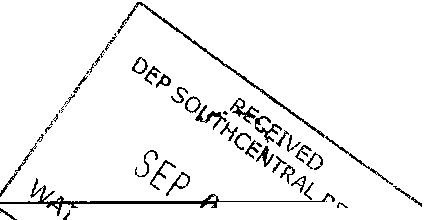
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IN RE: CHAPTER 10 5 PERMIT AP PLICATION S FROM SUN OCO LOGIST ICS FOR ITS MARIN ER EAST II PENNSYLV ANIA PIPELIN E PROJECT

PUBLIC HEAR ING

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Scott R . W illiamson , Program M ana ger, Wat erwa ys and W et lands Program

Joseph Adams, Dire ctor , DEP Southce ntr al Offic e

HEARING: Tues day, Aug ust 16 , 2 0 16

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**1** P R 0 C E E D I N G S 2

3 CHAIR :

1. Good evening , ev eryon e. M y name is John
2. R epet z. I'm a Communit y R elat ions Coordinat or for the

6 Pennsylvania Department of Envir onmental Prote ct ion' s

7 Southcentra l R eg ional Office h ere in Harrisburg.

8 Tonight w e ar e her e to hold a formal public heari ng on

1. the Chapter 105 permit applicat ions from Sunoco
2. Log istics for its M ariner East II Pennsylv ania

**11** Pipeline Project.

12 Than k you a ll for corning toni ght. We

1. w ant to thank the Farm Show Compl ex for serving a s our
2. host this ev ening.

I'd also like to introduce Mr .

1. Joseph Adams, Dire ctor of DEP 's Southcent ral R eg ional
2. Office, and Mr. Scott Williams on, Wat erw ays and
3. Wetlands Prog ram M anag er for DE P 's Southce nt ral
4. R egional Office.

I would a lso like to not e that w e

1. hav e represe nt ativ e s from Sunoco her e this ev ening .
2. Tonight w e are he re to hold a formal

21 public he aring.

W e w ill ta ke t estimony in the form of

1. comments from thos e of you who w ish --- who a re
2. registered to spea k.

If you w ish to ma ke a forma l

1. comment and hav e not yet signed up, please go to the
2. reg istration table out in the lobby now and pl ea se do

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1. so. W e wil l close off registration as soon as we
2. b eg in with the first speaker this ev ening. You must
3. b e registere d if you wish to pr esent test imony this
4. ev ening. And remembe r , comments offered here tonight
5. in person or in writt en form, via e -mail or post a l
6. service, carry the same weig ht.

7 I will now turn things over to Scott

1. Wi lliamson, the Wat erways and W et lands Program
2. M anag er, to pr ovid e a brief overvi ew of the permitt ing
3. pr ocess and the applications the DEP is current ly
4. reviewing.
5. M R. WILLIAMSON :
6. Thank you, John. Ag ain, my name is
7. Scott Wi lliamson, I'm the Program M anager at DEP' s
8. Southcentral Regi onal Waterwa ys and Wetla nds Prog ram.
9. Sunoco Pipeline, LP submitted Pennsylvani a Wat er
10. Ob struction and Encr oachment Applica tions, also known
11. a s Chapt er 105 applications, as required by 25 Pa.
12. C ode , Chapt er 105 in the Pennsy lvania Dam Safety and
13. Encroachments Act and the Pennsylva nia Clean Streams
14. Law to the Pennsy lvania Department of Environment al
15. Protection, a lso known as DEP, for activit ies
16. associated with construction of the ir proposed
17. Pennsylvania pipeline, whi ch is a lso known as M ariner
18. Ea st II Pipeline System.

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1 The p ermits are requir ed for the

1. p roposed activit ies located in, a long , across or
2. project ing into a w ater cours e , floodway or body of
3. wate r, including wet lands. These Chapter 105
4. appl icat ions a re currently unde r technical review b y
5. DEP . The Pennsylvania Pipeline Ma riner Ea it II
6. Project is a propos ed exp ansion of the existing Sunoco
7. M ariner East Pipeline System. The overa ll pipeli ne
8. project involves construction of two new larger
9. pipelines to convey natura l ga s liquids.
10. The two new propo sed pip elines will
11. ext end more than 300 miles and 255 mi les respect iv ely
12. in Pennsylvania b etw een Houston Borough, Was hingt on
13. County , PA and M a rcus Hook Boro ugh , Delawa re Count y ,
14. PA. The two new p roposed pip el ines will cross three
15. reg ions of the DEP , five count ies in th e Southwest
16. R eg ion, ten counti es in the Southcent ral R egion and
17. two counties in the Southeast R eg ion.
18. N otice of the Chapter 105 permit
19. applicat ions wa s published by DEP in the Pennsylv ania
20. Bulleti n on Saturday, June 25th , 2016.

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1. public hea ring was pub lish ed in the Pennsylva nia
2. B ullet in on Saturday, July 11th , 2016 and also in The
3. Patriot -News and PennLiv e, Lanc aster newspapers ,
4. Lancast er Online , on July 2 8th, 2016 and the Ca rlisle

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1. Sent inel on July 29th , 2016, as we ll as several other
2. Pennsylva nia media p ublicat ions. DEP will accept
3. writt en comment s on th e Sunoco Pipe line, L P Chapter
4. 105 applications th rough W e esd ay, August the 24th.

5 CHA IR:

6 Thank you, Scott. Because this is a

1. formal hearing, the DEP personnel here tonight will
2. not be answering any quest ions. Instead , all comments
3. or questions will be addressed in writ ing by the
4. Department at the close of the public comment period
5. in what is called the public comment response
6. document. ain, we will not be responding to
7. comment s or quest ions during this he aring. The public
8. comment pe riod, as Scott mentioned, will end on
9. ril 24th (sic).
10. The p ublic comments and the Department's
11. response will be ma de part of the administrati ve
12. record , which is availab le for review at DEP
13. Southcent ral R egiona l Office here in Harrisburg.
14. Arrange ments can be made t o review the administ rative
15. record by calling (717) 705 4732 during regula r
16. business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4: 00 p.m., Mo ay through
17. Frid ay.

The record can a lso be vi ewed online by going

1. to the DEP website, clicking on the Pipeline portal
2. and then click ng the Southcent ral Re gion tab.

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At this point we will now begin the

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Our

irst speaker this evening is Stephanie

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Catarino W issman.

