I would like
13 to ask is there a formal report of complaints from residents
14 who live near a compressor station of this type that could
15 be provided to all individuals affected?

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. TOMASI: Let me go ahead and answer that
19 question real quick.

20 I believe your question was is there a report
21 that we compile on complaints on compressor station. Well,
22 anything that comes into our hotline does get compiled by
23 our Office of External Affairs. However, right now I'm not
24 sure whether that's publicly-available information or
25 whether you would have to file a Freedom of Information

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1 Request. So I wish I could tell you an answer on that; I
2 simply don't know.

3 Now I suppose you could call the hotline and find
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4 out, but I don't know that. And, sorry, I apologize for not
5 knowing. But unfortunately I don't.

6 Are there any other speakers that would like to
7 speak tonight?

8 There's another lady over here who would like to
9 speak and she hasn't had an opportunity.

10 So why don't you come on up?

11 And then you can go ahead and go.

12 MS. KELSO: My name is Sue Kelso, S-u-e K-e-l-s-
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14 My mom and dad, they have a 180 acre farm. And
15 my mother married my dad when he was -- he was blind since
16 childhood. And they had a real hard time buying that farm.
17 And then my dad got sight back through an operation in 1962.
18 And after he had that operation he could see for the first
19 time what they had struggled through all their life to own a
20 piece of land.

21 And they left that land undivided to seven
22 children. Well, one of my sisters died and she has two
23 children. So her part will have to be divided two ways.
24 And my mom and dad asked us to always keep that farm in the
25 family and not really divide it up and then we could all

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1 come back home and build houses there and we could all share
2 that farm.

3 And we have not destroyed the timber on it
4 because it's heavily wooded and we like it that way. And we
5 have never let a lumber company come in there and destroy it
6 because there's deer and, like they said, a lot of birds and

7 everything.

8 But back in the '70s we had one pipeline company
9 come through and put a 30 inch pipeline. Then in the '80s
10 they came back and put another 30 inch pipeline across the
11 place. And now it's Midcontinent and they have surveyed off
12 for another 30 inch pipeline. And now Gulf Crossing wants
13 100 feet of that property for a 42 inch pipeline. And then
14 Jet Pipeline Company, they want to go on the back side and
15 take another 100 -- I mean 70 feet for a six inch gathering
16 line.

17 And so my concern is, you know, seven kids, this
18 is to be shared by seven children. We cannot build a house.
19 We cannot build a structure on these pipelines.

20 And when it's all said and done, right now we are
21 facing five pipelines on that company -- I mean on that
22 farm. And then these gathering lines, of course they can
23 come in and put as many small pipelines in that 30 foot
24 easement.

25 But to get that 30 foot easement they're going to

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1 clear 70 feet. Just like Gulf Crossing, they need to put in
2 a 42 inch pipeline, well, they are surveying off 100 feet.
3 But instead of going right beside Midcontinent then -- the
4 neighbor has a pond across the road and apparently they went
5 around him -- well, they've surveyed off half of our field
6 that one of my sisters said that was where she had proposed
7 to build her house one of these days. Well, we can't build
8 on it now.

9 And they are clearing a lot of timber that -- my
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10 dad was real proud of it because we never had bulldozers
11 come in and push all the timber off the place and make it
12 look like desert or whatever. But that's my main concern is
13 these pipelines are destroying huge old trees that have been
14 there back before my parents bought the farm.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. TOMASI: Mr. Justiss, why don't you come on
18 up.

19 MR. JUSTISS: She was talking about the pipeline
20 that came in in '72. Well, that was a crude oil pipeline.
21 And it went from Houston or the Gulf Coast to Cushing,
22 Oklahoma and pumped crude oil.

23 The compressor station that was at my house at
24 that time was all electric; never made any racket. Well,
25 when the crude oil dried up and they had to quit running

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1 that it laid vacant there for several years and Conoco
2 bought that property where the pump station was on the crude
3 oil line. Then Natural Gas Pipeline came in, bought the
4 property, and Enron -- you all ever heard of Enron? Well,
5 they own -- they got that pipeline that runs under the
6 station, one of them.

7 And the reason they built this second line up
8 here is because Enron, that pipeline belonged to a
9 subsidiary of Enron named Black Marlin. And so they went
10 ahead and built another line into Oklahoma, and that's where
11 the two lines came through.

12 Well, they washed that pipeline out -- and I

13 don't know how much water they pumped in it. And the
14 temperature that day that they were going to blow the thing
15 out was about 109. It was one of those hot summers. And I
16 was mowing hay down in the bottom. And I saw the blackest
17 smoke or whatever that I'd ever seen. And I thought, 'My
18 goodness, Darlene's burnt dinner this time for sure.'

