

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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DELAWARE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

A P P E A R A N C E S:

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1 MS. MCCARTHY: I'm going to try and speak without the mike.
2 I actually -- my kids tell me all the time I have a really annoying and loud voice,
3 but it's usually effective when I'm on the coaching field or yelling at my children.

4 But basically I think we -- we called this meeting tonight
5 essentially to allow neighbors an opportunity to come to the Township, obviously
6 let us know how you're feeling, but also really as an educational opportunity
7 about where you as individuals, landowners, just interested parties can affect the
8 process, as well as what the municipality can do. So there's a lot of information
9 out at the back table. I just quickly today put together just a really brief summary.
10 It just highlights important points, which individual and a municipality can
11 intervene.

12 At the moment everything is in sort of the fact-gathering stage of
13 this process. People who are directly affected that the pipeline was going to go
14 through your property have been noticed -- noticed on it. The company now is in
15 -- in the process of surveying and getting environmental impact. So the question
16 is is where we as a community can intervene to let the company, the pipeline, and
17 the regulatory body understand where our concerns are. You need to understand,
18 however, that as a local governing body we do not have any sort of legislation or
19 judicial ability to really affect -- it's not up to us to approve the pipeline. What we
20 can do, and you as individuals can do, is intervene in the process, in the
21 application process to let them know what a bad decision this was to come -- have
22 this pipeline come through some of the most environmentally sensitive C1
23 waterways as well as farmland protected land. And thus we feel it's inappropriate
24 for the pipeline to potentially come through here. So keep in mind that that's the
25 role that we are playing. We're not necessarily, through all of our comments

1 going to, you know -- hopefully we can affect some change at the federal level,
2 but understand that's where the decisions are made.

3 So, you know, essentially I would say the top three points on this
4 piece of paper, and it just outlines the application process, what you as
5 landowners can do as well as a flow chart, which is all actually on the federal
6 website about where you can intervene and how you can intervene. Additionally,
7 on our website we are going to have a special link and page dedicated to the
8 pipeline where you will get all the information that we put out tonight, as well as
9 lengthy documents, numbers of where to call our representatives, both on the state
10 level and the federal level, all that information will be available to you. There
11 will be templates of how to communicate, where you should communicate, what's
12 the most effective way to communicate. All this will be on the website, and these
13 are all things that you as individuals, as well as potentially the municipality, can
14 do to start to influence this process.

15 But I think the most important thing is that you have to pay very,
16 very close attention to the deadlines. FERC does not care that you forgot it was
17 September 8th and your deadlines were due today. Too bad. Like you -- if they
18 have a deadline for your -- for your comments, you have to make sure you're
19 aware of them and you need to comment appropriately.

20 Second is as much as this is so incredibly personal to you and to
21 our community, we have to approach this process in a methodical way and try
22 make very reasoned arguments, often based on environmental reasons as well as
23 sustainability for our community, both as a farming community as well as a place
24 that we live. So we need to make those arguments and try to stay away from
25 accusatory type of language that really doesn't get us very far. So it's very

1 important in this process to -- to make your comments, both at the federal level
2 as well as the state, representatives of the state government, as well as our
3 congressmen in -- down in Washington, to reinforce the idea that this pipeline is a
4 bad idea, not only because it affects our human environment, but it also affects us
5 in a number of different ways.

6 So we need to be specific, you need to be focused, and I think as a
7 community come together, and I think as a community I'm hopeful that we will
8 have a very big impact of whether or not this pipeline, where it goes and -- and
9 how it's going to affect us.

10 So we do have two of our state representatives here today who are
11 just going to comment a little bit because they have represented other
12 communities that have been involved in a very similar fight so to speak. So Jack
13 Ciattarelli and Donna Simon are both here. Let's welcome them.

14 MR. CIATTARELLI: Do you want us to talk right now?

15 MR. NOVAK: I'm going to let (indiscernible) for Jack or Donna.
16 Why don't you come up and talk a little about your experience with the Princeton
17 pipeline and then (indiscernible). What?

18 (Indiscernible conversation within the audience)

19 MS. MCCARTHY: You don't have that projection.

20 MR. NOVAK: I'm going -- I'm going to have to yell, too, like
21 Kristin here. So we're going to have Jack and Donna talk. Then we're going to
22 have comments from the audience. So --

23 MR. CIATTARELLI: I think you'll be able to hear me. I've got
24 four kids, and I'm used to a high decibel. So first of all, my compliments to the
25 community for turning out. I've represented this township for more than two-and-

1 a-half years, and it's great to know that this many people live -- if you live out
2 this way. It's hard to find you. So my compliments to your elected leadership for
3 calling this kind of meeting. This is the way it should be done. In order -- more
4 importantly -- most importantly, you take care of miscommunication,
5 misperceptions, you want to get it right. Because a lot of things kind of take on a
6 life of their own with respect to the rumor mill and the way that this thing works.

7 And, Kristin, my compliments. That was fantastic. That was a
8 fantastic summary to kind of kick off the dialog that we're trying to have tonight..

9 Donna and I, along with Senator Kip Bateman, represent the 16th
10 District, which also includes Princeton. And I see Jeff Tittle's here from the
11 Sierra Club, very important advocacy throughout the state. Jeff is very familiar
12 with the pipeline that's going through another part of our district, Princeton.

13 So Donna and I have been working very, very closely with their
14 citizens, their township committee over the past year and a half. That particular
15 pipeline goes through a very, very environmentally sensitive area. And so there's
16 a lot of different considerations that come into play here. And so you have
17 concerns as an individual, and then you have concerns for your community. And
18 as Kristin said, you want to represent yourself well, but then I think what you also
19 want to try and do if you can, if there's a consensus as to where the community is,
20 is try to speak with one voice.

21 The Princeton Ridge Coalition, would you agree, Jeff, has done a
22 great job. The Princeton Ridge Coalition is a group of people on behalf of the
23 entire community working directly with the pipeline company. Because as I said,
24 that one goes through some very environmentally sensitive areas.

25 At the end of the day, this is a FERC process. You're going to

1 feel as though it's very heavy-handed. FERC is the Federal Energy Regulatory
2 Commission. They've got some leverage. They have some serious leverage, okay?
3 At the end of the day, they'll have to do an environmental assessment of the area
4 the pipeline is going through. They may have to do an environmental impact
5 study, which is much more extensive. If you don't sign easements, they could
6 possibly leverage things like federal eminent domains to achieve their goals. I
7 find many times the pipelines do want to work in partnership with the community.

8 Donna and I are not here, nor Senator Kip Bateman, to advocate
9 for the pipeline companies. What we're here today to say is whatever direction
10 you decide to go as a community, we will help with that advocacy. That's our job.
11 In representing you, our job is to help you with your advocacy, so whatever
12 direction you decide to go in, we're completely on board. We'll work in close
13 partnership with your federal representatives because this is a federal process.

14 MS. SIMON: Just in addition, Jack said it very well, we'll also be
15 the conduit between --

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Can't hear you.

17 MS. MCCARTHY: Donna, you don't have four kids.

18 MR. CIATTARELLI: Donna only has two kids, so --

19 MS. SIMON: We'll also be conduits between the mayors in other
20 areas like Readington and Clinton, who are going through this process already
21 about two years down the line, with your township committee so that they can
22 speak to them about issues that they have gone through already. Plus I will give
23 some information that we received today from PennEast regarding construction,
24 safety, and all the frequently asked questions so that that can be part of your
25 package also. So we're very proud to be here, and we are here to represent you.

1 We are your voice. So we're here to listen.

2 MR. NOVAK: Okay. Also Congressman Lance was invited. He
3 is in Washington D.C. tonight and he couldn't make it. He was going to try to
4 make the --

5 UNIDENTIFIED: (Indiscernible).

6 MR. NOVAK: Oh.

7 MS. WOLOSHEN: I'm here representing Congressman Lance.

8 MR. NOVAK: Oh, you did? All right. You want --

9 MS. WOLOSHEN: I came in a little late so I sat in the back.

10 MR. NOVAK: Do you want to say anything at the moment?

11 MS. WOLOSHEN: Our door is always open to you. We do not
12 (indiscernible) .

13 MS. ALLEN: Okay. You've got to use the mike.

14 MR. NOVAK: You're going to have to come up, use the mike.

15 MR. CIATTARELLI: Amanda has no kids, so you've got to give
16 her two -- you've got to give her two mikes.

17 MR. NOVAK: You want two mikes?

18 MS. WOLOSHEN: Good evening. Good evening. I'll make it
19 quick. The congressman's unable to be here tonight. He is in Washington today,
20 but he's asked me to please come and represent him. Our door is open to you.
21 The FERC process is going to continue. The common period will continue and
22 we will help you, shepherd you through that process. If you have questions,
23 please come to our office, see me afterwards, and we are here to listen. So thank
24 you for coming.

25 MS. ALLEN: Your name, please?

1 MS. WOLOSHEN: Amanda Woloshen. I am Congressman
2 Lance's District Director. I run his offices in New Jersey. Thank you.

3 MR. NOVAK: Okay. Thank you very much. So now let's set a
4 couple of guidelines going forward. Anybody that wishes to speak, they're going
5 to have to come up front. They are going to have to grab the microphone. You're
6 going to have to state your name for the record and your address. I'm going to
7 have a little control over here. I mean, if I start seeing the same questions or so, I
8 might or I may -- I might cut you or so.

9 First question I do have for the audience here and the residents,
10 would be of the residents here, how many of you have gotten the survey? Can I
11 just see you stand -- or people stand up or so? Can you just stand up so we can
12 get a rough count?

13 (Indiscernible conversation within the audience)

14 MR. NOVAK: No. I mean, not -- the letter for the survey. Your
15 piece of property has it, so -- I mean can one person stand for each piece of
16 property so we can just have a feel. I mean -- okay.

17 (Indiscernible conversation within the audience)

18 MR. NOVAK: Okay. Thank you. Now you can sit down.

19 All right. So I'm going to open the microphone. Anybody has any
20 questions here, we're going to try to address them, or we're going to write them
21 down and we're going to have them on the record here so we can go forward. So
22 I'm hoping to hear the first question. Come on out.

23 MR. KUHLMAN: Hi, I'm John Kuhlman. I live on Sandy Ridge,
24 Mount Airy Road. I got my certified letter. And I have a question for the town
25 committee and to the other committees of the town. Do you I understand

1 correctly we're not going to play an active role of committing our committee
2 contacts to whomever it is appropriate to be committed to possess something?

3 (Indiscernible conversation within the audience)

4 MR. NOVAK: It's on. You've just got to talk right into it.

5 MR. KUHLMAN: Okay. Start over or?

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Yeah, hold it close to your mouth.

7 MR. KUHLMAN: I'm John Kuhlman. I live on Sandy Ridge
8 Mount Airy Road. I have the last notice letter that will appear in Delaware
9 Township. It's West Amwell on the other side of me. I had a question referring
10 back to what Kristin said, and I got the feeling that the township committee and/or
11 its subcommittees like Environment, Open Space, Historical, are not going to play
12 a role in submitting coordinating information to make sure everyone understands
13 in FERC and our concerns. So that is my question.

14 MR. NOVAK: Do you want to answer?

15 MS. MCCARTHY: Yeah. That --

16 MR. NOVAK: I have an answer, too.

17 MS. MCCARTHY: Okay. That was not my implication. What I
18 was potentially -- what you may be referring to is that the committee has not --
19 this is the first time it's on our agenda, so the committee has not discussed it in
20 terms of what is our mindset in playing an advocacy role. So we have not voted
21 on anything. There's been no resolution. This is the first time it's here.

