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2 NORTH-SOUTH PROJECT

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7 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

8 HELD ON: July 15th, 2010

9 HELD AT: Treadway Inn

10 Owego, New York

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12 Appearances:

13 J. RICH MCGUIRE - FERC Chief, Gas Branch 1

14 JESSICA HARRIS- FERC Environmental Resource

15 Specialist

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1 MS. HARRIS: Good evening, excuse me,
2 good evening and welcome to the public
3 scoping meeting for the North-South Project
4 under Docket CP10-194. Let the record show
5 that the North-South Project Scoping
6 Meeting is starting at 7 p.m., July 15th,
7 2010. My name is Jessica Harris and I'm an
8 Environmental Resource Specialist with the
9 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, also
10 known as FERC, and I'm here with Rich
11 McGuire and also Kevin Bowman at the
12 sign-in table.

13 A notice of intent or NOI was mailed
14 to landowners among others within a half
15 mile radius of the North-South Project.
16 The NOI states that the Commission is
17 preparing an environmental assessment or EA
18 for the proposed North-South Project. If
19 you did not receive a copy of the NOI, we
20 have additional copies here with us
21 tonight. The purpose of this meeting is to
22 give you an opportunity to comment on the
23 type of environmental issues that you
24 believe we should address in the
25 environmental assessment.

1 Now, I'll outline tonight's agenda.
2 First I'll start out by briefly explaining
3 the FERC application process, then a
4 representative from Central New York Oil &
5 Gas Company will come up to give a
6 description of their project. Following
7 Central New York's presentation, we will
8 hear from those of you who have signed up
9 to speak to make formal comments on the
10 project. If you do not want to make a
11 formal comment tonight, you may fill out
12 one of the comment sheets that were at the
13 sign-in table and leave that with me
14 tonight or you can also mail it in to the
15 Commission. The notice of intent explains
16 how you can mail in comments on page 5. In
17 addition, there are comment sheets at the
18 sign-in table again and you can leave them
19 with me. And so you know, the scoping or
20 comment period ends on July 26th, 2010.
21 The meeting is being recorded by a court
22 reporter so that we can have an accurate
23 record of tonight's public meeting.

24 The Federal Energy Regulatory
25 Commission is an independent regulatory

1 agency. The Commission's mission is to
2 regulate and oversee energy industries in
3 the economic and environmental interests of
4 the American public. Among other
5 responsibilities, the Commission regulates
6 the interstate transmission of natural gas.
7 The Commission is made up of five members
8 who are appointed by the president and are
9 approved by congress. The Commission
10 staff, which includes myself, prepares
11 technical information to assist these
12 commissioners in making their decision.
13 When a company wants to build a pipeline
14 facility to transport and sell natural gas
15 in interstate commerce, the company files
16 an application with the Commission.
17 Central New York filed its application with
18 the Commission on April 27th, 2010 and
19 subsequently filed a supplement to that
20 application on June 15th, 2010.

21 The proposed North-South Project
22 consists of installing two new compressor
23 stations, one in Bradford County,
24 Pennsylvania, and the other in Tioga
25 County, New York. About 750 feet of 36

1 inch parallel pipelines from the Bradford
2 County compressor station to the
3 interconnect with Central New York's South
4 Lateral and Tennessee Gas Pipeline's line
5 300 is also being proposed.

6 Under the National Environmental
7 Policy Act or NEPA, the Commission is
8 required to perform an environmental
9 analysis of the proposed project's
10 potential effects on the environment. In
11 the case of the North-South Project, we are
12 doing this in the form of an EA or
13 environmental analysis. Generally the EA
14 describes the project facilities and
15 associated environmental impacts,
16 alternatives to the project, mitigation to
17 avoid or reduce impacts and our conclusions
18 and recommendations. The EA is used to
19 advise the Commission and to disclose to
20 the public the environmental impacts of
21 constructing and operating the proposed
22 project. The Commission will consider the
23 environmental information from the EA and
24 public comments as well as a host of
25 non-environmental issues like rates, cost

1 of service, market, accounting, and various
2 economic issues in making an informed
3 decision on whether or not to approve the
4 project.