MS. WISSM AN:

Would you like me to speak her e or ---? CHAIR:

Yes.

MS. W ISSMAN:

Okay. Do you need a copy? CHAIR:

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1 You can supply that later.

2 MS. WISSMAN:

3 O kay.

Good ev ening. My n ame is

1. Stephanie Wissma n and I am th e Executive Direct or of
2. A PI-Pennsyl vani a . AP I-PA is a division of the
3. American Petrole um Institute , which repr e sents all
4. segments of Ame rica' s oil and nat ural ga s industry.
5. Its more than 650 memb ers pr oduce , proce ss and
6. dist ribute most of the nat ion' s energy. The industry
7. also supports 9.8 mill ion U.S. jobs and e ight p ercent
8. of the U. S. economy.
9. The U. S. Ener gy Information
10. Administrat ion re cently announced that fossil fuels
11. hav e supplied at least 80 per cent of the worl d' s
12. ener gy since the 1900s and will continue to do so for
13. de cades to come. In particu lar , the trem end ous supply
14. of natural gas and associate d nat ur al ga s liquids,
15. such as ethane and pr opane, is driving economic and
16. job growt h in the industri al sector. Knowing that ,
17. it's import ant that we continue to support the
18. dev elopment of pipeline infr astructure which de liv ers
19. affordable ener gy and vit a l p roducts to p eople across
20. the country and here in Pennsylvani a.
21. Sunoco Log istics' M ariner E ast II is one
22. of those important pip eline projects and will

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1. t ransport N GLs from Easte rn Ohio and Southwe stern
2. Pennsylvania to the Marcus Ho ok Industria l Complex
3. outsid e of Phila delphia. N GLs can supply heat during
4. the winter, a re use d to po we r homes and business es and
5. most important ly, p rovid e a fuel source and feedst oc k
6. for Pennsylvania 's ma nufa ctur ing industry . The
7. ma nuf acturing sect ors that rely on N GLs include
8. ch emica ls, met a ls , glass , food p rocessing , p last ics,
9. fibers, adhesives , coatings, cleaning agent s and ma ny
10. others.
11. Hig h indust ry standards are a crit ical
12. p a rt of the AP I mission. For more tha n 90 years we
13. hav e ta ken our indust ry' s colle ct ive wisd om on
14. ev erything from dr ill bit s to environment a l pr ot ect ion
15. t o embrace prov en, sound eng ineering and operat ing
16. pra ctices and safe interchang eable equipm ent and
17. ma t er ials. W e be lieve safet y a nd environment al
18. pr otect ion g o hand in hand wit h industry operat ions.
19. A ba rrel of crud e oil or pet roleum
20. prod uct shippe d by p ipeline rea ches its dest ination
21. safely more than 99.999 perc ent of the time. Pipeline
22. companies ta ke a ctiv e steps t o ensure that healt h ,
23. safety, securit y and environment al concerns are
24. addressed throug ho ut the pla nning, construct ion and
25. operat ional phas es of pip eline operations. Pipeline

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companies work to pr ev ent relea ses by evaluating , inspect ing and maint a ining pip elines in a pr ogram called integrity ma na gement. Integr ity ma na gement p rograms hav e pr oduced decrea ses in incidents

attribut ed to ev ery major cause of fa ilure. Pipe line companies together fund millions of dollar s wort h of resear ch into new inspection technologies and spend billions on safety e ach year.

Accor ding to the eConsult Economic Impact Report , the M ariner East Proje cts hav e the

pot ent ial to gener ate $4 .2 billion t o the Pennsy lvania e conomy and gener ate $62 ,000,000 in tax rev enues for

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her e in Pennsylva nia , these economic and employment b enefit s are alr eady being rea lized.

The M a riner East II Project will pr ovide signif icant benefit s to the state , and we recommend that DE P grant them their fina l permits to start constr uct ion. Thank you.

CHAIR:

Thank you, Stepha nie. N ext is Abe

Amoros.

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1 M R. AMOROS:

1. Good evening . My name is Abe Amor os.
2. I'm the Pennsylvani a Leg islative Dir ect or for the
3. Laborers' Internation a l Uni on of N orth America. And
4. as a pr oud memb er, I stand here to v oice my support
5. for the Mariner East P ip e line. This p roject wil l b e
6. construct ed and oper ated safely and in an
7. environmenta lly-sound way, all to be nef it our
8. communities, businesses and work er s.
9. For over a century, LIUNA has b een a
10. voice for the hard-work ing men and wome n of America ,
11. ensuring a right to obta in safe, liv ing-wage jobs.
12. Pro jects like Mariner East are lifel ines for our
13. communit y, helping to bui ld lifelong careers for our
14. mem b ers as well. We repre sent more than 18,000
15. memb ers in Pennsylvani a. So for them the se proje ct s
16. aren' t just pipelines, they're also lifelines for
17. families sustaining jobs.

Because of their advanced

1. skills and tra ining, our workers hav e the knowle dg e
2. and exp erience to bui ld this proj ect safely and wit h
3. minimal impact on the environment and communit ies. In
4. fact, our work ers are alre ady hard at w orking bui lding
5. thos e pip elines in Pennsylvania, ma king sure they're
6. dev e loped safely and responsibly.
7. This pr oject **w i l l** create another 30 ,100

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* 1. dir ect and indirect job s dur ing the const ruction
  2. phas e , using uni on lab or and app roximat e ly 300 to 4 00
  3. per manent posit ions throug hout the Commonw ealth.
  4. Dur ing const ruct ion our laborers pat ronize
  5. restau rants , ret a ilers and other loca l businesses
  6. p rovid ing ancil la ry benefits and add itiona l sources of
  7. incom e to th e local communit ies.
  8. N ow , we a ll und erst and that many hav e
  9. expr es sed concer ns about this project . But study
  10. aft er stud y has shown that p ipelines a re the safest ,
  11. most efficient form of t ransp ort at ion for energy
  12. resour ces. And Sunoco has b een moving pr oducts safe ly
  13. for mor e than 75 yea rs. M ar iner East II will be a
  14. stat e-of-t he-a rt facility using th e most advanced ,
  15. technica l safety and monitor ing equipment availa bl e
  16. and w ill be done in an env ironmenta lly-sound way .
  17. That's becaus e Sunoco has committ ed to wor king wit h
  18. u nio ns like LIUN A t o ensur e the wor k is done proper ly
  19. th e first time. They know tha t our ski lled trad es
  20. ensur e comp liance and a safe workp lace, and are
  21. commi tted to opera te w ith mi nima l de struct ion o r
  22. impact to landowners and the enviro nment .
  23. Thi s is our ba ck yard too , folks. And
  24. we are certa in ly commi tte d to caring for it for ou r
  25. families.