22 But I can tell you for me on a personal level, I have every intention
23 of fighting this. I certainly would advocate that the township take as active a role
24 as is beneficial to the process. So certainly on a personal note I would -- I'm
25 going to advocate for that. We have not discussed nor decided as a township what,

1 you know, steps we're going to take next. I mean, that will come, I'm sure, by
2 the end of this meeting and as an ongoing process.

3 I don't know if anybody on the committee wanted to make any
4 other comments.

5 MS. LOCKWOOD: I'll make a comment. I -- I'm Susan
6 Lockwood for those of you who can't see in the back. I'm absolutely in -- in favor
7 of the township taking a very active role and an advocacy role in doing everything
8 we can to either -- I mean, we start -- the way I understand it, we'll do the most we
9 can, in my opinion, to oppose what we've got here and even work from there. I
10 mean, any actions we can take as a community I think makes this whole effort
11 stronger and so speaking from where I'm sitting, I'm hoping that we as a township
12 will be working with you as the residents to -- to take every action we can to
13 protect your property space.

14 MS. MCCARTHY: Thank you.

15 MS. LOCKWOOD: Thank you.

16 MR. NOVAK: All right. Does anybody have a question?
17 Everybody's hearing? Come on up to the mike. You've got to state your name
18 and address.

19 MR. GRAHAM: Matts Graham.

20 MR. NOVAK: Put it right up to your mouth.

21 MR. GRAHAM: 57 Rittenhouse Road. First of all, I know that
22 you -- is it your opinion -- what's your opinion about this? Are we going to work
23 with the township or the PennEast?

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Can't hear you.

25 MR. NOVAK: He's asking about, Joe and myself, my opinion

1 on the process. The process as I see it is right now we have a pipeline coming
2 through. We have to advocate for our residents where we want to go. The reason
3 we're elected is to provide the health and safety for the township. So, I mean,
4 we're going to go working forward with as much as we can. As Jack stressed, I
5 mean, the thing is you have to work with this. The first step in this pipeline
6 procedure is seeing what FERC is going to do. I mean, at that point we can argue
7 all we want. We can put in everything and see what they're going to say. Maybe
8 they will change the pipeline. But we've got to work with them and try to do it as
9 Jack said. So, I mean, my process is to work with the individuals in the
10 residencies here and we'll go down to FERC and fight for whatever we can get.

11 MR. VOCKE: Yeah, I mean, there's people here. I'm here to
12 represent you. If you don't want a pipeline on your property then I'm not going to
13 support a pipeline going through your property. I can guarantee you that. And --
14 yeah, and then like Ken said, there is a process, and we can't exactly rush into it.
15 We need to do whatever's going to get the best results to -- if we have to change
16 the course of the pipeline, we have to do whatever's going to work the best
17 working with them.

18 MR. GRAHAM: Okay. Okay. As this is, as you said, a lot of
19 preserved farmland, and in order to preserve federal historic history, I think the
20 township should pass a resolution, and through -- through the representatives we
21 have in -- in Washington and to FERC and erase the whole thing. And also the
22 township can, according to the lawyer, the township lawyer that was supposed to
23 be here (indiscernible).

24 MR. NOVAK: There was a memorandum out.

25 MR. GRAHAM: Yes. You can -- the township can be an

1 intervener in the process, the whole process (indiscernible) that is a much
2 stronger position. (Indiscernible) .

3 MR. NOVAK: Hold it up to your mouth so they can hear.

4 MR. GRAHAM: (Indiscernible) . It's about us, and that's very
5 important.

6 MR. NOVAK: I don't know if everybody heard that, but one of his
7 comments was going forward, if we do go forward, putting a sub-committee
8 together and putting volunteers on that subcommittee. So I just want to make sure
9 the back is hearing me.

10 Roger, can you hear me back there now?

11 MR. LOCANDRO: I can hear you.

12 MR. NOVAK: All right. I mean, I guess the best approach here
13 is if we get the people that have questions, maybe we'll line up on that side and
14 just come on forward. So the next person in line up there, we'll just bring you up
15 that way. You're next.

16 MR. PERLMAN: Thank you. My name is Jon Perlman. I live at
17 106 Lower Creek Road. I have been informed both by Kristin and others in the
18 audience that this is primarily a federal issue, and no matter how high the
19 emotions are in the room, I think clearly Delaware Township has very little, but
20 something, to say about the pipeline.

21 One thing I would like to recommend is that the township not
22 spend money on expensive lawyers or consultants because I think, for the most
23 part, that money would not be -- that would not be a good investment. But
24 galvanizing the community certainly would be.

25 My suggestion is that we not fight -- or that we -- my suggestion

1 is associated with not where the pipeline is but what's in it. This is gas --
2 natural gas. I know it's done by fracking, and I have certainly an issue with that.
3 But this natural gas is cheap, it's economically viable, and it is far less money than
4 the oil and the propane that all of us heat with, okay? And the -- my suggestion is
5 as follows or --

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Can't hear you.

7 MR. PERLMAN: My suggestion is as follows. That we -- and
8 this, by the way, the technology is available for us to do this. That we ask
9 PennEast to provide taps -- oh, before I go through that, since we are a rural
10 township, very few of us have gas. Those in Stockton and I believe in
11 Lambertville have it. And the reason is is that Elizabethtown Gas cannot justify
12 on a business basis shooting gas all the way through our township for a very, very
13 dispersed population. So their business model doesn't allow any of us to have gas
14 service. So my suggestion is that we ask PennEast to provide a tap along the
15 pipeline so that the Elizabethtown Gas can tap into it. And then, in addition, and
16 this is probably the most important thing, we ask PennEast to subsidize --
17 subsidize the cost of Elizabethtown Gas putting in gas and therefore bring it down
18 to the business model for the -- for Elizabethtown Gas can be affected.

19 Now that to me is a win-win. We get cheaper energy, and
20 PennEast is going to be able to spend a little -- will be glad to spend -- the
21 pipeline, I understand, is two or three billion dollars it's going to cost. Ten-
22 million dollars to help us supply gas service in this township would be very, very
23 useful. I know this is probably not going to be popular here, but given the fact
24 that this is a federal issue, not a township issue, seems to me this might be an
25 interesting way to get some benefit out of it. A lot of us has said this pipeline is

1 going through and we have no benefit. Well, this is a possible benefit. I'd like
2 the township council to consider that.

3 MR. NOVAK: Just a comment real quick on Jon's comments.

4 The pipeline has a PR company. I forgot.

5 What's the pipeline company called? Judy do you remember?

6 MS. ALLEN: It's in Princeton.

7 MR. NOVAK: It's not Sinclair (phonetic), right?

8 MS. ALLEN: That's -- that's the gentleman.

9 MR. NOVAK: That's the gentleman.

10 UNIDENTIFIED: Princeton Public Affairs.

11 MR. NOVAK: Princeton Public Affairs is the group that's
12 working with this pipeline. Let me also mention, I mean, you're going to read
13 some of your paperwork, but in that, currently there's four companies that are
14 consolidated to make this business unit, so they're working together.

15 Another issue on Jon's point, when we met with them, we asked
16 them about if we could tap into the pipeline. That was one of the questions Roger
17 had for them. They were not too friendly on that terms. But since that time, I
18 have also met with West Amwell's mayor. They're trying to work out a deal with
19 that, too.

20 If they -- if the pipeline sees or the gas companies sees where they
21 could do a lot of changeover from like a -- from fuel oil to gas, and one of the --
22 one of the comments was in South Hunterdon they use quite a bit of fuel oil, they
23 would run a gas line up to South Hunterdon. So, I mean, we have some options
24 there. Jon brought them out.

25 The other thing, Jon, is that Robin Hill also gets gas. So I mean there's a

1 couple of places in our township.

2 All right. Next question?

3 MS. BACON: Hello? Does that work?

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes.

5 MS. BACON: Hi. I'm Alix Bacon. I live on 15 Reading Road. I
6 also have the privilege of being the regional manager for the Wickecheoke --

7 UNIDENTIFIED: (Indiscernible) .

8 MS. BACON: Okay. The Wickecheoke Project for New Jersey
9 Conservation Foundation. We've been working here for 30 years. We've helped
10 preserve over 3,000 acres in this area, and we're very upset, and we apologize that
11 our work seems to have made us a target for this pipeline.

12 Sue is kindly holding up a map for me here. I'm so (indiscernible) .
13 I'm sorry. I'm nervous. I don't like talking in public.

14 This is, from what we've gotten in terms of maps and in terms of
15 kind of tracking the -- the letters that have gone out to people, the route of the
16 pipeline. You'll note that all these brown properties are preserved farmland, so
17 they have chosen a route that is primarily on preserved land. I mean, there are
18 only a few that aren't preserved.

19 New Jersey Conservation has assisted in the preservation of a
20 number of these properties. We also own in fee through the Green Acres Program
21 three of these properties, and we are prepared to help do whatever we can to try
22 and stop this. It's hard to stop these pipelines. People will tell you it's impossible.
23 But this is a good moment. This is the beginning of a process. It's good to see
24 this many people here.

25 Is anyone from PennEast here?

1 UNIDENTIFIED: No.

2 MS. BACON: Well, it would be good for them to see all these
3 people here.

4 MR. NOVAK: Here, Alix, let me have a comment on that one,
5 please.

6 MS. BACON: Okay.

7 MS. ALLEN: Ken, there are two mikes.

8 MR. NOVAK: That one doesn't work as well.

9 Just a comment on PennEast. I mean, they were invited.
10 Hopefully they are going to make our September 29th meeting. I think there was
11 -- when they first put out the issue of this pipeline, they set a date of like I think it
12 was September 20th that would be the first meeting. So, I mean, we're trying to
13 get ahead of them, one step ahead of them, and that's why we're having this
14 meeting. But they were invited, but they will not come until the 29th.

15 MS. BACON: Okay. They will come.

16 MR. NOVAK: Yeah, they are coming on the 29th.

17 MS. BACON: Well, can I ask you all to come back on the 29th?
18 That's one good thing we can do. As -- as Princeton has made a really good study
19 of this, and it's true, a lot of this will happen at the federal level, but all -- and I'm
20 glad to see our representatives here. It'd be great to have Lance involved. If
21 anyone has any other friends in Washington, let's try to get them involved.

22 There are also organizations there, one of which is Land Trust
23 Alliance whose job is to help people protect the land, protected from things like
24 this. There are a couple of things we can do, though, on the local level. One of
25 which is, you know, Judy and -- and Kristin and everyone have made a great

1 effort to kind of get all the information together. One of the things I found on
2 one of those websites is a resolution that a township passed, Warwick in Warwick,
3 Pennsylvania. I mean, it's not binding. It's not an ordinance. It just enumerates
4 the reasons why we think this is a bad idea because of environmental impact,
5 because of preserved farmland, because of open space, because of historic values,
6 and I would -- it would really be a fabulous first step if our township committee
7 went ahead and passed a resolution such as this. And that -- that was the last copy.
8 It was on the back table.

9 Two other things that are now -- I'm hoping some of the -- the
10 other landowners, I mean I'm speaking as kind of a landowner from NJCS, get up
11 and speak about what their experiences have been with people coming and talking
12 to them about having their properties surveyed. I fear that perhaps some of these
13 people haven't been as polite as they could have been. You don't need to let
14 people on your property. This is the beginning of the process. If you don't want
15 them, you can put up trespassing signs, you can send letters. I have an example
16 here. There were more in the back. That you send to the gas company and you
17 say you don't want them to come on your property.

18 Now what if everybody in this path were to send them such a letter?
19 I mean, it's not government action, but it's a signal, isn't it? So I want to
20 encourage people to do that. Here's -- here's a copy of that.