5 The EA will not be a decision
6 document. When the EA is complete, we will
7 provide the assessment and staff material
8 on the non-environmental issues to the
9 Commission so that they can make an
10 informed decision regarding the project.
11 If the Commission does vote to issue a
12 certificate to Central New York, the
13 Commission staff will monitor the project
14 through construction and restoration by
15 performing onsite inspections for
16 environmental compliance.

17 Tonight's scoping meeting is one of
18 the first steps in our process to develop a
19 complete environmental record of Central
20 New York's proposal. We are here tonight
21 to get your input on the issues you feel
22 need to be analyzed in the EA. Your
23 comments along with those of interested
24 groups and agencies will help us focus our
25 analysis on the significant impacts. This

1 sheet that you may have seen at the sign-in
2 table that you may have with you describes
3 the FERC application process for an
4 environmental assessment.

5 The early phase here at the top it
6 displays what the company does. So the
7 company does background analysis and market
8 assessment prior to filing their
9 application with the FERC. Once that
10 application is filed, we file -- or we send
11 our notice of intent to landowners, so
12 that's what many of you may have received
13 prior to coming here tonight. The light
14 blue sections here or kind of grey sections
15 here, that describes or discloses our
16 public sections of the process. So this
17 meeting would be included in that public
18 participation section and this is where we
19 get comments from the public to our notice
20 of intent.

21 After that we prepare our
22 environmental assessment and if the
23 environmental assessment is sent out for
24 public comment, we then wait another 30
25 days and allow the public to send in

1 comments to our environmental assessment.

2 After our environmental assessment
3 goes out, we then send our conclusions and
4 recommendations to the commissioners who
5 will then vote and decide whether or not
6 Central New York or any other applicant
7 receives a certificate.

8 If you have additional questions
9 about the FERC, I encourage you to visit
10 the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov.
11 At this point are there any questions on
12 the scoping process or the FERC application
13 process? Now I would like to introduce
14 Barry Cigich with Central New York Oil &
15 Gas and he'll give a description of the
16 project.

17 MR. CIGICH: Thank you, Jessica. As
18 she said, I'm Barry Cigich with Central New
19 York Oil & Gas. I live here in Owego and
20 I'm an engineer by education so I'll try
21 not to bore you all too bad. If I see
22 somebody nodding off, I'll try to pick it
23 out but before we get started on the
24 description of the project I thought I'd
25 give you a little history of Central New

1 York Oil & Gas. The entity Central New
2 York Oil & Gas was started as a storage
3 facility and was put in service in 2002
4 about, what, three miles south of the
5 river. It is a 15BCF storage field that
6 utilizes a completed reservoir that Quaker
7 State had found in the mid 80s and it was
8 depleted in the late 90s. Ecorr came in,
9 took it over and developed a storage
10 reservoir. Inergy bought the facility with
11 15BCF storage and then I came up here in
12 2005 so I've been here since 2005.

13 When the project first started,
14 Central New York Oil & Gas storage facility
15 was tied into TGP, Tennessee Gas Pipeline's
16 station with their 300 line at station 319.
17 So there was about 23 miles of 30-inch
18 pipeline through it originally. So we have
19 TGP 23 miles of pipeline north to Central
20 New York Oil & Gas storage facility.

21 In 2007 we started phase two out at
22 Central New York Oil & Gas which included
23 another 15BCF of storage, that actually
24 went into Pennsylvania and at that time we
25 bought the 30-inch pipeline from Tennessee

1 so we own the pipeline, the facilities, and
2 then another 15 feet of storage. Then 2008
3 when Millennium came through, we put in a
4 north lateral, it's about a nine mile north
5 lateral that is just, what, five miles
6 north of here, Stan?

7 MR. SCOBIE: Yes.

8 MR. CIGICH: The Millennium line. So
9 we ran nine miles from the stations, about
10 five miles from here in the Millennium line
11 so effectively we have tied Millennium and
12 TGP together and it was customers for our
13 storage. And you all know that the gas
14 industry has changed quite a bit up here,
15 the Northeast, with Marcellus shale and all
16 this stuff going on. There's not a lot of
17 infrastructure up here so there's been some
18 demand for us to increase the capacity or
19 utilize the pipeline for more than just
20 storage and that's what this project is.