Ag ain , I be liev e thi s pr oject can b e

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1. construct ed and oper at ed safely with minima l
2. environmental impacts whil e pr oviding tremend ous
3. benefits for Pennsylvani a, this reg ion, communities
4. a round it. And all thos e a cros s the state wi ll
5. support the dev e lopment and maint enance of it s relat ed
6. ass ets. For these reasons the Lab orers' supp ort this
7. project and ur g e DEP' s support of the permi t s. Thank
8. you.
9. CHAIR:
10. Thank you, Ab e. Patrick Hend erson.
11. M R. HEND E R SON:
12. Good evening. My name is Patrick
13. Henderson , P-A-T-R-I-C-K, H-E-N -D-E-R-S-0-N . And I
14. serve as Direct or of R egulat ory Affairs for the
15. Marcellus Shale Coalition. The Coalition represent s
16. over 200 memb er companies involved in all facets of
17. safely prod ucing and transporting Pennsylvani a' s
18. unconv enti onal and nat ura l gas resources. The MSC
19. appreciates the opport unity to comment on and lend it s
20. strong support for the Department' s issuance of the
21. Chapt er 102 and 105 permits submitted by Sunoco
22. Log istics for it s Mariner II East Phase II Pipeline.
23. As DEP knows, much of the pr oposed corridor for
24. Mariner .East Phase II will follow the exist ing Mariner
25. East Pipel ine, which will g reat ly mitigate and

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1. minimiz e impacts on exis ting landowners.
2. Pipe lines hav e b een demonstr ated to be
3. the safest means of transport ing energy resources from
4. the areas of pr oduction to the areas of us e. Our
5. Commonwealth and nation have seen a significant and
6. historic increase in shale gas prod uction over the
7. last decade , as pr oducers tap resources that
8. previously w ere limited due to economic or
9. technologica l considerat ions. This tremendous
10. increas e in pr oduct ion, which has seen Pennsylva ni a
11. climb to be come the second largest natura l gas
12. producer in the nation, has ha d a significant ,
13. posit iv e economic impact among consumers, created and
14. retaine d tens of thousands of jobs, contrib ut ed t o
15. significant enhancements of ou r air quali ty and
16. lessened our depend ence our foreign energ y resources
17. at a time of growing geopoliti cal instabili ty.
18. As the Departme nt knows, significant
19. data and informati on has be en submitted to support the
20. issuance of thes e p ermit s. The MSC commen ds the
21. Department for ma king this informati on readily
22. availa ble for public consumpt ion.

As the informat ion

1. demonstrat e s, compr ehensive envir onmental assessment
2. forms have b een submitte d to correspond w ith each
3. earth d isturbance or stream or w et land crossin g.

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1. These assessments prepared by qualified and
2. experienced environmenta l consult ants identify the
3. resources pot ential ly impact ed and the significa nt
4. steps that Sunoco Log istics has and will und erta ke
5. throughout this process to avoid or mitigat e any such
6. impacts. For example, here in Dauphin County, a
7. licensed profession a l eng ineer has submitted a ea led
8. ris k assessme nt that att ests that no public prop erty
9. or land uses will be advers ely affect ed from eart h
10. d isturb ances associat ed with this project. Likewis e ,
11. the cumulative impact reports submitt ed to both DEP
12. and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers att ests that
13. ther e will b e no perma nent impact s to waterways or
14. wetla nds, and limited tempora ry impa cts during the
15. construction phas e of the proj ect.
16. Pennsylvania's Chapt ers 102 and 105
17. p ermitting criter ia are among the hig hest in the
18. nat ion.

The design, const ruction , inspection and

1. mo nit oring requir ements includ ed in each of the
2. permitting reg imes all help to ensur e that
3. Pennsylva nia' s water resour ces and a ll those who
4. d epend upon them are pr otected.
5. Appr ova l of thes e p ermit s and cont inue d
6. forward mov ement on the M ariner East Project are
7. cr itical to fully realizing ma ny of the positive

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1. ec onomic, envir onment al and ene rgy secur ity benefits
2. o f dom estic shale gas pr oductio n. Al l told, Mari ner
3. Ea st Phase II will invest mo re than $3,000, 000, 000 of
4. p rivate capit al into the Commonwealt h 's economy,
5. supp ort ing over 30,000 jobs throughout the
6. construction phas e. Long -term b enefits will yield
7. ne arly 400 permanent jobs and infuse over $100, 000, 000
8. annually into our e conomy. Sunoco Lo gist ics is
9. commit ted to constructing and oper at ing this project
10. w ith the highest consid e ration for p rotecting our
11. Commonw ealth' s nat ur al resources. The M SC urges DEP 's
12. favor able consider ation o f these import ant p ermits.
13. Thank you for your consid eration in these comments.
14. CHAI R :
15. Thank you, Patrick. Kim Van Fleet.
16. MS. VAN FLEET:

17 Good evening. My name is Kim Van Fleet ,

1. K-I-M , capital V , A-N , capit al F, L-E-E-T. And I 'm a
2. resid ent of Low er Frankford Township , Cumb erland
3. County.

First and foremost, this is not about the

1. p ipeline job s for mem ber s of the aud ience, nor union
2. w or kers . It' s ab out Sunoco' s 105 permit application
3. to DEP . I'd like t o state that I think these hearings
4. are still prematur e in that publicly-a vailable
5. documents contained in Sunoco' s second submitted

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1. p ermit applicat ion are still incomplete due to
2. technical inadequacies and omis sions. Thes e may be by
3. oversight , de liberate or through ignoranc e. Some
4. insufficie ncy might be consid e red minor whi le others,
5. if not fully address ed, could result in g rav e
6. consequences for families living along the pip eline
7. route.