21 MS. ALLEN: Back table, too.

22 MS. BACON: Yeah, well, I took the last one.

23 And then there's also -- there was a great letter to the editor in the
24 *Democrat* last week from somebody in Holland sort of saying don't sign anything
25 until you talk to a lawyer because once you -- I mean, and this other letter, you

1 can rescind permission of you have already signed. So there's no rush. And as
2 much noise as we can make and as difficult as we can make this process, you
3 know, we're buying time.

4 And there's just one other thing I want to remind everyone is -- is
5 that all this land was protected with taxpayer dollars. It was protected at tax --
6 with taxpayer dollars at the state, at the county, and at the township level. So you
7 paid to protect this land. And the total cost of all these properties that it's going
8 through is seven-million dollars. Now are you ready to, like, roll over and --

9 MR. BORDERS: 1.07 million in -- in township funds.

10 MS. BACON: One million of township dollars to cover a grant.
11 But my argument is also that you pay into the state and the county and all that.
12 And also these landowners, they did this because they wanted to preserve their
13 property. You know, they didn't get top dollar. They didn't develop their
14 properties. They decided they wanted to keep it as farmland. And now, you
15 know, they're kind of getting let down.

16 So I hope -- I know that NJCS will work as hard as we can because
17 this is our mission. This is what preserving property is about. It's not only about
18 keeping the developers off, this kind of thing. And also there's a lot that can be
19 done at the state level in terms of getting the people that bought the easements on
20 the farmland, namely the SADC and Green Acres, to stand up and be willing to
21 fight this, too. So, I'm sorry if I went on too long, but I'm feeling kind of
22 passionate.

23 MR. NOVAK: All right. Does this mike work? Margaret, can
24 you hear me with this one?

25 (Indiscernible conversation within the audience)

1 MR. NOVAK: Can you hear me now?

2 All right. I just want to make one comment. I mean, I'll try to
3 make some brief comments after everybody talks, but I mean one of the issues
4 that has come present from this -- from the survey that was going out, I have from
5 my -- our -- our Delaware Township police chief, somebody has stolen papers out
6 of the truck. I mean, unfortunately I know this is a tough issue, but you do not
7 want to commit any crimes. I mean, definitely think about what you're doing. I
8 mean, you want to make it difficult, then let's do it this way, but do not commit
9 crimes, because unfortunately the police chief will have to arrest you or so if you
10 do steal his papers and all. So please think about what you're doing. I mean, I
11 don't want to have our -- our police chief go around and make this a bigger issue
12 than we need.

13 All right. Jim.

14 MR. BORDERS: Thank you. My name is Jim Borders, 66
15 Dunkard Church Road, Stockton. I am the township's Open Space coordinator, so
16 I have sort of like a personal stake in some of these farms that are in the way of
17 this pipeline. As Alix said, about seven-million dollars has been spent in state,
18 federal, and local funding for this. We at the township has spent 1.07-million
19 dollars just on these farms that are sort of in the proposed way of this pipeline at
20 this point.

21 But I don't want to talk about that. I want to talk about something
22 that's gotten not too much play so far, that some years ago the township, in their
23 wisdom, was very impassioned and they established the Rosemont Rural
24 Agricultural District. This is a state and federal historical district that is centered
25 in Rosemont, and sort of celebrates the rural heritage of Rosemont as a very

1 unique place in the state and in the federal government.

2 Now I guess my question is this. If this is being a -- this -- this
3 designation listing on the state and federal register are supposed to protect this
4 district from any kind of degradation of state, local, or federal government, so any
5 time some action is taken, it has to be run through the State Historical Protection
6 Office. Now because this is a private pipeline but it is being run under the
7 (indiscernible) -- under the authority granted to them by the federal government.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: Not yet.

9 MR. BORDERS: Not yet. Okay. Well, if the federal government
10 does, is this then an action of the federal government should they want to bring it,
11 because it rips a scar right through the Rosemont Rural Agricultural District. So
12 I'm thinking we would want to look at that, too, because that's not, you know,
13 nobody's talked about that yet, and it's something which may have merit in our
14 argument.

15 So thank you very much.

16 MR. TITTLE: I can answer your question.

17 MR. BORDERS: Oh.

18 MR. TITTLE: Jeff Tittle, New Jersey Sierra Club. I'll talk more
19 later, but because it's a nationally recognized historic district, then they -- it could
20 trigger a full EIS, but more importantly, it would also trigger from the National
21 Parks Service what's called a 106 review, which is a review on impact to historic
22 sites. So it could be another cog in the -- in the wheel in appealing the decision.

23 MR. BURKHULDER: Hi. I'll keep this really brief. I'm Richard
24 Burkholder. My wife and I live on 18 Brookville Hollow Road, so we're a couple
25 hundred yards down from the (indiscernible) . Not directly affected, but I'm much

1 more concerned about the effect on this entire community and area, which have
2 -- I moved here 27 years ago from New Hampshire, and I always brag to my folks
3 in rural New Hampshire, you have no idea what this part of New Jersey looks like.
4 It looks like Sullivan County. You -- you -- you ask me what exit I'm from or
5 might be. You have no idea how beautiful this area is, and please don't tell
6 anybody. We have enough (indiscernible) .

7 I noticed PennEast is not here tonight, which tells you something.
8 I do have -- and I think I know why after having read their, kind of speeches,
9 press release on this. Judith was kind enough to have this on her desk a few
10 weeks back, and I think it gives you a sense of the kind of arrogance that you're
11 dealing with here. And I don't want to depress you too much about this, but it's
12 got the usual fabulous claims about how it's going to reduce energy costs for this
13 area. This is a tiny, tiny element in the entire -- it -- it goes on to say it's for the
14 Mid Atlantic Region and for the three million people in this area, and it's only a
15 tiny component at that. So I would really suspect it's not going to affect any
16 natural gas price by more than a penny at most, and I would also ask the question
17 of those here, which is what percentage of you folks here in the township heat
18 your home with natural gas? How -- how many people here even use it as a
19 primary fuel source? Leaving aside the question of whether it has any effect on
20 the cost, which it won't.

21 And there's the usual factious plans about how it's going to provide
22 thousands of jobs, and it's going to reduce the price to the entire region. But the
23 part that I think most concerns me in terms of being a little (indiscernible) about
24 how they, you know, just talk about how they want to work with folks and work
25 with the community and make every reasonable effort, there's questions in it.

1 So what happens if I -- if I tell the land surveyor that I don't
2 want to grant permission? Then says if the project is approved and there isn't an
3 agreement that has been reached, access to and compensation for the use of your
4 land is set by the Court. In other words, if you don't want them there, too bad for
5 you. I'm reading this directly from the press release of PennEast. Okay?

6 Does PennEast invoke eminent domain? And it essentially says
7 well, not unless we want to or have to. This is scary stuff. This is the press
8 release that is meant to evoke sympathy for this pipeline.

9 So I'll just leave it at that, just as a sense of what did they really
10 mean when they say we want to work with the communities. Basically it says -- I
11 can't use bad language, but okay.

12 MR. NOVAK: Just to highlight that, and I think Jack will
13 highlight it too, again, at the end here, but first there's two processes. You've got
14 to always remember there's always two processes to this pipeline. The first
15 process right now we're in is the objection stage, and --

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Not yet.

17 MR. NOVAK: Well, I mean, once it gets filed, but I mean this is
18 where we're at. And this is where we can stop the pipeline ourselves. As this
19 gentleman said, the next stage where there is -- once the federal government has
20 said they can go forward, I think Jeff Tittle will probably then say a little more on
21 this so I'll let Jeff talk about it. He knows more on it than me. Not now, but --

22 MR. TITTLE: (Indiscernible) .

23 MR. HYMAN: Good evening everybody. My name is Ken
24 Hyman. I live on Pine Hill Road. I have in my background experience as an
25 attorney for the State Attorney Generals Office working for the Department of

1 Transportation. My area was condemnation. It got like one or two people's
2 attention.

3 The only way I see to stop this pipeline is to measure the
4 township's opposition to it, not in individual property owners as the committee
5 man said he would help any property owner oppose PennEast from coming to
6 their property, but I would ask the township committee to use whatever steps are
7 necessary to get on this November's ballot, the question for the community to
8 answer. And if you can't, do a paper ballot alongside the regular ballot. There's
9 no reason not to measure it that way when everybody in town is going to be
10 coming here. You might as well do it then. Thank you.

11 MS. VAN ROSSUM: Good evening. This -- is this working? I'm
12 Maya Van Rossum. I'm the Delaware River Keeper, and my organization is the
13 Delaware River Keeper Network, and we work throughout the entire Delaware
14 River Watershed, and I'm very sad to say that I've had way too much experience
15 with pipeline projects crossing through the Delaware River Watershed and
16 crossing over, under, through the Delaware River itself or wanting to in the future.

17 I will say that it was the attorneys on my staff that brought a recent
18 legal action against the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for some bad
19 decisions they made on a pipeline project up river, and for the first time in 13
20 years, we actually won a legal action against that federal agency for illegally
21 applying a law when it comes to these pipeline projects.

22 The pipeline still went through. We didn't get the injunction to
23 stop it before we brought our legal action, but it set important precedent that's
24 going to help with the PennEast battle. And that has to do with the -- the
25 environmental impact -- the impact statement process. But you will learn more

1 about that as time goes on.

2 I do want to say -- I'm here to say that very much the community is
3 at a disadvantage when it comes to these pipeline projects under state and federal
4 law, but the community is not powerless. And when the communities that are
5 facing these pipeline projects have joined together, they have had important
6 success. Sometimes the success is about how the project might go through your
7 community, but there have been successes where a pipeline project was actually
8 defeated. And the -- the municipal resolution that was read earlier from Warwick
9 Township in Pennsylvania, that was part of a pipeline battle that we carried out
10 about a year-and-a-half ago with our colleagues on the Pennsylvania side of the
11 river, and that was for the Commonwealth Pipeline Project, and that pipeline
12 project has been cancelled, at least to date. So when the community joins together,
13 we can have powerful impact and success. And it's about meetings like this that
14 get us there.

15 I do want to say your local knowledge is going to be very, very
16 important going into the process. So it is very good to be focused on what is
17 happening locally and what are going to be the community impacts and the
18 environmental impacts locally. But it's also very important for you to be thinking
19 big picture. You need to be thinking about the cumulative impact across this
20 entire pipeline project, from Pennsylvania all -- all the way through New Jersey
21 because cumulative impact matter going into this federal process. You also need
22 to be thinking about cumulative impacts across pipeline projects. I think there are
23 about seven other pipeline projects that are proposed to cut through the Delaware
24 River Watershed in the coming years. They're competition for this pipeline
25 project. We need to be pointing that out to the Federal Energy Regulatory

1 Commission. We don't need all these pipeline projects cutting through --
2 through our communities, cutting through our properties, cutting through our
3 ecological resources just so that they can compete with one another as they inflict
4 all of their damage.

5 Also, do remember, right, there are a lot of people in this room, but
6 there are a lot of communities that are going to be impacted by this pipeline
7 project on both sides of the river. And the Delaware River Keeper Network and
8 Sierra Club and Berks Gas Truth are working together with others to join the
9 communities from the other side of the river, with this side of the river, in order to
10 magnify and maximize our collective voice against this project.

11 So I hope you'll consider coming to the training that we are having
12 next week in Lambertville, because we're going to be talking about the strategies
13 that connect our communities together to make us more powerful against this
14 pipeline project.

15 I would like to point out that this pipeline is going to hook into
16 another pipeline, and that other pipeline has a pathway to a proposed liquefied
17 natural gas facility that's intended to take fracked gas to other countries where
18 they can sell it for more money. So don't necessarily believe the rhetoric that
19 you're going to get cheap gas or anybody's going to get cheap gas in this country
20 if you allow this pipeline to cut through your property. There are a lot of specious
21 arguments that are brought forth by the pipeline as mentioned earlier. Get
22 educated early because they -- there's a lot of game playing with wordsmithing by
23 the pipeline company.