21 What this project wants to do is be
22 able to move gas between Tennessee and
23 Millennium. In order for us to do that, we
24 have to put compression at each end of the
25 line, we have to put a compressor station

1 there right by Tennessee, their 319, and
2 right by Millennium up north of Owego. So
3 we got two compressor stations proposed for
4 this project and it effectively maximizes
5 the capacity to be utilized in the
6 pipeline, the North-South Pipeline.

7 We're proposing electric compression,
8 electric drilling compression at both
9 locations and that's for several reasons.
10 First reason is emissions, there's no
11 emissions at that location associated with
12 electric compression. The noise is about
13 as quiet as you can get for any compressor
14 stations and thirdly, it is very reliable
15 and it's easy to maintain. So the
16 compression at each end of the location,
17 well, we actually had some problems with --
18 we tried to get electric, we didn't know if
19 we were going to make it but we were able
20 to get electric at that location. That
21 location, it's really interesting because
22 right there at that location there's a
23 345,000 volt line going across the property
24 and 230,000 volt line going across the
25 property and those lines are very, very

1 difficult, those are main arteries for New
2 York and very, very difficult to tie into.
3 We were able to overcome that and maintain
4 electric compression at those facilities.
5 So this project is really pretty simple,
6 the pipeline infrastructure is here, all
7 we're doing is adding compression at each
8 end of the pipeline. That's it unless
9 there's questions yet --

10 MR. MCGUIRE: Are there any questions
11 for the company about the actual proposed
12 facilities?

13 MR. MORRIS: I signed up, I don't
14 know if this is the time for a question but
15 I'm a property owner, I'm right below the
16 proposed site and my property also borders
17 up close to where the proposed site is
18 going to be and I guess I have a few
19 concerns. I'm not sure if I talked to you
20 or not, my name is Brett Morris, but you
21 mentioned noise would be limited but I read
22 the FERC application online and at that
23 point in time there was no study done as
24 far as noise levels so. And being so close
25 and right below the proposed site, I'm kind

1 of a little concerned about what kind of
2 noise I'm going to hear on my property and
3 backyard when we're barbecuing or playing
4 with the kids and, you know, so that's a
5 concern to me.

6 And then I also live right along the
7 pipeline and I have some concern with the
8 water runoff. I know where the proposed
9 site is and there's a gully that goes down
10 in between my property and where the site
11 is. I know there's some water problems up
12 there because I have water coming down the
13 gully and I end up getting my backyard
14 filled up with water. So I guess the
15 noise, water runoff, those are two of my
16 concerns.

17 And then the final is the overall
18 property value of my place, how is this
19 going to affect the property value if I
20 ever want to sell this place some time in
21 the future and someone's in the backyard
22 listening and they can hear some humming or
23 noise or whatever noise it's going to make,
24 how is that going to affect me personally
25 as far as the value of my property?

1 MR. MCGUIRE: First of all, I'm
2 supposed to repeat these questions. I'm
3 sorry, Mr. Morris, if we could ask you to
4 come to the mic and repeat some of that.
5 We're going to -- we wanted to ask you to
6 come up and speak, we have you signed up
7 and we thought your question would be
8 simpler, it's a little more complicated.

9 MR. MORRIS: Oh, okay, I'm sorry.

10 MR. MCGUIRE: That's -- no, no, you
11 don't need to apologize.

12 MR. MORRIS: Well, again, my name is
13 Brett Morris, I have some property below
14 the proposed site and also it adjoins the
15 site as far as the land and I have a couple
16 of concerns as far as the noise and I read
17 the FERC application and at that point in
18 time there was no study done as far as the
19 noise or the facts of how much noise
20 there's going to be so I have a concern
21 about that as far as what I'm going to be
22 hearing on my property and my backyard.

23 The second thing is the actual water
24 runoff, where the water is going to be
25 directed to because I already have an

1 existing problem from the Millennium
2 pipeline that was not addressed even though
3 I tried to reach out to people from the
4 Millennium Pipeline and the Columbia
5 Pipeline to address the problem, I still
6 had water runoff that comes down onto my
7 property in my backyard.

8 So those are two things and then the
9 overall thing is how is this going to
10 affect my overall property value if I ever
11 want to sell my house sometime down the
12 road, you know, if someone hears this noise
13 or if I sell in the spring time and I have
14 a massive lake in the backyard, how is this
15 going to affect my property value? So
16 those are my concerns.