19 (Laughter.)

20 But a valve popped off and that pig went out the
21 end of that crude oil line, and that was crude oil going up
22 in the air. And it did about a three-mile circle. And they
23 had to come in there and skim all the pools, wash two or
24 three houses. And it put oil over everything that we had.

25 And what I'm getting to is they changed that and

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1 switched over, and there wasn't but one person that I know
2 of that got repaid. And when they changed that from crude
3 to natural gas, should have got paid for it.

4 And other thing about the old line you've got on
5 your place, you're talking about TXU and Lone Star Gas --
6 weren't you the one that said that? Okay.

7 I had one across -- I've got one across my
8 property too. It was put down in 1948. And so now Atmos
9 Energy has bought it from TXU. And they've come through --
10 it's been 50 years. And they come through after they bought
11 it and they've cut all the wood this last summer; even cut
12 the border oak up in stove wood.

13 But anyway, on one of the creek crossings they
14 had to bore that creek 1600 feet and they were going under
15 this giant size oak tree. It's 15 feet around, it's an

16 overcup. They say they tried to do -- they went right under
17 that thing -- or were going and I asked them to move it and
18 they said, 'Well, how about coming out ten feet?' Well, the
19 bottom of that tree goes out like this. It's right in
20 Sul fur Bottom. And I said, 'Well, that's not far enough.'
21 I said, 'Get out past the drip line. What difference does
22 it make?' He said -- he finally got mad at me and he said,
23 'I'll tell you, Mr. Justiss, we have got a blanket easement
24 on your place. We can put it anyplace we want to.'
25 And that's another thing. Before you sign a

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1 paper you get an attorney to look at it. Don't take it on
2 yourself to do it because there's too many things you're
3 going to miss.
4 Well, I've got another pipeline that goes right
5 by our house and up to a generator there in the edge of
6 Paris. And that was the same time that Natural Gas -- I
7 mean Lone Star was trying to get out of this deal they were
8 in. My aunt had signed the deed for them and he -- they
9 didn't have a will and so it wasn't any good.
10 And I just happened to think about that night
11 when I bought that place from my aunt. You could hold a
12 deed up and there would be affidavits clear to the ground
13 where it had gone back and forth across the country getting
14 all those signatures on it, about 30-something signatures.
15 And I said, 'Why didn't the gas company have to do that.'
16 And I carried it back to the attorney and he said, 'Well, we
17 were looking for something bit and I think you've found it.'
18 And so we asked them to take it up on account of

19 environmental concerns and cut it up in fence post and then
20 they could just have the right-of-way. But they paid, paid
21 good, and I didn't have any trouble dealing with the others.

22 And this lady -- you're the one that your father
23 was blind? Okay. Since you've got that many pipelines on
24 your place and you never sold it for anything else other
25 than a pipeline, you're sitting in the driver's seat because

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1 you have got something to go by there. And when that's all
2 that you can do with your land, that sets a precedent on
3 what you can ask for it.

4 And so there's lots of things. Don't just sign
5 what they bring out there to you because they fixed it for
6 them and they'll never come back. They'll not do one thing
7 they say they'll do. You can look at the fences. You can
8 drive across the whole country and follow it. It's rotted
9 down. And you just can't imagine.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. LOVEDAY: I'm Trevor Loveday.

12 At this time, then, we will end -- Do you want to
13 do this? Okay.

14 MR. TOMASI: Okay. I apologize for that.

15 So there are no additional speakers at this time,
16 I understand. So we're going to go ahead and close these
17 proceedings. But before we do I want to let you guys know
18 again -- I'm going to go ahead and have some question and
19 answer session here after we end. But I want to emphasize
20 that, you know, you need to give us comments. If you were
21 too shy to come up and talk tonight, write it down.

22 Also what's really great: map, detailed maps if
23 you've got them. You know, you can go to the library and
24 print out some maps. Go to Google earth, get some mapping
25 and just draw -- if you don't like where it is, draw where

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1 you want it. That really helps out a lot. You know if you
2 have any contacts with any state biologist, state agencies
3 that, you know, might have documented issues on your land
4 let us know. Have them write a letter to us. Those are
5 really helpful.

6 Okay. So at this time we're going to -- Well, at
7 this time we're going to go ahead and adjourn the meeting.

8 (Whereupon, at 9:50 p.m., the scoping meeting in
9 the above-entitled matter was adjourned.)

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