24 And then the only last final point I'd like to make, because I heard
25 it referenced here today, and I hear it a lot on these pipeline battles, I would

1 encourage you not to be -- and it doesn't sound like most people are, but -- but
2 if it comes to your mind, don't be thinking about well, I don't want this pipeline
3 project to cut through my community, but it's okay if it cuts through somebody
4 else's community. Because the reality is if that's your perspective, I guarantee you
5 there are a whole boatload of people just like you in that other community saying
6 don't put it in my community, put it in theirs. And if this becomes a battle about
7 Delaware Township fighting against somebody else, you know, upstream or
8 downstream about where this pipeline should actually go, and sort of assuming it's
9 going to go in, it's just a matter of where, then we've lost and the pipeline
10 company has won. Because they're just going to sit back and say go to town.
11 Argue with one another because we're going to get our pipeline. It's just a matter
12 of where.

13 So really what we need to be doing is joining forces, all of us, to
14 say no pipeline, and part of that message does have to be we don't want this
15 pipeline because it's going to devastate our community short term and long term,
16 but we also don't want this pipeline because it is servicing the drilling and the
17 fracking that is devastating other communities in Pennsylvania and elsewhere.
18 Right? And so we also don't want this to be about an us versus them.

19 If we battle this pipeline project and have as part of our message
20 we don't want this pipeline because we don't need shale gas development, then
21 that whole universe of people that is fighting drilling and fracking will stand with
22 you, next to you, behind you, around you to battle this particular pipeline as well.
23 So you'll have a lot more friends if you take that perspective.

24 And then just to put the -- the sort of the final point on that, truly
25 part of that message has to be that there are alternative sources of energy that can

1 fuel our nation now and into the future, and there are specific plans on how
2 states, how this nation, and how this world by 2050 could, through conservation
3 and sustainable energy options, be fueling our present and our future. So we do
4 have a path forward that doesn't require this pipeline. It doesn't require drilling
5 and fracking. But it -- it really does require us all to stand together on that
6 messaging. So it's not the pipeline standing back, laughing at us while we battle
7 about whose backyard it's going to cut through.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. NOVAK: (Indiscernible) .

10 MR. TITTLE: It's at the Lambertville Library. It's actually where
11 the movie theater is, Acme. To the Acme theater in Lambertville, next -- next
12 Monday night. So you have another night to miss Monday night football.

13 UNIDENTIFIED: This Wednesday.

14 MR. TITTLE: September 15th in Lambertville at the Acme
15 Theater.

16 MS. VAN ROSSUM: 7 o'clock.

17 MR. TITTLE: 7 o'clock. Thank you.

18 I'm Jeff Tittle, Director of New Jersey Sierra Club, and I want to
19 thank Maya. We were part of that litigation as well, and that pipeline that we're
20 talking about, not only went to the Delaware Water Gap, it went through the
21 Walkhill Wildlife Refuge (phonetic), and they actually had to drill it under the
22 Monksville Reservoir, which is part of New Jersey's largest drinking-water source.
23 And I can tell you, just like the people here who worked so hard on your open-
24 space program, every property that it went through, Ringwood and West Milford,
25 because that's where I'm from originally -- I live in Lambertville now -- but

1 Ringwood is where my family's been for three generations. And every property
2 they went through on state land were properties I -- I worked on to help save, to
3 protect that reservoir and that drinking-water source. And so I understand what
4 this is about and how much it means to you because this is your beautiful valley,
5 your beautiful community, and I -- I love living down here since I've been here 16
6 years since I went to work at the Sierra Club. And, you know, and this is one of
7 my favorite areas to take a bike ride or go to dinner actually.

8 But I was also very much involved 15 years ago with the last
9 major pipeline that got defeated, and it was a transfer line that they wanted to run
10 through the Great Swamp into the Meadowlands. And the reason that it got
11 stopped is that every town along the way not only passed resolutions, but they
12 worked together to hire experts and to be able to fight FERC and the gas company
13 toe-to-toe at the evidentiary hearings, making sure they got their comments and
14 making sure they got their experts. But also we had everybody from Governor
15 Whitman and Congressman Pascrell and Congressman Frelinghuysen standing up
16 and saying do not put this through this area. And by the way, it was also going to
17 go next to a dorm at Montclair State. So there were safety issues as well as
18 environmental issues.

19 And that's what it really is all about is being organized and not
20 falling for their campaign of misinformation. They don't want to have to
21 condemn property, because if they do, a judge may rule against them and charge
22 them three times what they think they want to pay for the property. And they play
23 that game all the time. They don't have to come on your land. It's your land. We
24 have property rights in the country. You know, it's interesting when
25 environmentalists talk about property rights because people always think no.

1 That's what environmental protection is. Your town made a commitment
2 through its zoning and through its funding to make sure that this valley was not
3 Linden. I mean, some towns maybe want, you know, refineries and gas plants
4 and oil depots and that, and other towns would rather have farmland and -- and
5 country inns and, you know, nice B and Bs and clean streams and clean water.

6 And the point that I'm making is the future is really in your hands,
7 and you can win, and you can stop it. Because one of the things that we give a
8 real environmental impact statement, they have to look at what's the no-bid
9 scenario alternative? Do we need that gas? The problem is in the law right now,
10 they don't even have to have contracts for this to where it's going. The only
11 contracts they've got is someone is willing to sell them the gas, not where it's
12 going. And for the people who think you're going to get gas here, I can tell you
13 every rural pipeline that has gone in in New Jersey, like the Tenneco Pipeline, like
14 the Spectra Pipeline, like the Falcon Pipeline (phonetic), those towns in those
15 rural areas still don't have any gas. So that's just -- that -- that's just
16 misinformation that's been thrown at you. Because there's something called a
17 franchise law. And one, these are interesting pipelines, and, two, we have some
18 sort of franchise law which makes the distribution of gas comes through a utility,
19 not through an interstate company.

20 So -- and the other point is you should know that partners in
21 PennEast are New Jersey Natural Resources and South Jersey Gas. Well, guess
22 what? Their franchise area is Cape May and Ocean County, not anywhere around
23 here. What's going to happen is Pennsylvania gets the money, South Jersey or
24 even New York will get the gas, and you get the pipe. And that's what it really
25 comes down to.

1 (Indiscernible conversation within the audience)

2 MR. TITTLE: And the reason that they're targeting the open
3 spaces is because it's cheaper for them, not because it's the best place to go. And
4 I'll use an example when they went through Ringwood. Friend of mine, Bob
5 Bogel (phonetic), he's a landowner, had a beautiful piece of property, 40 acres
6 next to Monksville Reservoir. Convinced him after many years not to develop it
7 but to sell it to the state to protect the reservoir. He actually wanted to build a
8 house for him and his wife, but his wife really didn't want to get too far from the
9 grandkids, and so he sold it. Beautiful piece of property. Happened to have been
10 zoned commercial. So he got 40,000 an acre. Two years later when that Tenneco
11 Pipeline came through his -- his former property owned by the state, the state got
12 4,000 an acre. You know why? It's no longer zoned commercial, it's now open
13 space. They're targeting your preserved land because they want to pay you
14 pennies on the dollar. And that's what it's really about. Because if they have to
15 go through a lot of private property or industrial property, it's going to cost
16 100,000 an acre or a million dollars an acre they're going to developed
17 areas. And that's why they pick on undeveloped areas.

18 The other thing is there are going to be serious environmental
19 impacts, not only from construction and the noise, but also, you know, runoff
20 going into streams and pollution. Just go up to the pipeline up in West Amwell
21 by Mount Airy and listen to that compressor station. Stand there and smell it,
22 because when you get a pipeline through your neighborhood, you're going to get
23 gas venting, you're going to hear noise of that thing going through, and it's going
24 to have a lot of environmental impact.

25 It's also going to affect your property values. Nobody wants to

1 say that, but it will because you have a beautiful place in a beautiful area, and if
2 you go to sell, do you really -- would you buy a place next to a pipeline? Who
3 here would buy -- go move to the country and buy a house next to a pipeline or a
4 farm? You don't want to, and so it will impact your values.

5 And that's why you need to get organized and work together. And
6 the other thing that's important, I know Hopewell's having a town meeting. I
7 talked to the mayor of Lambertville. By the towns working together, you can
8 raise those issues.

9 You know, the irony is, you know, and I'm someone who's
10 supported solar, but you can't put -- you couldn't put a solar farm on a preserved
11 farm because we don't allow it. But we can put an industrial pipeline through the
12 middle of it? It makes absolutely no sense.

13 But the point that I wanted to make is that there are a lot -- there's a
14 lot of things you have that you can do. You have a lot of power. You have a lot
15 of influence. You just have to work together, work with the other communities
16 and the other people around here. We'll be willing to help. I know Maya will be
17 willing to help. We had a great court case, and it's going to help as well. We
18 have legislative leaders who are going to work -- to help on the state level to make
19 sure we do things right. But we also need to help change some laws. But in the
20 meantime, by working together and getting organized you can protect your value.
21 Because the one thing that I know from all the years I've been involved in the
22 environment, that if it wasn't for individuals like yourselves and communities like
23 this, then the Great Swamp would have been a jet court, the Pinelands would have
24 -- would have been a giant development. You know, the mountains in northern
25 New Jersey would have been destroyed for so many different things. Sterling

1 Forest would have been a city of 35,000 people. I can go down the list. The
2 reason all these places are saved or the reason that every piece of farmland on that
3 map is saved is because you all worked to make it happen. If you can do that, you
4 can stop this. Thank you.

5 UNIDENTIFIED: You actually said something a moment ago and
6 addressed an issue. The question was or somebody said this is a private pipeline.
7 How is -- how does this happen that they end up with rights of eminent domain?
8 Can you address that? You -- you spoke to that a moment ago.

9 MR. TITTLE: Yeah. Because what happens is it's under a law
10 that goes back to the thirties that once FERC decides that this product -- project is
11 within the national interest, then FERC can grant the eminent domain. They do
12 not have to. They have the authority to because it's considered interstate
13 commerce. That's the reason. But they don't have to do it, and --

14 UNIDENTIFIED: But they will.

15 MR. TITTLE: Not necessarily. One of the things that we've
16 learned, and we've talked to an eminent domain lawyer here, most judges do not
17 like eminent domain because they're taking something away from a property
18 owner that they don't want to give. And many -- and the reason that they don't
19 like -- the reason they threaten eminent domain and usually don't do it is because
20 they're afraid that a judge will turn around and hit them for three, four, or 10 times
21 what they want to pay. And that's why they don't want to do it, plus they have to
22 pay all the legal costs that result.

23 But, again, and the other thing I would also say for all the people in
24 the room, you know, you should comment, you should work together, you should
25 -- if they're coming in to do anything, you should have your own attorneys, and

1 you should pool your resources so that you -- it doesn't have a big impact on
2 you. That's the other thing you can do, and I think by working together and
3 organizing you can save money and get a lot done.

4 MS. STOCKE: Hi. Joy Stocke, 102 Sandy Ridge Mount Airy
5 Road. And that gas thing is at the end of 605, which is our road. And, yeah,
6 sometimes you can smell it, and you can even see the lights sometime.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: All the time.

8 MS. STOCKE: Well, yeah. People who live close it could be all
9 the time.

10 But I have a comment and a question, and I'm one of these people
11 who moved here and brag about. I'm from the Midwest and nobody comes to
12 visit us because they don't believe New Jersey is as beautiful as it is. And I'm
13 okay with that because it was our big secret.