17 MR. CIGICH: Well, the first thing
18 that I remember here is noise and that is
19 everybody's concern with compressor
20 stations, noise, that's why we elected to
21 go electric. FERC requires us -- we had to
22 identify all of the noise receptors, the
23 NSAs, which we did. We will be taking a
24 survey before construction starts if we get
25 a certificate and then we're required to

1 take a noise survey after construction
2 while it's running and we have to keep you
3 at 55 dBA which is quiet. I mean, I don't
4 think you'll have a problem with noise at
5 that location. In fact, I live real close
6 to the compressor station in Owego and we
7 got 37,000 horsepower electric compression
8 there and I'm -- you can almost -- you can
9 drive a golf ball to the place from where
10 I'm at and noise isn't an issue there. So
11 I can't see it really being an issue, you
12 know, I'm not sure exactly where you're at
13 but --

14 MR. MORRIS: Right below.

15 MR. CIGICH: -- we don't intend it to
16 be an issue at all for you. I'm getting
17 old. I remember the property value one,
18 the second one is runoff, drainage. We are
19 required to do a storm water prevention
20 plan, we have to have a plan to control the
21 storm water coming off this site we're
22 developing and that is controlled by the
23 state. So we have plans to handle the
24 storm runoff, it shouldn't be running on
25 your property or anybody else's, it should

1 be handled accordingly and we're actually
2 working on that now.

3 Property values is a question that
4 I'm really not qualified to answer. I
5 mean, I just don't know -- I wouldn't know
6 how to answer that question. I moved up
7 here from down south, pipelines and stuff
8 don't really affect the property value.
9 The guy who's got a pipeline running
10 through his backyard gets as much as the
11 next guy but it's more prevalent down
12 there, you know, it's accepted and people
13 don't really think a whole lot about it.
14 Up here, I just -- I don't have any clue.

15 MR. MCGUIRE: Perhaps you can address
16 the visibility from his, you know, seeing
17 area around the way it's developed.

18 MR. CIGICH: Yeah. I'm not sure, can
19 you see -- where that facility is, I don't
20 know if anybody is actually visibly within
21 eyeshot.

22 MR. MORRIS: I have property up on
23 top of the hill so, yes, I probably would
24 be able to see it and that's -- I have a
25 field about that close pretty clear up to

1 the top of the hill.

2 MR. CIGICH: Which side of the
3 Millennium are you on, the north or south?

4 MR. MORRIS: If you're looking at my
5 property, the Millennium is on the
6 left-hand side, I don't know if it's north
7 or south but the property is just right
8 below my -- where my dwelling is is right
9 below the hill and then I have property
10 that goes up on top of the hill that's, I
11 don't know, a couple thousand yards away
12 from where the site is. I'm pretty sure I
13 could see it there and also, you know, the
14 property up on top of the hill, that's
15 where I take my family and we have picnics
16 or whatnot or go hunting up there so that's
17 another concern.

18 MR. CIGICH: Well, we're actually
19 building it in a wooded area, there's some
20 brush there.

21 MR. MORRIS: Is it pretty close to
22 where you have the existing --

23 MR. CIGICH: Yeah.

24 MS. HARRIS: Excuse me, Brett, if you
25 wouldn't mind using the mic.

1 MR. MORRIS: Oh, I'm sorry.

2 MR. MCGUIRE: Sorry, Brett, this is
3 more for the court reporter.

4 MR. MORRIS: I know where the
5 existing building is there and, you know,
6 I'm pretty sure I can see that from there
7 and I can see it from the road by my house
8 as well. But the field where I have my
9 property up on top of the hill, you know,
10 that's also a concern. My dwelling, my
11 house is down below but up on top of the
12 hill we do things with the family on our
13 property up there so there's a noise factor
14 there if I'm up there with the kids doing a
15 picnic or whatnot or hunting, you know,
16 that's an issue there.