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The pr oposed pip eline trav erses various

1. pla ces set on soil and und erlying geology. Ea ch has
2. uni que chara cteristics that rea ct dif ferently to
3. natural and ma nmade forces. The proposed pip eline
4. crosses three rock types in Cumberla nd Count y and
5. their associ ated soils, including sandstone , shale and
6. finally carbonate bed rock. The geology a long the
7. regiona l topography influenc es the occurr ence and
8. nature of surface and g round waters in the region.
9. N umerous municipa lities and hundreds of
10. thousa nds of families a re dependent on public and
11. privat e wat e r sources wh ich originat e nea r or are
12. locate d a long the ent irety of this pipeli ne. Most of
13. the streams i the nort her n p a rt of the county begin
14. on the Blue M ounta in. Those streams, along with
15. numerous limestone springs found in the centr al part
16. of the county comprise the Conodoguinet C ree k
17. waters h ed.

N umerous municipalities throu gh out the

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1. county are full y dependent on the Conodo guinet for
2. th e ir wat er ne eds. Additi ona lly, there a re oth er
3. m unicipaliti es and thousands of private h omeowners who
4. dep end on wel l water associ ated with the groundwater
5. in the limest one regions. Therefore, these wat er
6. resources requi re pr otect ion and numer ous factors that
7. could further degrade or impair them, including this
8. pipeline project , should b e closely moni tored.

9 Sunoco's propos ed M E II Pennsylva nia

1. Pipeline Project has the pot entia l to do just that if
2. there are any shortcomings or omissions in the
3. pr oposed site plans. In my opini on, Sunoco and their
4. environmenta l contractor und erestimated the ov erall
5. a rea size of pot ential envir onment a l impa cts that
6. could result from propos ed open cuts along numerous
7. streams and runs especia lly in a reas of modera te
8. elevation. Temporary or permanent alt eration of
9. stream flow and floodpla ins were not fully considered
10. when det ermining the numeri ca l ext ent of perma nent
11. t emporary impa cts to wat erwa ys and adja cent stream
12. banks. Furt hermore, Sunoco has not addr essed
13. pot entia l stream degr adat ion and sediment at ion that
14. occur post const ruct ion and a fter restorat ion efforts.
15. I'm going to skip down her e bec ause I
16. hav e a lot mor e than what I h ave t ime for.

Another

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1. concern is that Sunoco and their consulta nts failed to
2. add ress an old sanitary landfill in Cumber land County
3. that is included in the propos ed pipeline path. This
4. unlin ed landf ill goes back to at least the 1950s and
5. w as operated to the early 1970s, long before
6. environmenta l laws mandated the safe operat ion or the
7. t ype of site or the disposal of toxic wast e. It was
8. the unregula ted dumping g round for numerou s indust ries
9. and munici p a lities in around the Ca rlisle a rea.
10. Con sequently, copious amounts of w aste were dump ed at
11. this site, including but not li ted to industrial
12. chemicals and other manufactu ring waste, he avy meta ls,
13. h ousehold wa ste, unused pest icides like DDT , asbestos,
14. p aints, var nishes, et cetera, a ll creating to a toxic
15. soup below the sur face.
16. Leachate started oozing from tbis
17. location back in the mid 1960s, ending up in the
18. Conodoguinet Creek. Years later leachate is still
19. finding its w ay a long rock crevasses in the shale
20. formation to its face, indicating that a t oxic mess
21. still exists.
22. CHAIR:
23. Your t ime's up, p lease wrap it up.
24. MS. VAN FLEET:
25. Ok ay .

I w ill wrap it up. Basically,

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**1** the karst topogr aphy , Pennsylva nia DCNR , the geology

1. and topographic surv ey recomm ends hig hly against
2. putt ing p ipelines in carbonat e rock, which is ha lf the
3. pipe line route in Cumb erland County , due to subsidence
4. and sinkholes that could develop a long the pipe lines .
5. Thank you.
6. CHAIR :

8 Thank you. Next is W endi Tay lor.

1. MS. TAYLOR:
2. We ndi, W-E-N-D-I.

Tay lor , T-A-Y-L-0-R .

**11** I live in Cumber land C ounty. Thank you for the

1. opportunit y to offer comment s on the permits pe nd ing
2. on Mariner East II Pipe line Project . This pipe line
3. pr oject is the second wave of the natur a l gas b oom in
4. Pennsylvania. The first wave w a s the construct ion of
5. fracking wells and pr essure stations and access
6. rout es. Betwee n th e fracking infra struct ur e and the
7. pip e line project , the natura l gas industry has ma nag ed
8. to affect a lmost a ll of Pennsy lvania.
9. During your hearings you will h ear from
10. people who und e rstand the specific requirement s
11. nece ssary for se cur ing Chapt er 102 and 105 permits and
12. why this pipeline does not meet the standards. Othe rs
13. will ta lk about hea lth conseque nce s and the neg ativ e
14. effect that the pip el ines will hav e on pr operty owne rs

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1 and communities. All of these are va lid.

2 However , oppose this project because

1. it 's the wr ong time to build a pipeline. The whole
2. w orld is joining forces to w ean itsel f from fossil
3. fuels in an effort to save t people living on th is
4. pl anet from life altering ef ects of global warming
5. and climate ange. You m ay not feel the pr essure to
6. address g lobal w arming right now , but that time is
7. coming. As the cost of ext reme w eathe r ev ents mount
8. up, losses from wildfires, floods, heatwaves,
9. hurricanes and droughts, the people w ill demand that
10. gove rnment st the loss of life and property.
11. This pr oposal directly conflicts w ith
12. the need to address climate change by lowering our
13. carbon emissions. N ot only will this pr oject
14. contribute to global warmin g, it will increase the
15. impa ct that flooding w ill have as a result of climate
16. chang e. As the home of three major river basins,
17. Pennsylvania is part icular ly susceptible to flooding.
18. And we need more natura l w et lands and m ore nat ural
19. buffers around our streams and rivers to he lp prote ct
20. our citizens
21. flooding .

rom the loss o property and ife from

1. W hy wo uld w e a llow a corporation to
2. spend $3, 000,000, 000 on a pipeline that we wil l

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1. probably not a llow them to use in the next ten years?
2. As the effect of climat e chang e causes more m isery,
3. the publi c w ill demand a ll dev elopment of fossil fuels
4. stop. When that happ ens, th e industry wil l ask, why
5. did you let us build these pipelines if you weren't
6. g oing to let us use them? That is why we need to
7. reject thes e p ip elines now.
8. Sunoco is seeking permission to build a
9. pip eline that will cut through 350 miles o f
10. Pennsylvania, 17 count ies, affect 2,700 p rivate
11. property owners, across 581 wetlands and 1,227
12. streams. And this is only one of the many pipelines
13. that are p lanned for Pennsylva nia. We need to ta ke
14. into account cumulativ e effect s of a ll the p ipelines
15. being proposed and what eff ect it will h av e on our
16. drinking wa ter, on our p ublic land and on our
17. landowners.
18. The M ariner East II Pipel ine p lans to g o
19. through neighborhoods, business dist ricts , armlands,
20. a route that was determined way before the boom from
21. World War II. So what was wide open spaces 80 years
22. ago are now trailer parks, farms, back yards, business
23. districts, orch ards and old g rowth forests.
24. CHAIR:

25 Excuse, time is running -

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1 M S. TAYLOR:

1. Oka y. In short , I just think this is
2. the wrong time to be doing this project. Thank you.

4 CHAIR:

5 Ross Stephens.

6 MR. STEPHENS:

7 Good evening. My name is Ross Stephens

8 and I'm a Pennsylvani a resident and Operat ing

9 Engineers Sorry, let me sta rt over.

1. Good evening, my name is Ross Stephens.
2. I'm a Pennsylva nia resident and member of Ope rating
3. Eng ineers Loc al 542. I'm her e tonight to tell you why
4. I, along with my operating eng ineers and other union
5. brothers, s ort the Mariner East II Pipelin e
6. Project.
7. First, you should know, Sunoco has
8. committed to us ing union ers exclusiv ely on this

18 pr oject. This means Mariner East will be built by

19 IUOE members right her e in Pennsylvania. We have more

1. tha n 6,000 ers spread across East ern Pennsylvania
2. and Delaware. And I can tell you, we hav e provided
3. the trained and qualified w or kers that helped build
4. th e state's economy over a centu ry.

We take a lot of

1. pride in our role in developing Pennsylv ania becaus e
2. this is also ou r home.

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1 Secondly, our involv ement ensur es a

1. safe, qualit y insta llation. Our members' pa yche cks
2. depend on it , as does our futur e w ork on similar
3. project s. And spea king of pa ychecks, the income s our
4. members rece iv e for this proj ect , not to me nt ion a ll
5. futur e proj e cts that will come as a result of this
6. influx of low-cost energy alon g the Marine r East II
7. Project, w ill cont inue to lead to sp end ing and
8. economic act ivit y that w ill resonat e thr ough our local
9. communiti es and economy for years to come. I myself
10. hav e worked on ma ny pip eline pr ojects over the last 15
11. years and hav e b ecome a homeow ner and I'm curre nt ly
12. ra ising a family due to these w ages.
13. A bi g part of ensurin g envi ronment al
14. safety on p ipeline pr ojects me ans m a king sur e they are
15. staffed by an exp erienced wor kfor ce . Mar iner East's
16. intent is to complet e this pr oject follow ing
17. state-of-the-art standards, us ing the high est qua lity
18. components , most of which will be pr oduced in the
19. United States. The pipe line indust ry is one of the
20. safest industri es our members w ork in. B oth the
21. contr actors and owners place a hi gh priori ty on
22. quality wor k, safety and resp ect for the env ironment
23. ttley' re w or king in.
24. For landowners, insisting on local

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workers for this proje ct injects yet another laye r of va lue and assurance the job is done right. Be a ssured, ne ighbors, that we expect and ma intain the

hi ghe st stand ards of qua lity, workmanship and loyalty. W e wil l not let you down.

I urg e you to consid er the thousands of ha rd-working Americans who will hav e acce ss to lower ener gy costs and qualit y careers b e cause of this

pip e line. And I ur ge you to appr ov e the environmenta l

pe rmits ne cessary to a llow this proj ect to mov e

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forwa rd.

Thank you v ery much.

CHAIR:

Thank you, Ross. M R. CLEVELAN D:

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Jay Clev e land.

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Good ev ening , John. I'm Jay Clev eland ,

with Clev eland Br other s Equi pment Comp any. I'm

pr esident and CEO. We' re a CAT deal er. W e serv ice 59 count ies in Pennsylv ania. We hav e 25 locations throughout the Commonw ealth, stretching from the nor theast corner all the way to the southeast and all through the center of the state. We emp loy over 1,250 p eopl e.

We ll, we sell, rent and servi ce

const ruction equipment and eng ines made by Caterpillar and other manufa cturer s to the p ipe line contract ors in

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* 1. Pennsylvania. Since the Ma rcellus Shale and Ut ica

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* 1. Shale natural gas opportunit y has been dev elop ed here
  2. in Pennsylvania , it ha s allowed us to hire 350 people
  3. over the last five yea rs. It is down a hundre d this
  4. year just beca use of the dela y in some of the
  5. permitt ing process here in Pennsy lvania. And it could
  6. go further, if things don' t start to mov e .

8 So the five ---. We do hav e

1. longstanding relat ionships wit h all the p ip eline
2. contract ors and we hav e upport ed them for decades.
3. The five pip eline companies that will be doing work
4. along this project are well-known. They' re a lso
5. well-known for the best pra ctices in a ll const ruction
6. phases and also using the new est technology. Some of
7. it has b een disp layed out her e in the lobby wit h the
8. direct iona l dril ling to get through the streams or
9. under the streams, as wel l as land restorat ion, which
10. they take great pride in. The y want to leave this
11. land better than it was whe n they first arriv ed , at
12. least once we get done with it.
13. W e've a lso earmarked hundr eds of
14. mi llions of dollars to support these proj ects, w el l
15. north of $200,000, 000, whet her in equipment ,
16. facilit ies or p eople. And w e nee d to get that to work
17. now.

So this project will support hundreds of jobs in

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1. my company, and you've alre ady he ard thousands in
2. Pennsylva nia.

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So bec ause of this, we are in supp ort of

1. this pr oject. W e as a state need to spend more t ime
2. emb racing this opportunity that shale gas has given us
3. and what it can mean for Pennsylva nia. This should b e
4. about clean energy product ion and jobs, jobs, job s for
5. Pennsylva nia. I want to thank DEP for hostin g us thi s
6. ev ening. Than k you, sir.
7. CHAIR:
8. Thank you, Jay. Up next is Bill
9. Eav enson.
10. M R. EAV ENSON :
11. I want to thank you for g iving me the
12. opportunity to sp ea k here t onight . My name is Bill
13. Eav enson. I'm a union steward on pipeline
14. construct ion. I've b een w orking pipelines since 1985.
15. I'm quit e familiar with the pr ocess and what ta kes
16. pla ce. You know, I've been to a couple of these
17. he arings and I've heard, you know , dif ferent
18. landowners t alk about , you know, they feel violat ed
19. b ec ause the land' s b eing taken from them. I'm sure
20. th at the landowners have had land that the turnpik es
21. and interst ates felt the same way , you know.