14 The way I found out about this pipeline was from an
15 environmental group in Santa Fe. I'm on their board of directors, and I got a
16 phone call from them saying are you going to come to New York next Sunday for
17 the environmental protest because we're going to be protesting the PennEast
18 Pipeline. And like many people who are self-absorbed, maybe you aren't, but I
19 can be, I thought well, why should I go to New York. It's the PennEast Pipeline,
20 and it speaks to what you said -- and what you said, Wendy, that'll be in someone
21 else's backyard. And the truth is it's not -- this pipeline's not coming through my
22 backyard, but it sure is. Because who rides bikes around here? Who -- who has
23 benefited from the work that many people for New Jersey conservation has done?

24 Now the thing with the pipeline is there's going to be a big battle,
25 and if it goes through, we also have the -- this is what I wanted to ask you -- to

1 possibly have it redirected. I don't know if there's a better place for it to go. A
2 gentleman I was sitting next to said why wouldn't it be along a major road, or why
3 can't it be. And so my question is, and someone else can answer it, if we can't
4 fully stop that, is there an alternate route that can be proposed or no?

5 MS. VAN ROSSUM: One of the things that -- I'm sorry, Maya
6 Van Rossum, again, the Delaware River Keeper.

7 In the National Environmental Policy Act process, which is what
8 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is going to be taking you through,
9 looking at the environmental impact of the project, one of the things the pipeline
10 company has to do is talk about alternative pathways. And so you will see when
11 they start to put up their documentation, you will see alternative routes that the
12 pipeline company has potentially identified. And, yes, during that comment
13 process, you would have the opportunity to say is there a better route perhaps
14 along a roadway where you're not impacting anybody's property or anybody's
15 open space. But it's going to be through that, what's called NEPA, N-E-P-A, that
16 NEPA process where the discussion of alternative routes will come forward.

17 What the pipeline company will do is they'll say here are the
18 alternative routes we've identified, and here's why we've rejected each one of
19 them and have settled on this final option. And FERC is supposed to review those
20 and take into consideration comments. But there is an opportunity to see to that.
21 Again, when you do that, depending on what they're arguing for, if they're arguing
22 for, you know, along a roadway, that's one thing, although there are homes along
23 roadways. So if you start pitching one community against another you -- you can
24 find yourself in quite a pickle and the pipeline company will look at that because
25 they will have won.

1 MS. VOIGHT: Hi. Can you hear me? All right. Hello. I'm
2 Nicole Voight. I'm at 447 Rosemont Ringoes Road. And the reason I'm here
3 tonight is mostly because I bring some knowledge to the matter, and I've been
4 asked by a lot of people to answer a lot of questions over the last many weeks.

5 Very briefly about my background. I initially started out as an
6 environmental biologist studying ecology and systematic biology. I have worked
7 on the Delaware River and been in field analysis and data analysis. But then I
8 switched to law and practiced environmental law. When I was up in Boston
9 paying my dues, I worked for one of the largest privately held --

10 UNIDENTIFIED: A little louder.

11 MS. VOIGHT: I -- when I was up in Boston -- can you hear me
12 without it?

13 THE AUDIENCE: No.

14 (Indiscernible conversation within the audience)

15 MS. VOIGHT: All right. So my background is environmental
16 ecology and systematic biology and then I switched to law. And while I was
17 practicing law, I worked for one of the largest privately held industrial and
18 pipeline conglomerates in the world. I dealt with many of those different facilities,
19 emergency release reporting, explosions, and so forth. And then additionally I
20 went on to, you know, do other things that related to that.

21 I no longer am in that field. I am now here in Hunterdon County.
22 I'm a real estate lawyer and environmental zoning business attorney, and I have
23 experience working with Transco negotiating their easements on behalf of
24 homeowners, not on behalf of Transco. So I've kind of been all over this in many
25 different capacities, and I've been asked a lot of questions, and I'm just sort of

1 compelled to make myself available to answer the, you know, questions of
2 friends and family and community members if they want to contact me.

3 I work for Elaine Niemann (phonetic). I was on her environmental
4 commission when I lived up in Kingwood, and now I'm here in Delaware
5 Township. So enough about me. That's why I'm here. And I did write down a
6 few points that I just wanted to make. And actually I feel less the need to be up
7 here after hearing Maya and Jeff speak. You talked to a lot of the points that I
8 was very concerned about.

9 Because prior to them speaking, what I heard was a lot of
10 procedure. Make comments, make comments, make comments, complain, and
11 oppose. And absolutely, yes, that is part of the process. But another big part of
12 this is the substance. There's the procedure, and then there's the substance. And
13 the substance is what are the actual environmental issues? What are the actual
14 cost benefit analyses that relate to very specific issues for this pipeline in this
15 environment? And we can all complain as much as we want to and say we don't
16 like it, but we don't like it is not going to stop this pipeline. And at the end of the
17 day, what they do is they're going to look to mitigate. So you might find an
18 endangered species in the way. They'll just say build the pipeline when it's not
19 nesting. You might find that there is, you know, protected birds nesting, and
20 they'll say cut the trees down when the birds aren't nesting. And they call it
21 mitigation of the impacts.

22 So what we need is real information that goes to the non-mitigable
23 cumulative impacts on both an economic and an environmental level. And if
24 everybody's divided and complaining, we're just going to be another hysterical
25 bunch of environmentalists. And actually what's needed is a consolidating of

1 efforts in time and resources so that the real heart of the matter can truly and
2 adequately be addressed.

3 And that's where one of my concerns is, is that that takes money.
4 There's -- that takes science. And this is where we can look to some of our non-
5 profit organizations who most likely have staff of scientists and very experienced
6 commenters on the topic and so forth, but, you know, I wanted to point that out
7 because I think that the organization here is going to be very key in order to turn
8 this into something that's effective instead of something that's hysterical. And
9 also that also will assist with having accurate information.

10 This is all Phase 1, as Ken said. Pursuant to the NEPA, there's
11 going to be an environmental analysis, and I cannot imagine it not going to an
12 environmental impact statement. I think it absolutely needs to be a full-blown
13 EIS with this nature of the sensitive resources. And then at that stage, once -- if it
14 gets through NEPA, and they get their certificate of public convenience, and they
15 get their FERC approval, the steam engine's on the tracks, and it's just going to go.
16 Once they get FERC approval, they're going to get the easements, whether they
17 do it through eminent domain or whether they do it through negotiations.

18 So Phase 1 is dealing with the environmental impacts, the NEPA,
19 the environmental assessment, environmental impact statements, and then Phase 2
20 is if they do get the approval, effectively dealing with negotiating those easements,
21 and there's a lot of concerns here. This is a facility. It is not called a pipeline.
22 This is called a facility because it's not just a pipeline. It's storage, it's condensing
23 station, it's all kinds of aspects that are required in order to make something of
24 this size occur.

25 I was chatting with Elaine earlier. You know, one of the things

1 that really concerns me is I believe we have some depleting aquifers in this area,
2 and one of the things that the pipelines look to do is they need a place to store
3 natural gas. And they will pump it into depleted aquifers. So there's a lot of
4 aspects to this that really need to be understood with good, solid scientific
5 information, and that kind of stuff doesn't just fall into your lap. It requires non-
6 profit organizations that are adequately funded or groups of people raising funds
7 in order to hire and retain scientists who can provide the truly meaningful
8 comments.

9 Last week I looked at the docket on the Transco pipeline that was
10 only about -- it was an extension, I think it was only about six miles or so up there,
11 and I looked at that docket. There were 400 submissions on that federal docket to
12 FERC. Maybe let's just say a hundred -- 150 of them were all these letters of I
13 don't like it, and that pipeline is constructed. It's done. So I don't like it is not
14 going to be enough. It's absolutely -- as somebody said, it's a great indicator, it's a
15 great -- it was our Wickecheoke lady, she had a wonderful word. But like an
16 indicator of what's to come, the opposition. So absolutely though you can deny
17 them access to the property and so forth, but at the end of the day it's going to take
18 a lot more.

19 MS. IYER: Hi. My name is Pat Iyer. I'm from 80 Sanford Road.
20 I've lived in Hunterdon County since 1975, and I moved here from Middlesex
21 County where the air was often yellow from the oil refineries. One of the things
22 that I particularly love about Delaware Township is that it has changed very little
23 in the last 40 years. And I appreciate all of the land preservation efforts that have
24 gone into this.

25 My immediate concern, and it's personally been answered, but

1 also the environmental impact studies may give more answers, is what does this
2 pipeline mean to the health of people in Delaware Township and to the health of
3 our livestock and our watershed? And I don't know if there's anyone in the room
4 who can tell us about potential dangers.

5 MS. VAN ROSSUM: There -- there's a -- there's a lot, and that's
6 one of the things that New Jersey (indiscernible) Delaware River Keeper
7 Network, FERC, are going to be doing. Our meeting next week is the first one.
8 There is a lot to learn. There's a lot of science, and so we're going to be having
9 ongoing sessions because it's not a short answer to that question.

10 I'm sure Jeff and I would be happy to stay here all night and
11 answer the question. I don't think everybody wants to stay that long. But what
12 we would say is the information's there, and we're going to be delivering it over --
13 over time.

14 The one key addition I want to make to -- to the comments before,
15 environmental impacts are going to be a heavy focus and a very important focus.
16 But the way NEPA defines it, it's impact to the human environment. So it is
17 looking at economic impact. It is looking at impact to your culture, to your
18 community, to the quality of your life, to your recreation, to jobs, as well. So just
19 as you're thinking environment, do think about waterways and wetlands and
20 critters, and -- but also think about recreation, scenery, economics, and the like.
21 And that should be an important part of your substantive comments.

22 MR. TITTLE: Yeah. And I just want to add one point because
23 when they vent the gas, and the venting -- they don't do them every -- all along
24 the way, but there's points where they vent it, because they're taking Marcellus
25 shale, there's a very high likelihood there'll be radon in that gas. So there are a lot

1 of problems. Also methane and other chemicals that they put in there. When
2 they do the construction and they drill, they use chemical slurries to try to drill
3 under wetlands and streams, and if there's a rupture or a break, you can
4 contaminate aquifers. So there's a lot of potential problems.

5 I mean, that's why the -- the best alternative we should say to
6 FERC is no pipeline. But that's one of the reasons because there are a lot of
7 different issues. You can go into a lot of detail.

8 MR. WEISBURGER: Hi. My name is Eric Weisburger, and
9 you're not alone. I'm from 47 miles east of here. I have a friend that is on Hewitt
10 Road. I was -- lived up in -- in upstate New York for a while and have been
11 involved with fighting fracking up there. There's a moratorium in New York.
12 And one thing that strikes me about this is this is a fracking pipeline, and that
13 what Maya was saying is -- is there's thousands of people against fracking, and
14 they can all come on board and help fight this. Fracking is absolutely evil. It's
15 really stupid, as stupid as building nuclear reactors in a tidal wave zone. But I
16 think that -- that the idea of working with the town and getting all the towns
17 signed up, because that's what was happening in New York, is that all the towns
18 are passing bans on -- on fracking. And as you get more and more into it, it just
19 becomes stronger and stronger. So I think that really needs to be a focus. I think
20 that really the township has to get the website going because it sounds like it's a
21 real clearing house of information and ideas for what to write. And -- and, you
22 know, if they're writing comments, the -- the kind of comments that are going to
23 be beneficial. But this has to happen really strongly. You know, this -- it won't
24 go away without fighting it.