17 As far as the water runoff, I know
18 that area pretty well and just below the
19 site that you're building on there is some
20 wetland, there's some mushy land and water
21 through there and every spring it comes
22 down through my property and it's like a
23 raging river. So I do know the area pretty
24 well, you know, where the proposed site is
25 and I tried to have it addressed prior to

1 the Millennium Pipeline but like I said,
2 nothing really happened there. I was just
3 seeing if you could maybe, you know, well,
4 I tried whatever I could to see if they
5 could get that issue resolved before it
6 actually happened but --

7 MR. MCGUIRE: Brett, my name again is
8 Rich McGuire. Millennium is under our
9 jurisdiction and I don't know if you've
10 brought this to FERC's attention as far as
11 the water runoff --

12 MR. MORRIS: No.

13 MR. MCGUIRE: That would be a
14 compliance matter. I mean, they're under
15 our jurisdiction and we do do compliance
16 inspection. Of course Millennium is
17 hundreds of miles long so we may not be
18 aware of all the issues when we do an
19 inspection of the Millennium but I will get
20 your -- if I can after this meeting, if I
21 can get some specifics on that and we will
22 try to do, you know, we do do inspections
23 of Millennium. If it's erosion that you're
24 talking about as runoff, is it sediment
25 load coming off?

1 MR. MORRIS: It's not erosion, it's
2 actually a top water that comes down off
3 the pipeline into my property.

4 MR. MCGUIRE: That didn't happen
5 before the pipeline was constructed?

6 MR. MORRIS: It happened before the
7 pipeline had existed, the other pipeline,
8 what was the pipeline there before,
9 Columbia Pipeline?

10 MR. MCGUIRE: Columbia Pipeline,
11 yeah.

12 MR. MORRIS: So it happened then. I
13 tried to have it addressed at that point in
14 time and then I talked to the construction
15 crew, the foremen that were building the
16 Millennium Pipeline to see if I could get
17 it resolved with the local land people
18 there, I'm not even sure what their title
19 is, but it was never addressed, I brought
20 it up but it never happened. So it's just
21 top water, mainly in the spring, you know,
22 runoff in the big hills there. It
23 congregates on the property, you have an
24 electric station there off of McLane Road,
25 I'm not sure if you're familiar with that?

1 MR. MCGUIRE: Millennium might have
2 that.

3 MR. MORRIS: Millennium does.

4 MR. MCGUIRE: Yeah.

5 MR. MORRIS: But anyway, the water
6 tends to settle there and it just kind of
7 -- gravity takes it and it just comes in my
8 ditch which I have to maintain constantly
9 otherwise I get water in my backyard and I
10 always do but --

11 MR. MCGUIRE: Thank you. We will
12 follow up with you after the meeting and
13 try to get some contact information from
14 you so that we can have our inspector go to
15 your property and see what the issue is.

16 MR. CIGICH: Follow up questions?

17 MR. MCGUIRE: Other questions for the
18 company? If you want to come to the mic,
19 that would be probably --

20 MR. SCOBIE: My name's Stan Scobie.
21 I did want to testify but I have a quick
22 follow up. The 55dB to the nearest
23 receptor requirement you have to follow, I
24 understand, but you said the electric
25 compressors are pretty quiet. How quiet?

1 Let's say 1,000 feet away from a typical
2 compressor, how many dB?

3 MR. CIGICH: I don't have a clue.

4 MR. SCOBIE: So when you say quiet --

5 MR. CIGICH: Well, if you've ever
6 been around reciprocating units --

7 MR. SCOBIE: Oh, yeah.

8 MR. CIGICH: -- and turbine units --

9 MR. SCOBIE: Yeah, yeah, sure.

10 MR. CIGICH: Then it's quiet.

11 MR. SCOBIE: Quieter than those?

12 MR. CIGICH: Yeah.

13 MR. SCOBIE: So what you're saying is
14 you don't think there's any problem meeting
15 the 55dB?

16 MR. CIGICH: No. Yeah, that's
17 correct.

18 MR. SCOBIE: Thank you.

19 MS. HARRIS: Regarding the noise
20 issue, right now we're in the early stages
21 of our environmental assessment so we're
22 still reviewing the application. In terms
23 of noise, they are required to meet a 55dBA
24 noise level at the nearest noise sensitive
25 area which would in these cases be

1 residences and they have to do surveys
2 prior to construction to get what we call
3 the ambient noise level for the existing
4 noise level. And then they have to
5 determine the noise that's going to come
6 from these electric units and then they
7 also, as Barry mentioned, have to do post
8 construction surveys, noise surveys and if
9 those noise levels exceed 55dBA, they have
10 to do mitigation or implement mitigation in
11 order to get that down within a certain
12 amount of time. So they absolutely have to
13 meet that 55dBA requirement.