W her e

1. w ould we b e wit hout the interst ates and turnp ikes? It

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1 would take us six hours to get to Philade lphia. N ow

2 it ta kes an hour and a half.

3 I just feel as if, you know, the

4 pipeli ne is a good thing for Pennsy lvania and a lot of

1. jobs will be created. A lot of pe ople ta lk about
2. tempor ary jobs and , you know, it won't cre ate a lot of
3. full-t ime posit ions. W ell, you know, all these

8 laborers and teamst ers , we a ll wor k on temporary jobs

9 every year. You know, we ma ke a lot of money wor king

1. on temporary jobs . That' s what we ma ke our mone y
2. from, you know.

12 And a guy was t e lling me a story ab out

1. some landowners that he knew when he was a kid, that
2. he we nt t o meet ings like this and the landowners wer e
3. ta lking about a ll th e d iffer ent things tha t would
4. happe n if the pow er lines came through th e ir pr operty

17 and put up towers. And, you know, it'd ki ll peop le

1. and cause bir th de fects or animals would suffer from
2. it. They wouldn' t b e able to grow crops. And a ll
3. that stuff turned out to b e unt rue, you know. They' re
4. still able to us e that land, th ey can still grow their
5. crops .
6. And th e same wi th the pipel ine. And
7. you' d still be ab le to hunt on it afterwa rds. You' d
8. be abl e t o grow your crops.

You' d b e able to hike on

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1. it , do what eve r the landowners want to do with it .
2. You know, it' s und erne ath the g round. And a ll the
3. sensit ive areas in which the pip eline will b e going
4. throug h , we all know , you know , who work on it ab out
5. dire ctional drilling . And it' s a safe way to do it.
6. It doesn' t disrupt the land abo v e it or the wetla nds.
7. And the gas compani es go through millions and millions
8. of dolla rs in tra ining the laborers for Environmental
9. Protect ion Ag ency or , you know, for environmenta l
10. concerns. You know , they do a good job, you know,
11. put t ing down silt fence and silt stocking to ma ke sure
12. that no contaminati on gets into the w ater.
13. And open cutt ing , it' s just a slow
14. process. Th ey div e rt the wat er from one part of the
15. stream to the other. And v ery little harm comes t o
16. streams. Ther e's more dama ge that goes thr ough
17. streams from he avy rain falling through fields and
18. farmland from the soil and the p esticides and stuff
19. that' s in th ere tha t would get into the w ater far more
20. than what the cutting of the --- open cutting that the
21. pip eline would do.
22. A nd I'm h ere to support Art icle 102 and
23. 105 of the permit s, and hope that you go forward w ith
24. this so that w e can get to w ork and get our tempora ry
25. jobs , which are rea lly our future.

And w e w ork

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1. temporary jobs every year, you know. And I'v e ma de a
2. lot of money wor king on temporary jobs. I'v e wo rked
3. temporary jobs , you know , three in one yea r and ma de
4. a ll kinds of money. That' s the w ay it is with us. W e
5. a ll work temp ora ry job s. And, you know, they do it
6. safely and I'm for the , you know , the permits b eing
7. pr ocessed a s soon as p ossib le. Thank you.
8. CHAIR :
9. Thank you , Bill. Ellen Gerh art.
10. M S. ELL EN GERHA RT:
11. M y name is Ellen Gerh a rt and I am one of
12. the affect ed landowners along the pipeline, so I would
13. like to address that issue. W e hav e 27 a cres of land.
14. Three of tho se acres a re going to b e w ell, not
15. going to b e , have b een clear-cut fo r the M ariner Ea st
16. II Pipeline. N ow, th ree acr es mi ght not seem like
17. m uch, but these three acres conta in a pond, stream and
18. w et lands. Eminent dom a in allowed Sunoco to clea r-cut
19. the 50-foot right-of-w ay, and 150 foot by 250 foot
20. temp ora ry workspace, ev en though th ey have no water
21. cro ssing and obstructi on permits o r soil erosion
22. ma nag ement permit s to date.
23. Sunoco Logistics has a w ell -documented
24. history of safety and p ermit vio lat ions.

I hav e

1. art icles here; I'm just going to read the head lines.

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1. I'm subm itting articles in my writt en comment. DEP
2. pro poses $2.3 million fine for 2008 gas line spill
3. from Sunoco pipeline. State issues $95, 000 penalty
4. against Sunoco Logist ics for wastew ater spills between
5. June and N ovember, 2014 in W estmorela nd , Alleg heny and
6. W ashingt on Count ies. The Pipeline and Hazard ous
7. Mat erials Safety inistr at ion pos ed a $1.5 million
8. civil penalt y for failure to report an accident that
9. occurr ed in 2013 that requir ed the hospitalization of
10. a wor ker and since identified a total of 15 violations
11. of the pipe line safety regula tions relat ed to the 2013
12. accident. So much for Sunoco having the best interest
13. of its wor kers at he art.
14. In baseba ll it 's .three strikes and
15. you' re out. But wait , there's more.
16. In our case, trees that were cut b etwe en
17. March 29th and March 30th fell into the wetlands and
18. stream areas. And this is documented on v ideotape and
19. I just so happen to have p ictures of tree cutters
20. w al king throug h streams, the clearcutting above our
21. p ond and trees that w ere cut into the w et lands and in
22. the stream a rea. So n't tell me that Sunoco pays
23. attention to their envir onmental concerns.
24. Beyond that , in add ition, Sunoco
25. Logistics v iolated its own injunct ion against us.

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**1** According t o the injunct ion, they w ould h ave to

1. complete clearcutting on our pr operty bef ore M ar ch
2. 31st becaus e of the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Migrat ory
3. B ird Act and to avoid the ne sting season o f the
4. endang ered Brown Bat. Yet the y came back on
5. April 7th to cont inue cuttin g the dozen or so trees
6. that were still standing . So they violat ed DEP
7. regulations, PHM SA regulations, U. S. Fi sh & Wildlife
8. regulations and their own court-ord ered injunct ion.
9. We ultimat ely h ad to hire, at our own

**11** exp ense, Schmid & Comp any from M edia, Pennsylvania to

1. do an ecolo g ical evaluat ion o f our land. Sunoco' s
2. envir onment a l consulta nt s, Tetr a Te ch, ha d ma jor
3. err ors in their eva luat ion of our pr opert y. The ir
4. initia l rep ort showed only h a lf of the streams and
5. one-seventh of the wetla nds on our prop erty. In
6. addition, the forested w etla nd was identified a s an
7. emerg ent wet land. Their conclusion that our pr operty
8. conta ined no end ang ered or th reatened spe cies wa s
9. b ased on the PNDI information which only lists areas
10. of pr obability.