25 And the one other thing I wanted to mention is that I have been

1 following fracking for a while, and my impression of -- of the fracking business
2 is that it's a bubble right now. It's like subprime mortgages. They're making
3 money by selling junk bonds to your pension and things like that. That's what
4 they're getting their bonuses from. They're not making money from actually
5 fracking and from the gas, so if the -- if all this can be delayed or if it can be
6 pointed out that -- that this pipeline you're putting it in now, but that company's
7 going to go out of business in five years, and who's going to maintain the -- the
8 pipeline? And what's going to happen to -- to, you know, keep the infrastructure
9 that they're putting in and viable for 100 years or whatever it is, you know? So
10 it's -- I -- it's just a personal belief from my studies of this that the -- this -- this is
11 not ongoing business. Fracking is a bubble. It's -- it's -- there's an article in
12 *Bloomberg* today about it, about how, you know -- well, whatever. It's not -- it's
13 not a viable thing, so I think that's something else that should be looked into and -
14 - and thought about, and in comments, too. Thank you.

15 MS. MCCARTHY: One comment -- well, Jack can comment on it,
16 but my understanding is that once that pipeline is in the ground, those companies,
17 regardless if it's pennies or they're purchased by somebody else, are not -- are --
18 there's no obligation for them to only put gas through it. So say fracking goes
19 away, they could put oil, they could put sludge, they could put whatever can fit
20 through that 30-inch pipe in perpetuity.

21 MS. VAN ROSSUM: There's a -- there's a process that they would
22 have to go through to change what they would put through the pipe, but, you
23 know, it's definitely once the pipe's there, it's there and it's an opportunity. The
24 other thing is once they put a pipeline in, very often when they want to bring in
25 the next boatload of whatever, whatever gas or something else, they look to

1 expand these pipeline projects. When they expand, that 100-foot right of way,
2 which is already oversized, they don't need to do 100 feet, but that's what they do
3 these days, but that 100-foot right of way suddenly like you go to (indiscernible)
4 Delaware, 100-foot right of way suddenly is 200 feet. And sometimes it's not
5 just -- they don't just have two pipelines running parallel. Then they come back
6 and they do a third one. So once you become a target and that scar is cut through
7 your community, you are a target down the road for every time they want to
8 expand, do it another way, or have more capacity for their gas.

9 MR. TITTLE: What they're doing in northern New Jersey where
10 they cut the Spectra Pipeline through, they now want to build a Pilgrim Pipeline,
11 which is a crude-oil pipeline and gasoline pipeline that they want to now run in
12 that right of way. So -- and in, we had a big battle up in Roseland and the poor
13 people in Roseland got a power line, then they got a gas line, and now they want
14 to put an oil line. So what happens is they look at these as corridors.

15 The other thing that can also happen, and we've seen this in other
16 parts of north Jersey and other places where once you get a gas pipeline and
17 you've got an electric transmission line nearby, then someone wants to build a
18 power plant. And we had a big battle years ago where someone actually wanted
19 to do that a hundred feet from the Wanaque Reservoir. And the town stopped it,
20 but it was a big battle. So you can get a lot of spin-off development that you
21 may not want.

22 MR. NOVAK: Real quick before you go, Tommy.

23 I have one question for you, too. I mean, you just talked about
24 expanding the -- the easement. Why doesn't these pipelines use current pipelines?
25 I mean, we have the Buckeye Pipeline (phonetic) that goes through the northern

1 part of the township. We have the other one that goes through -- Transco goes
2 through our southern part. Why don't they go on those easements?

3 MS. VAN ROSSUM: They're -- they're different companies, right?
4 And each different company wants its own pathway and wants its own
5 infrastructure, so that's how it's going to make it's own -- it's own money. It does
6 not serve them to -- to plan and to work with their -- with their competitors in
7 terms of getting this gas to market, and that is one of the biggest complaints about
8 FERC and the FERC process. It's nobody is doing sort of a cumulative analysis
9 or assessment of considering either means or impact, and that's one of the big
10 problems. But it's -- it's -- it's driven by -- by competition, and that's a big failing
11 of FERC.

12 MR. TITTLE: It's driven more by speculation I should say
13 because they all -- there -- there's actually eight pipelines coming into the New
14 York metropolitan area. All coming out of Marcellus shale regions. We may
15 need one or two. We don't need eight. And so the -- so everybody's trying to rush
16 -- to rush in, even though -- and for those who, you know, the -- your assembly
17 members know, I mean the Transco Pipeline that they're currently expanding is
18 literally three miles to the east of this route in places, some places it's five, and
19 then you've got Columbia and you've got -- up north you've got Tennessee Gas
20 and Algonque (phonetic) and you've got Texas Eastern down below and another
21 Columbia, onward and onward. And it's really about a gas rush to build a super
22 structure, and to -- and -- and, again, to really addict us to gas so that we don't
23 invest in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and a lot of the other things
24 because all of the sudden we're going to be spending billions of dollars building
25 these gas pipelines. What they're really about -- it's really about speculation and

1 when then -- one of the pipelines that got put in in the northern part of the state,
2 and then they leased land to AT&T to put a fiber optic cable through. Even
3 though they used state land for it, and the state got no money for it.

4 MR. NOVAK: Thank you.

5 All right. Tom?

6 MR. MICHALENKO: Oh, they holler loud up on a farm. You
7 won't have to use this thing. So my family's been in this township since 1927.
8 My father put his farm in preservation for \$2,300. So it wasn't to make a lot of
9 money. Now I got this letter about going through my land. They want to cut a
10 100-foot swab through my woods. I don't want my woods cut down. But I've
11 been having a very good rapport with the girl that's in charge. I've been talking to
12 her, basically getting a lot of information, and I found out -- I asked her a question.
13 I said let's say this pipeline goes through. Who comes next to arbitrate the
14 easement? She says, oh, I do. Well, this company that you're sending is part of
15 the pipeline company. So it's hard to trust any of these people. Hard to believe
16 anything they're going to say. And this is only in its infancy right now. They can
17 say well, maybe we don't like it on your farm, but we're going to move over to
18 your farm.

19 And there's one other thing you should all realize, this pipe, I have
20 talked to people in Lancaster who have pipelines going through their land, buried,
21 48 foot under the ground. The ground vibrates when that pipe -- if -- when they're
22 piping oil -- gas through it. And there's one other thing. They are using the
23 lowest grade pipe on this job. Not high-grade pipe, the lowest. For cheapness,
24 for whatever, and so you've got to be aware. Everything you're doing, and just
25 like they were saying, the person I talk in Lancaster, they gave them X amount of

1 dollars, it's going through their land, open land, and (indiscernible) they came
2 back for the second pipeline three years later. So that can happen very easily.

3 So if you don't think that this can happen, it's -- they're going to put
4 it someplace, and if it isn't on your property, it's on your neighbor's. So that's all.

5 MR. LORENZONI: I'm not going to use the microphone either.
6 I'm going to donate new microphones. Because every meeting I come to this
7 happens.

8 My name is Angelo Lorenzoni. I live out 523 right above Stockton,
9 right across from the Bodine farm and Barbara Bodine. And I've been down here
10 for 40-some years, and I moved here to get this kind of living. I'm not rich. I'm a
11 retired teacher. But I'm a science person, and I thought about one thing in my 75
12 years, which incidentally is tomorrow, that -- that what rules this world is money.
13 And I want to talk for my grandchildren. Nobody's talked about their
14 grandchildren, and their children. I'm not going to be around very much anymore,
15 so if -- the fact is to me it's not going to be that great. And they -- I don't think
16 they're coming through my land, but they're coming right next to it. And I've got
17 to live. And what nobody's talked about here, very little, is safety.

18 I wouldn't have natural gas in my house if you gave it to me free.
19 Do you remember Lambertville? How many people got hurt there and killed and
20 -- and almost a whole block got wiped out. And I have my people, I don't have a
21 computer, believe it or not, I just want to retire. And I have people doing research,
22 my sons and so forth, on how many natural gas accidents there were in New
23 Jersey. Nobody talks about that. How about down -- down there off of 22
24 somewhere where -- where the -- it was -- it was burning all over the place.
25 Almost the whole town. Nobody speaks about that. It's invisible. And things go

1 wrong. And you notice in that literature they said we're going to put shut-off
2 valves in rural areas. We're going to put them the longest distance, you know, I
3 think two to three miles, four miles or something.

4 (Indiscernible conversation within the audience)

5 MR. LORENZONI: Ten miles. Okay.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: It would take hours to get it to shut off.

7 MR. LORENZONI: Sure. Sure. And -- and -- and -- and, you
8 know, so I -- I feel about safety. When I -- when I taught science and so forth,
9 our prime thing, and the thing when we got done, we screamed safety. We
10 screamed safety. Everybody listened to protect those students. And I'm
11 screaming safety. Okay? Because natural gas, when it goes up, it goes up. And
12 they -- another thing they talk about money. You know, New Jersey people are
13 paying \$100 per whatever unit they use, and we're going to drop it to two to three
14 dollars. Come on, people. What are they in business for? You -- if you set us up
15 for \$100 per unit, are you going to drop it to two or three dollars? You'll be out of
16 business in no time.

17 MR. CIATTARELLI: What school did you teach at?

18 MR. LORENZONI: Bridgewater High School West.

19 MR. CIATTARELLI: So, listen --

20 MR. LORENZONI: I think I taught you. He was a good student.

21 MR. CIATTARELLI: Thirty-five years ago he was my high
22 school science teacher. He hasn't changed one damn bit. He was lecturing then,
23 he's lecturing now.

24 MR. LORENZONI: Nice seeing you.

25 So that's all I have to say. But think about your grandchildren's

1 children. You know, it's not going to affect me that much, and I have
2 neighbors that I want to get along with all the time, and I respect everybody's
3 opinion. If you want it, I respect your opinion. If you don't want it, I respect your
4 opinion. I personally don't want it. I moved here to La La Land, and I want to
5 stay. And I thank all of you people that have preserved land. My neighbors are
6 all preserved farms. I only have four or five acres, but I love it. Thank you.

7 MR. NOVAK: Do you want to go? You're -- you go first.

8 MS. BODINE: Hi everybody. My name is Barbara Bodine, and I
9 just wanted a show of hands, please, as to who actually has been told that the
10 pipeline's going to cross across your property? Me, too. Great feeling, huh?

11 Two parts. I own 65 acres that my husband and I own,
12 (indiscernible) Bodine and myself. He lost his life on the adjoining farm, which
13 we have in farmland preservation, 220 acres. So it's supposed to come right
14 through the barns and the house I was told when I met with the man on our
15 preserved farm. He called me on the phone. He said that Wes, Jr. (phonetic),
16 most of you know, who are farmers who run a produce stand on our farm, I own
17 50 percent of that, and the children -- Wes' children own the other 50 percent.
18 But they're telling me that they're going to come through and they're going to take
19 the house and part of the septic system.

20 But when we met with the engineer at our realtor's office, my
21 daughter and I, they said oh, no. I didn't say that. You know, lied right to my
22 face and make me feel like, what, am I imagining things? But they had the
23 engineer there with them. We invited them to come to the meeting at the office so
24 that we could understand better and my realtor could understand the impact

1 because I'm trying to sell my farm, my 65 acres because of my age, and I live in
2 Florida for the last nine years.

3 And I thank all of you for coming here to represent our township to
4 try to keep this out. We're also having to sell, unfortunately, the Bodine farm. If
5 the children aren't able to purchase my half because of the fact that they're
6 working very, very hard, and it's impossible to keep it going. There's three
7 children involved, and it's just too much for them apparently. But we've all
8 agreed that it needs to be sold.

9 So here we have this impact to this coming true, and they told me
10 that they, oh, but they would only put some vents right on 523, right there it
11 would be there, and, you know, those beautiful vents that are over by Rices
12 Market when you go around the corner there, those big orange pipes that are
13 sticking out, think these are going to be yellow for (indiscernible) though. Makes
14 a big difference.