14 Central New York representatives will
15 be available after the meeting with maps
16 and if you have any additional questions
17 that are specific to your property or if
18 you want to know how your property will be
19 affected, feel free to stay after the
20 meeting and discuss that with Central New
21 York.

22 Now we are officially getting to the
23 formal comment portion of the meeting so
24 we'll hear from those who have signed up to
25 submit or to give us their comments. If

1 appropriate, state the agency or group that
2 you're representing and again, we ask that
3 you step to the podium just so that we can
4 make sure your comments are accurately put
5 into the public record. And if possible,
6 just clearly state your first and last name
7 and spell it also for the court reporter.
8 We have heard from Brett Morris, are there
9 any general project questions that you
10 would like to ask?

11 MR. MORRIS: Not at this time.

12 MS. HARRIS: And the next speaker
13 that we will have is Mark Cole.

14 MR. COLE: Actually I just have three
15 questions rather than comments, is that
16 okay?

17 MR. MCGUIRE: That's fine.

18 MR. COLE: I have three questions.
19 The first question was in the notice of
20 intent in the paper you mentioned that no
21 land was going to be taken using
22 condemnation, is that the same as eminent
23 domain?

24 MR. CIGICH: Yes, it is.

25 MR. COLE: It's the same. So why is

1 is called condemnation, what's the process?
2 Do you want me to finish my questions and
3 then or --

4 MR. CIGICH: I'm kind of slow, I got
5 to answer one at a time or I have to
6 remember. Eminent domain gives you the
7 right of condemnation so condemnation is a
8 process through the court and eminent
9 domain is the right that the company or
10 whoever's getting it is given to gain
11 access to a piece of property.

12 MR. MCGUIRE: In this case, you -- in
13 this case, the company has -- the landowner
14 has willingly, correct me if I'm wrong, but
15 either leased or you're purchasing that
16 property?

17 MR. CIGICH: It's under contract.

18 MR. COLE: But if it wasn't, you
19 would pursue eminent domain?

20 MR. CIGICH: We would have to be
21 given the right from FERC and whether they
22 would give us the right or not is entirely
23 up to them.

24 MR. COLE: And I too had a concern
25 about the noise level, you addressed that

1 question. My other two questions were
2 concerning the oil and lubricants that are
3 used in the compressor. Is there a list of
4 oils and lubricants that are used in
5 compressor and the quantities?

6 MR. CIGICH: These compressor units
7 are of oil film. They are an oil film
8 bearing, the ones we have at Stagecoach are
9 not, they're magnetic bearing. There's oil
10 film bearing -- I don't have the specs on
11 the oil but I could get the specs on the
12 oil. It would be close to an automotive
13 oil, a mineral oil, and there's been some
14 speculation rather to use synthetic or just
15 a straight mineral oil so that really
16 hasn't been decided on yet. And the
17 quantities, it's not a lot. I don't want
18 to say, I don't remember for sure.

19 MR. COLE: And last question I had,
20 have there been any studies done as to what
21 -- I guess I may be talking carbon, what
22 emissions may be from this compressor?

23 MR. CIGICH: The only emissions would
24 be some fugitive types of emissions because
25 there's no -- it's an electric driven unit,

1 there's nothing there but a motor and a
2 gear box and compressor so it'd just be a
3 fugitive type emission from natural gas.

4 MR. COLE: Thank you, I appreciate
5 your answers.

6 MS. HARRIS: At this time is there
7 anyone else who would like to --

8 MR. SCOBIE: Sorry, I didn't sign up.
9 It's Stan Scobie, S-C-O-B-I-E, and I'm not
10 representing anybody today. This is going
11 to the FERC about scoping, I was concerned
12 when we did the site visit about
13 restoration, that is the cut land behind
14 the metering station and the restoration on
15 the Millennium Pipeline which I understand
16 is not part of this but it's, you know,
17 it's what they did. It was pretty thin,
18 that is it didn't look like the top soil
19 was separated and recovered or anything
20 like that so that the regrowth was pretty
21 scrubby and scuzzy I guess I'd call it.
22 The site is uphill from a pond and so
23 there's runoff issues so I would like to
24 encourage that the FERC have the company do
25 top soil separation and restore with good

1 top soil and that's it.