There w as no onsit e inspection by

1. Tetr a Tech or DEP until a fte r April 7th, when the
2. trees ha d already been cut and left lying on the
3. g round.
4. CHAIR :

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2 Thank you.

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You're out of t ime. Please wrap up.

3 MS. ELLEN GERHART:

1. Oka y. I've also be en told that Tetra
2. Tech and Sunoco Logistics hav e provided conflicting
3. information on stream and wet land impacts in
4. applications for Chapter 105 state in Sect ion 404
5. PAS PG P applicat ions for this pipe line. Obviously, if
6. th is is true , more t ime should be extended for file
7. rev iew.
8. It ha s also come to my attent ion that
9. shape files, which are critically needed for
10. v e rification for the pres ence of threatened and
11. endangered specie s are not being released by DEP ,
12. alt hough DCNR apparently has th em. My und erst anding
13. is that DEP does not need Sunoco' s permiss ion to
14. re lease them.

How can a thor ough invest igat ion be

1. done if crucial informat ion is not ava ilable ?
2. So let' s review. DEP is consid ering
3. issuing p ermit s to Sunoco Logist ics, a company that
4. has blat ant ly violat ed regula t ions at all lev e ls, a
5. company that has misrepres ent ed informat ion to DEP, a
6. company that doesn' t even hav e its applicat ion for
7. Delaware Count y complet e.
8. CHAIR:

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1 Wr ap, please.

2 MS. ELLEN GERHART:

3 Last sentence. By it s own admis sion,

1. DEP has stated that it is und ersta ffed, speci f ical ly
2. in the area of permitting and oversight. Wo uldn' t it
3. seem prud ent to err on the side of caution and logic
4. end refuse to issue permit s to Sunoco Log istics?
5. Thank you.
6. CHAIR :
7. Dav id Butterw orth.
8. M R. BUTTERWORTH:
9. Thank you. My name is David
10. Butt erw orth, B U T-T-E-R-W-0-R-T-H. I'm a business
11. agent for Pipel iners Local 798. I would like to spea k
12. this evening out the quality , safety and t raining
13. that Local 798 brings to the table during th e
14. construction of pipeline projects such as Mariner East
15. II. I represent 6,000 w elders, he lpers and journeym en
16. who live a ll ov er the Unit ed States. M y jurisd iction
17. runs from Maine to Virginia, and there are around a
18. thousand of our members who liv e and work in this
19. northe ast juris d iction.

Local 798 has built most of

1. the ma jor pipe lines that run acr oss this nation,
2. includ ing the Al aska Pipeline , which was built in the 25 1970s.

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* 1. I would like to now talk about the
  2. qua lity of work and craftsmansh ip the Loca l 798
  3. d evotes to the se pr o jects. Our w elder members must
  4. take a qualification test be ore they are allowed to
  5. weld on the pipeline. These qualification welds a re
  6. de structively test ed and if any perfections are found
  7. in the w eld, that membe r is not al lowed to w eld on the
  8. pi peline . If a memb er does pas s the qualificat ion
  9. t est , he then has ev ery we ld he ma kes on the job
  10. x-rayed and reviewed by a level III x-ray technician
  11. w ho decides if the weld is acceptable and stands up to
  12. 1104 Cod e. In most places if a welde r has thre e or
  13. mor e unaccept able w e lds, he wil l be removed from th at
  14. project. Wit h these standards in place, Local 798
  15. w e lders are h e ld unde r some of the strictest
  16. guidelines in the construction indust ry. And these a re standards that w e are proud to uphold.

1. Safety is a lso something tha t Local 798
2. holds of the utmost importance. Our contra ctors and
3. the clients we wor k for have ext ensive safety programs
4. tha t protect our w orkers and have policies in place to
5. make sure tha t everyone goes home safe at the end of
6. the day.

Whe n these pipelines are b uilt , they are

1. built by a colle ctiv e group th at und ersta nd that when
2. w e build a pip eline w e must build it safe and

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1 ev e rything else is second ary to that.

2 Training. Local 798 is home to the most

1. --- one of the most state-of -the-art tra ining
2. fac ilities in the country. We und erst and that w e must
3. keep up w ith the most current w eld ing procedures in an
4. eve r-chang ing industry. Our facil ity has 52 weld ing
5. b ooths and is equippe d with a ten-t on ove rhead crane
6. so our memb ers can e ither brush up or learn new
7. w eld ing skills. The Local 7 98 tra ining center is a
8. testament to our ded icat ion to pr ov iding our members
9. wit h the be st of the b e st whe n it come s to training so
10. they can apply thes e latest technol og ies when
11. pip e lines are built now and in the fut ure .
12. In closing, I w ould like to say the
13. pur pose of my speech is to show you who will be
14. buil d ing this pipe line and to ensur e you that it will
15. be built with highly t rained , skilled , sa fe American
16. wor kers. I support this pipeline and loo k forward to
17. see ing my p eople going to w ork on it.
18. CHAIR:
19. Carl M arrara.

2 2 M R . MAR RARA:

23 Good ev ening. M y name is C arl Marr ara,

1. I'm the Vice-Presid ent of Gov ernment Af fa irs for the
2. Pennsylvania M anu facturing Assoc iation.

W e are the

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1. stat ewi de , nonprofit trade organi zation representing
2. the people who make things here in our Commonw ealth,
3. gen erati ng over $79,000,000 ,000 annual ly in g ross
4. state prod uct and employing 575 ,000 hard-w or king
5. Pennsylvanians on the p lant floor and support ing
6. supplying , dist ribution and retai l networks th at
7. sustain millions of additiona l Pennsylv ania jobs. I'm
8. honored t o be h ere today commentin g befor e
9. Pennsylv ania DEP to express our support for the Sunoco
10. Log istics M ar ner East II Project.
11. Manufa cturers in particular p end on
12. afford able dry and liquid gas, specific ally gas
13. products, to remain g lobal ly competitiv e. Tot a l
14. nat ural ga s mand is poised to increase by 40 percent
15. over the next decade. And researchers at the National
16. Associat ion of Man ufacturers found the key dr ivers of
17. this dema nd w 11 be manufact uring and pow er
18. g enerat ion. Therefor e , pr ojects such as Mari ner East
19. II are so vitally important or the Commonw ea lth's
20. manufact uring sector.
21. The Mariner East II Project will
22. transpor t propane, eth ane and butane, the feedstock,
23. the raw components of a ll mod ern ma nufactur ing. Many
24. of these pr o cts our human h ands touch ev er y single
25. day, but they come from these essentia l fuels.