15 But anyway, my point is that I am so appreciative to see all of
16 these wonderful people in this beautiful, pristine township that we have, not
17 wanting this to come through. Because, as you can see, I'm a little upset. I
18 wanted you to know, too, that they said that the only way that they would stop is
19 that if they found turtles or salamanders or Indian burial grounds on any of
20 the properties.

21 (Indiscernible conversation within the audience)

22 MS. BODINE: I believe we can buy more turtles and salamanders.
23 But anyway, there are lots of other things that we can belabor about this, but I
24 think we've all shown our interest in really taking charge of protecting our
25 beautiful township and keeping it the way it is. And, again, I admire the fact that

1 we don't want to put it on somebody else's land. We just want to stop it and do
2 what comes naturally. All the God given things that we have to keep us warm,
3 and cozy, and safe.

4 MS. SAYLES: I would just like -- oh, I'm Carina Sayles, and I
5 own one of the large (indiscernible) my friends and neighbor have the other half.
6 And my very large preserved farm. (Indiscernible).

7 (Indiscernible conversation within the audience)

8 MR. NOVAK: It has to be recorded.

9 MS. SAYLES: Oh, it has to be recorded. I would just like to
10 know, it doesn't really matter how long I've been there, what I, you know,
11 whatever. But what matters is that basically somebody in the very beginning of
12 this meeting talked about a timeline. They talked about their deadline. I'd like to
13 know what the deadlines are, and I think I -- I have an idea because, as I said, I
14 have a very large farm, and we've been here a very long time, and, you know, we
15 gave up a lot of time and money to make sure everything was preserved and been
16 on the Open Space Committee as well and worked with the Environmental
17 Commission. I would like it to be put on the website so that everybody can know
18 what is the timeline here. How long do we have? You know, there's a process.
19 We're at the beginning, but you know how things go. The summer was five
20 minutes ago it started, now it's over. Now winter's coming.

21 When do we have to do these things? What do we have to do?
22 Is there -- can there be a timeline posted? The township I know is trying to
23 organize our effort, and we appreciate that. I do join in the other people in asking
24 the township to please voice their official opposition to this pipeline. I would like
25 to know when the re-routing options, even though that's not the best option, I'd

1 like to know at what point do we hear about alternate routes, and what is the
2 timeline for NEPA, the NEPA process, the EIS process. I think there's, you know,
3 if there's confusion about deadlines or how long we have to get organized and
4 make some of these things happen, that could be a problem. So if anyone can say
5 any of those raw dates now, that would be great. If nobody knows, let's find out
6 and put it on the website.

7 MR. MICHALENKO: I have talked to this lady today even, and
8 as far as timeline goes, when, how it's going to go, first they have to get all of the
9 environmental studies done on the properties that they have on the list. After that
10 is done, the next process is to decide if that land is good enough to put it on or if
11 they want to move it. So their first will not be anything done until all of the
12 environmental studies are done on the properties on the list. So that's the timeline
13 you have. As far as knowing anything further, that's what I talked to her today.

14 MS. SAYLES: But they want it to go in in 2017.

15 (Indiscernible conversation within the audience)

16 MR. NOVAK: Tom -- Tommy, I think you got to slow down a
17 little bit. I think we're going to put on the website a timeline. I mean, I don't
18 know gossip or people that don't have the actual facts here. Very important to
19 have the facts on all the issues here. So that's what we're going to try to do on the
20 website.

21 Do you have a comment you want to come forward with?

22 MS. TOLMIE: Yes.

23 MR. NOVAK: All right.

24 MS. TOLMIE: My name is Mary Tolmie. I live on 94 Worman
25 Road. I will be a neighbor of some folks who will have the pipeline running

1 through their properties. My concern is that if we are going to coordinate an
2 effort toward dealing with this that it be coordinated with our township's support
3 on the website. I'd like to reiterate what the previous speaker said, that we have a
4 timeline, a very good method of communicating ideas back and forth, both pro
5 and con. That we have a central approach towards this, and that we have a game
6 plan because certainly confusion and delay will work in the favor of the pipeline
7 people. So I'm very concerned about that. I will be attending the meeting in
8 Lambertville. I hope many people here will be as well, and maybe the River
9 Keepers can help us coordinate this since this is your experience. And I'd like our
10 township to be open to these other communities having some input on the website
11 and, you know, helping to coordinate this effort so we do this intelligently.

12 MS. VOIGHT: Just -- I just want to set one thing straight, okay,
13 because there was a comment made about competition and the different
14 companies.

15 MR. NOVAK: You're going to have to speak up. He can't hear
16 you.

17 MS. VOIGHT: Hi, Jeff. Can you hear me now?

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Louder.

19 MS. VOIGHT: Now? Hey. So I wanted to set the -- the record
20 straight because there was a comment made about competition that's somewhat
21 artificial because -- and I -- I was taken aback when I heard that reference to these
22 different companies competing against each other. Yes, there is some of that.
23 But to be absolutely clear, I checked out Cindy's notice, and it's on PennEast's
24 letterhead. However, when I was negotiating with Transco on behalf of some
25 homeowners for their -- business owners for their easements, the Transco

1 letterhead was superceded by Williams letterhead. So has anybody here been
2 on the Williams website?

3 UNIDENTIFIED: Williams owns Transco.

4 MS. VOIGHT: They -- they own a lot of them. They own --
5 there's a whole list of them. They have 15,000 miles of pipeline in the United
6 States, and they own Transco, they own PennEast, and they consider it all their
7 assets. And then it goes on and on, Virginia Southside Expansion, Atlantic
8 Sunrise, Washington Expansion. I mean, it goes on and on and on and on. The
9 list of assets that they have. So this idea of competition. Well, they -- they
10 formed their business for the state to go and take that portion of the pipeline and
11 do that portion of the easements, but this is one big company called Williams.

12 MS. VAN ROSSUM: No, there is one big company called
13 Williams, but Williams doesn't own all the pipes.

14 MS. VOIGHT: No, they don't own it. They own the companies
15 that own it.

16 MS. VAN ROSSUM: We -- but they're not -- but they're -- but
17 they're very much different companies that are running different pipelines, and
18 that's --

19 MS. VOIGHT: Right.

20 MS. VAN ROSSUM: -- and that's why you don't have a
21 coordinated effort. So --

22 MS. VOIGHT: I mean, it's somewhat of a madness.

23 MS. VAN ROSSUM: (Indiscernible) .

24 MS. VOIGHT: Yeah, but I mean -- and it's probably not entirely
25 accurate to say they own the -- all of them, but they -- it is their assets.

1 MS. VAN ROSSUM: Some -- some of them, but not all --

2 MS. VOIGHT: Fifteen-thousand miles of it.

3 MS. VAN ROSSUM: -- not the competing --

4 MR. NOVAK: All right. Well, I'm going to cut you both short
5 here, because I don't think we need to argue that.

6 (Indiscernible conversation within the audience)

7 MS. VAN ROSSUM: There are a lot of companies involved.
8 There's a lot of inner, sort of, mixing and matching. But there's not -- there's not
9 coordinated planning because it is different pipelines involved for different profit
10 gains, and that's why you have multiple pipelines going in the same direction to
11 similar communities, to New York or across from Pennsylvania.

12 MS. PLUMMER: I just want to address -- oh, sorry. My name is
13 Leah Plummer, and I live at 78 Brookville Hollow Road. As far as bringing the
14 community together to work on this, I think the very first step we should do is tell
15 everyone you know who lives in Delaware Township about this. Because I just
16 want to let you know I had a line copy email from someone. I knew nothing
17 about it at all. I'm self-absorbed unfortunately. And a -- a neighbor had sent a
18 copy out, and I received it a couple of days ago, and I had no idea and decided to
19 come here.

20 And one of my neighbors who also is on Brookville Hollow Road,
21 I called him today, and he actually is probably one of the property owners that the
22 pipeline wants to go through, and he didn't even know about this meeting. So the
23 very first thing I think we have to do to get this township to work together is to
24 make sure that everyone you know, every time you talk to someone in the
25 township, do they know what's going on because it's amazing how you can get

1 absorbed. I don't look at the website that often. That -- that just, you know,
2 you get busy with your kids or your job or -- or a -- a sick family member, and
3 you just get too busy. So I just -- I just wanted to say if we're really going to
4 bring everybody together, first we have to make sure everyone's informed. Thank
5 you.

6 MR. NOVAK: All right. Is there any other comments? At this
7 time -- did Amanda leave from Senator -- from Congressman Lance? She just
8 walked out, didn't she? I just -- she was going to go. All right.

9 MR. BURKHOLDER: I have one quick question of fact. Is it or
10 is it not true, because we just got into this -- this -- this discussion about whether
11 Williams owned all of these or whether they're subsidiaries that operate somewhat
12 independently. Is there any -- if they really are competing to provide natural gas
13 to this area, what's to stop two or three other entities saying we want to pour our
14 pipeline through there also? It's as if you have four or five railroad companies in
15 the 1800s saying we're going to run our own railroad lines from New York to
16 Washington, and we'll just all compete for that because we'll all put in lines. Is
17 that --

18 MR. NOVAK: Well, I think that's more the question with FERC
19 and how FERC handles it, right?

20 MS. MCCARTHY: Yeah. No. Because what the comment is is
21 what Maya was pointing out is that that's a really real scenario because their lack,
22 on the federal level, any effort to coordinate the brand picture of that we don't
23 need 10 pipelines running through New Jersey. If there was some coordination on
24 a federal level, then we wouldn't have this, but that is -- and -- and clearly, you
25 know, as far as public comments to your representatives down in Washington,

1 that would be an important point to bring up. That, you know, you cannot
2 allow companies and pipelines this right of, you know, endless piping. There has
3 to be some effort on the federal level to say enough is enough.

4 MR. BURKHOLDER: The dynamics are in place for every
5 competitor to want to put fuel in the cheapest way.

6 MS. MCCARTHY: Yeah. Yeah.

7 MR. BURKHOLDER: So instead of one entity coming through
8 preserved land because it's cheapest, you'll have everyone fighting over all the
9 preserved lands, right?

10 MR. NOVAK: Well, that's why I wanted to bring Amanda up, but
11 she did leave. So hopefully Congressman Lance will be here next time.

12 MS. NEWBAKER: Barbara Newbaker, I live on Rosemont
13 Ringoes Road, and I do have a loud voice so I'm going to (indiscernible). I am a
14 former teacher.

15 I have a question. What I heard tonight was the importance of the
16 communities from all over our area to work together so that we can present one
17 voice. I also heard a lot of expertise in our audience this evening, and I'm sure
18 there are other areas of expertise that haven't spoken up yet. And I'm wondering
19 how our township committee is going to proceed to coordinate the effort to help
20 these communities in our area to come together. Are you going to have some
21 discussion about that and is there going to be someone on the township committee
22 who's going to be responsible for that? And how are you going to tap into the
23 resources that are apparently available to us and to other volunteers who may not
24 have the expertise but just will do some of the grunt work?

25 So those are the questions that I have as kind of like what's next.

1 MR. NOVAK: They're good questions, and I think this
2 township committee's going to take those up after we get done talking here. But, I
3 mean, I think -- well, I don't want to speak -- I'll speak for myself a little bit. I
4 think the way we are going to take an approach is maybe for one person that's a
5 liaison from the committee. We're going to form a committee most likely, there'll
6 be a liaison from the committee, one person from Open Space, one person from
7 Environmental, and then I hope to use a lot of individuals here that are expertise
8 in the areas, because I mean as Jeff and Maya said, I mean, the FERC process is a
9 lot of paperwork, a lot of paperwork. And, I mean, it's I don't know how much
10 paperwork, but it's going to take a long, long time for everybody to go through, so.
11 I think the committee's going to discuss that afterwards. I'd like Jack and Donna,
12 if you have any further comments while you're still here and then the committee
13 will discuss a little bit of this.