2 MS. HARRIS: Thank you, Stan. The
3 FERC, within our planning procedures, we
4 actually do require the company to separate
5 top soil and so that is what happens during
6 construction and we actually monitor
7 restoration for up to three years after
8 construction takes place or after
9 construction is completed.

10 MR. MCGUIRE: Yeah, I mean, we would
11 -- we will monitor restoration throughout
12 the life of the project. I mean, it stays
13 under our jurisdiction if issues are risen.
14 I mean, Millennium was recently built, I
15 mean, we're still -- they're still in the
16 restoration process. Just to clarify, we
17 do have a document that's online on our
18 website called the erosion control plan
19 essentially, it's what Jessica referred to
20 and it gives the erosion control
21 performance measures the company needs to
22 build at a very minimum. It's baseline of
23 what they need to build but it gives guides
24 as to how to prevent erosion control during
25 construction and permanent control measures

1 that need be installed during operation.
2 And then there's a wet and water body
3 procedures, what we refer to as our
4 procedures and those are requirements also
5 online that the company needs to build as
6 baseline requirements when they're building
7 in proximity or potentially impacting
8 wetlands and water bodies. And those are
9 best performance measures for the industry
10 those -- both the planning procedures were
11 developed in consultation with state,
12 federal, local agencies as well as the
13 industry itself.

14 So we're always refining those but
15 it's essentially best management practices.
16 Just as a clarification, we do require top
17 soil segregation where that is appropriate.
18 In forested areas which it isn't a
19 requirement, often times a company will do
20 top soil segregation but it's not a
21 requirement in forested areas, in ag lands,
22 as well as pasture and non-saturated
23 wetlands. At residential areas at
24 landowner's request they will do top soil
25 segregation but it's not a requirement in

1 forested primarily because top soil
2 segregation requires more space and so in
3 forested areas we're trying to limit the
4 width of the right-of-way and the
5 segregated top soil pile requires more
6 space. And also in most -- in many
7 forested areas, blading the top soil is
8 pretty hard to do to technically get --
9 there's often not enough top soil in
10 forested areas to actually blade a top soil
11 pile. So it's possible and often times
12 it's helpful that sometimes it's just
13 technically difficult for a dozer to do
14 that but I think that basically addressed
15 your question but your comment is well
16 noted and we will address that in the end.

17 MS. HARRIS: Are there any other
18 questions? Anyone who would like to
19 purchase a copy of the transcript of
20 tonight's meeting can make those
21 arrangements with the court reporter.

22 The FERC website contains a link
23 called e-library. By citing the docket
24 number, CP10-194, into e-library, you can
25 gain access to everything in the public

1 record including any comments that are
2 filed or any filings by Central New York
3 Oil & Gas. Detailed information for
4 accessing the Commission's public records
5 is in the NOI on page 7. There are also
6 handouts and cards at the sign-in table
7 that provides instruction on how to use
8 e-library and how to e-subscribe to the
9 North-South Project to receive automatic
10 notification of any filings. On behalf of
11 the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission, I
12 want to thank all for coming out tonight
13 and sharing your comments.

14 MR. CIGICH: Can I make one more
15 comment to Stan?

16 MS. HARRIS: Yeah.

17 MR. MCGUIRE: Sure, it's okay with
18 me.

19 MR. CIGICH: I apologize, Stan, on
20 this noise issue you kind of had me thrown
21 at that. We have a noise consultant that
22 actually knows those answers to those
23 questions.

24 MR. SCOBIE: I figured you do.

25 MR. CIGICH: Yeah, and they're trying

1 to design the building with the noise, you
2 know, evaping in the building and all that
3 other stuff.

4 MR. SCOBIE: Sure.

5 MR. CIGICH: So I don't know but
6 somebody does know so I'm sorry the way I
7 answered that.

8 MR. SCOBIE: No, I figured that.
9 Thank you.

10 MS. HARRIS: Let the record show that
11 the scoping meeting for the North-South
12 Project ends at 7:37, July 15th, 2010 and
13 so the formal portion of the meeting is
14 over and again, you're welcome to stay if
15 you have any additional questions regarding
16 the project. There is maps and company
17 representatives available to answer
18 questions. Thank you.

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