14 MR. CIATTARELLI: Yeah. I -- I think the mayor just summed it
15 up really well. What you want to do now, it's always about next steps. How
16 many times do we leave a meeting yet we don't know where we're going. But I --
17 I don't think that's going to happen with this kind of leadership.

18 So I -- I was going to suggest that you -- you form a citizens
19 committee. Many of the people that asked questions tonight, many of them are
20 experts. You've got two invaluable resources in Maya and Jeff, and I'm sure they
21 would love to be kind of special assistants to the -- to that committee. You're not
22 the first community to go through this. Some have succeeded. Some have not.
23 There is something to learn from every single time a community's gone through
24 this. You've got to take a person from that committee that then is part of a larger
25 committee that's got representation from every one of the towns that's affected

1 by this pipeline, so, again, you're speaking in one voice.

2 The situation Donna and I had down in Princeton is a bit different
3 in that it is an existing pipeline that the pipeline owner is looking to expand. This
4 is different. This is virgin territory with no pipeline. Having said that, what we
5 watched happen with that citizen coalition down there is they've gotten some
6 concessions out of the Williams pipeline company because of their organization,
7 because of their speaking with one voice.

8 So the key now is how do you go forward? And a citizens
9 committee, Mayor, I think is a great idea on your part, with a lot of the people that
10 asked questions here tonight. And then you need to form another committee that's
11 got one representative from each one of the towns that's affected by this pipeline,
12 and please leverage these two invaluable resources. They know how to get this
13 done. And what I mean by that is, number one, block it if that's what the
14 consensus of this community is, and if you can't block it, have the least
15 environmental impact possible. You've got two goals, block it, if that's what you
16 want. And if you're not successful blocking it, what is the least environmental
17 impact to your community?

18 Right Maya? Jeff?

19 That's your goal. So keep it simple, but it keep it real organized,
20 and I'm sure we listen to you, too. And we are here to advocate every step along
21 the way. We'll write letters to our federal -- your federal legislators, right, by
22 Congressman Lance and your two U.S. Senators, and then what they do is they
23 write letters to FERC and so on and so forth so the advocacy is speaking in one
24 voice, is always on the same page.

25 MS. SIMON: Now -- now that we have that, on the 29th we

1 urge you to be here. If PennEast is going to be here, they'll be able to hear
2 from you directly.

3 MS. KLINK: Also I -- I just want to ask one question. This whole
4 idea of community, have you thought about going to the freeholders and asking
5 the county to make a statement against the whole process?

6 MR. NOVAK: I sit on the county planning board, and they are
7 trying to put something together right now. I think the 15th I think, Jeff, we will
8 be meeting with SADC --

9 MS. KLINK: Because they also (indiscernible) with knowledge
10 and --

11 MR. NOVAK: -- down in Trenton. I think they're meeting with
12 the SADC and I think three or four of them from the county planning board are
13 going there with that already.

14 So the issue with the freeholders, though, I mean, it's the same
15 thing as Maya said. I mean, there's people on the western side of 579, they don't
16 know the first thing this pipeline's coming through. I mean, your -- there -- there
17 are community residents, but they don't have the slightest idea you have a pipeline
18 here. I mean, in town they say what pipeline? I mean, I was at our township
19 planning board and I brought it up, and four out of the nine didn't even know there
20 was a pipeline coming through. So any -- communication's got to go through.
21 The main thing, though, you've got to stay with the facts. I mean, I've heard a lot
22 of gossip about different things, and once you start not knowing the facts, I think
23 it just muddies the water real fast and all. So I mean, I think what -- what I'm
24 going to do right now is I'm going to hand the microphone over to Susan. Each
25 one of the committee members will do a little bit of what they got out of

1 tonight and where we're going to go forward, and then we'll go from there.

2 Is there any other questions before -- go ahead.

3 UNIDENTIFIED: Well, I mean, this is just a question for the
4 representatives. I understand that (indiscernible) and maybe it's not true, but that
5 the governor, our governor, has the power to actually say to the pipeline -- that he
6 can say to the pipeline company that they cannot go through preserved farmland.

7 MR. CIATTARELLI: I -- I think Jeff and Maya are best to answer
8 that. This being a federally regulated project, I think all the governor can do is
9 advocate.

10 MR. TITTLE: Yeah.

11 MR. NOVAK: I think that's correct also.

12 MR. TITTLE: The governor can try to block it from -- by going to
13 FERC and saying the state doesn't want it, which would be a very good thing.
14 But if they get approved by FERC, no, they cannot do that. There are certain land
15 designations in New Jersey that would be tougher for them to go through, but
16 unfortunately they're not these properties.

17 MR. NOVAK: All right. Is there --

18 (Indiscernible conversation within the audience)

19 MR. COOPER: Has anyone asked the New Jersey Farm Bureau
20 for their help?

21 MR. NOVAK: No. We haven't gone that far yet, but I -- I don't
22 -- I mean, it's another possibility, but I think the SADC is a bigger target right
23 now, and involved there. But the Farm Bureau would probably also get involved.

24 MS. BODINE: Has anyone signed to allow them to come out to
25 their property yet?

1 MR. NOVAK: I think there's been quite a few people that have
2 signed already. Like I say, that's an individual's choice. I mean, like Anthony
3 said here, I mean, everybody has their own choice. We live in America. They've
4 got to make a decision what they want to do. I mean, we've got to work with
5 everybody. So, I mean, everybody should have their own opinion.

6 MS. BODINE: I -- I was told by my attorney in Clinton, Jay
7 Thatcher, that when it went through Clinton that the people that didn't agree to
8 allow them to come on their property, when it was all said and done and it was
9 coming through anyway, they got pennies on the dollar compared to what
10 everyone else was paid.

11 MR. NOVAK: I see.

12 MS. BODONE: So be aware of that.

13 MR. NOVAK: I think that's what I -- a few people made the
14 comment of eminent domain. Hopefully we don't have to go that -- and like I say
15 --

16 UNIDENTIFIED: I heard the opposite. I heard the opposite.

17 MR. NOVAK: I think there's two ways to look at this. There's
18 two processes. I mean, there's two phases really here in this pipeline. First phase
19 is going to go in front of FERC and see where if we can stop it. Then we've got to
20 go to the next phase, if they don't stop it, how do we get compensation for our
21 individual property owners and how do we maintain our environment and
22 safety and health of the township?

23 So I think the first phase right now is with FERC. But let me turn
24 it over to Susan, let her make comments, and we'll go from there.

25 MS. LOCKWOOD: Well, I think everyone here has pretty

1 much expressed all the concerns that -- that we all have. When someone
2 threatens your home, basically, and that's, I mean the most important thing to
3 everyone, your home and your property, it's your biggest investment, it's your
4 quality of life. You know, that's a terrible thing. So I would be in favor of us
5 doing a resolution as just a first. And then, you know, everything we can do from
6 that point onward.

7 One -- one question and one issue that hasn't come up, though Ken
8 asked me this at one point, is you know, what happens -- where -- where -- there
9 are normal review processes, even at the state level for something like this. DEP,
10 for example. The only problem with that is it that it tends to be at the end of the
11 process. So after all of this has gone through, then they put their application
12 together and then they go -- then they try to get their permits from DEP. And so
13 there can be some, you know, effect at that end, too. But hopefully we never get
14 to that point. But, you know, if in the long run we get to that point, that's yet
15 another mechanism to sort of file objections and provide information. But
16 hopefully, as I say, that -- we don't get there.

17 But things like historic -- historic districts, environmental impacts,
18 we know we have those. That's why we preserved all the land that we have in this
19 town. We have large-lot zoning to protect our water quality. We have preserved
20 farms to protect our quality of life, and our historic district. So those are really
21 important resources that are being threatened by this and -- and that's where I
22 think our -- that's where I think our focus needs to be in terms of when we get
23 right down to -- to commenting or whatever. So I will also volunteer to
24 participate in any way I can with any kind of document review since that's my
25 background as well.

1 MS. MCCARTHY: Just to quickly reiterate Susan's point. I
2 don't know why I did this, I haven't used it all night. But -- and I would -- I would
3 support a resolution as well.

4 I think what I got out of a lot of the conversation was organization
5 moving forward is key. These things can become unruly. And that's -- so many
6 people have such limited time that if they start going to meetings and they're, like,
7 scattered and not focused and there's not a plan of action, people are going to stay
8 home. They're going to throw their hands up and stay home.

9 So as everybody was talking I was doodling my organizational
10 map, and I think, and I would put forth for the township committee to think about,
11 is we need an umbrella operation. Whether or not that is, we'll call it Against the
12 Pipeline. I'm making it up. Whatever it is. In that tier, the top tier should be very
13 few people. Not few in numbers but few representation so that we can all work
14 cohesively. But underneath the umbrella is a citizens task force, which will be --
15 will be tasked with certain objectives. The next thing will be the township
16 committee and the sub-committee. The next branch will be NGOs, how they can
17 help. Everybody has a task. The fourth branch will be, you know, regional
18 approach. You know, who in our state, federal, that arm is going to be dealing
19 with all of other government. And then each one of these branches will select two
20 or three representators to the top, and the top then comes out with a unified voice.
21 That's my suggestion.

22 But I think that if we do not continue to have all these different
23 branches working together with unspecified tasks, it will become unruly.

24 MS. SAYLES: And how do you propose that our -- that we
25 connect to all the other townships to --

1 MS. MCCARTHY: Yeah, that is actually -- I forgot. Mayor's
2 task force is the fifth branch.

3 MR. NOVAK: And I think a way to achieve, he's not mayor
4 anymore, out in Kingwood --

5 MS. MCCARTHY: Well, mayor is maybe not the right word, but
6 whatever.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: (Indiscernible) .

8 MS. MCCARTHY: Exactly.

9 MR. NOVAK: But then I mean I've already talked with the mayor
10 of West Amwell, Hopewell Junction's attorney is also our planning board attorney,
11 and we've talked quite a bit. So I mean there's quite a bit of link between us and
12 --

13 MS. MCCARTHY: But it has to be formalized.

14 MR. NOVAK: Oh, yes.

15 MS. MCCARTHY: The link -- if -- if it's an informal relationship,
16 it's like things fall apart. And you don't meet the deadlines. It has to be
17 formalized.

18 MR. NOVAK: So I'm just saying that we've got all those within
19 the committee, but --

20 MS. MCCARTHY: Absolutely. But I'm just saying there has to
21 be a designated structure everybody needs to know. And there has to be cross-
22 communication between the branches and then up.

23 MR. VOECKE: Yeah, I just want to say, yeah, there -- there's
24 been a lot been said here, a lot obviously I think we have to do. A lot, you know,
25 you have to think about. But I want to -- I just want to say that I haven't even

1 been on this committee a year yet, so I've never seen anything like this. But I --
2 I was preparing myself, but I wasn't even ready for how many people actually
3 showed up for this. So what that says to me is that as far as I've been here, almost
4 a year, this is obviously the people care about the most. So I want to say that I
5 would also support a resolution. And I want to say, yeah, that I -- we have a lot to
6 think about to go over on this stuff. All right?

7 MS. MCCARTHY: Thank you.

8 MR. NOVAK: All right. So I think you've heard most of those
9 comments. I guess from this point of the meeting we can go head and do the
10 regular part of the meeting. We will tell you about putting a committee together.

11 (Pipeline discussion concluded)

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