Ev ery

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1. pl asti c, coat ing, rubber, foam prod ucts, such as
2. pl asti c conta iners , sanit ary items, paint, cosmet ics,
3. those wate r bottl es, the carpet , the foam in the
4. cushions, the foam in the shoes on your feet , all come
5. from these prod uct s that manuf a cture rs so de sperat ely
6. need.
7. Aff ordable natur a l gas and ga s prod ucts,
8. such as propa ne , ethane and but ane , are simply not
9. g etting to ma rket b ecause Pennsylva nia lacks a
10. sufficient pip el ine netw ork. According to the
11. M a rcellus Shale Coa lition, of th e 9,000 plus w ells in
12. Pennsylvania , it ha s bee n est imated that appr oximat ely
13. 25 to 30 percent of the we lls drill ed to date still do
14. not have pip el ine-ta keaway capa city. Proje cts such as
15. M ariner East II open and expa nd markets, create ent ire
16. new industrie s and susta in and stabil ize the energ y
17. indust ry that manuf acturers so desp erately rely on.
18. M any today w ill spe a k to the numb er of
19. jobs create d and the massive ec onomic inve stments
20. a ssociated w ith this project. But I'm here to te ll
21. you that the economic impact of th is project w ill have
22. lasting results, far beyond the construct ion pipe line
23. and a revit a lized ma nufacturing sect or. According to
24. a recent stud y by the N at ional Associat ion of
25. M anufacturers and IHS Economics, the improv ed

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1. competitive positioning of indust ries in the
2. ma nufacturing sector is shaping state and local
3. economic deve lopment strateg ies a cross the country.
4. Increased s lies of natura l gas and gas product s,
5. specifically, especia lly at lower delivere d prices,
6. enhances the compet itiveness of economies by making
7. them more attractiv e to ma nu acturers --
8. ma nufacturing act ivit ies --- large and intensiv e us ers
9. of natural gas such a s chemica ls, food, paper and
10. met a ls.
11. The close prox ty of exist ing clusters
12. of ma nufacturing establishme nts to increas e natural
13. ga s supplies can generate new pipeline-re lated
14. economic development ofte n b ecause of ava ilabil ity of
15. d irect connect ions to a new or expanded gas pip el ine .
16. Expansions of na tural gas pipeline capacity are also
17. ne eded to enable the construction of new
18. e lectric- gen erat ng plants. In addition to providing
19. key inputs for construct ion o p ipe lines, th e
20. manufact uring sector will also be ne fit economica lly
21. from capital e enditures for new electr ic generat ing
22. pla nts and for facilities used to process and store
23. natural gas li ids.

In a nutshell, the combinat ion

1. of increased a ccess to shale gas and the transmission
2. lines that move afford able energ y to manufacturers

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1. acro ss America meant 1. 9 millio n jobs in 2015 alone.
2. Pennsy lvania knows ener gy independ ence ,
3. it a lwa ys has, thr ough timber and coal, and now we
4. hav e the opportunity to strengthen America's ener gy
5. lead ership again, thr ough abund ant, efficient and
6. clean b urning natural gas. Pennsylv ania 's natura l g a s
7. revolut ion is g iving our ma nuf acturer s new momentum
8. wit h abundant cost-comp et itive energy for feedstoc k
9. and for chemi cal engineering. But to fully rea li ze
10. the pot ential of shale gas, Pennsylv ania needs a
11. robust infrastructur e , transmis sion and ref inement .
12. That is why we support Mariner East II, and we hop e
13. that you will , too. Thank you.
14. CHAIR:
15. Rob B air.
16. M R. BAIR:

17 Thank you.

Rob B air, B -A-I-R. Busi ness

1. Manag er , IBEW Loca l 143. I'm a lso se cretar y /trea surer
2. of the Centra l Pennsy lvania Build ing Trad es and I
3. p retty much. repr esent everybo dy sitt ing in here in a
4. yellow or green shi rt. Polit ics and pipeli nes hav e
5. one thing in common, p assion on both sides. Tha t' s
6. well-d ocument ed , well-v ersed. But we need this
7. pipe line. N ot just for the jobs , w e want the jobs , of
8. course we do.

W e want the economic b enef it for

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1. Pennsylv ania. M anuf a cturers Associa tion needs it , w e
2. need it.
3. W e also need to b alance whe n w e build
4. and how we build. W e' v e heard that ther e' s been some
5. probl ems in the p ast. That' s documented. W e don' t
6. disp ute that. I know these guys that are going to
7. build this pipeline. I don't care if they put it in
8. my ba ck yard. I know them, they' re my neighbors.
9. They' re my coworkers. If these guys tell me they' re
10. going to put a pipeline in my back yard , good , go
11. ahea d. If it brings jobs and it b rings economic
12. impa ct to PA.
13. And I'm going to tel l you something.
14. W e've heard that w e w ant to w ean ourselv es off of
15. fossil fu els. W ell, folks, let me tell you, I am in
16. the pow er - generation b usiness, for 30-some years. A nd
17. we' re going to lose our ability to gener ate pow er wit h
18. coa l soon. Fear not , right now they' re going to
19. repla ce it wit h wind. I built the w indmills. I
20. climbed them. They loo k great. I'm going to ruin
21. five acr es of ground for every one you w ant me to p ut
22. up.

You w ant a bi g solar farm? I 'd be happy to p ut

1. you 50 to 100 mega w att s of solar in. I'm go ing to
2. ruin 500, 600, 700 acres at a t ime to nev er b e used
3. again. O kay? You don't w ant nucl ear.

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* 1. The gentlema n from the Man ufacturing
  2. Association said it best, we need to g en erate more
  3. power and we' re going to do it with natur a l ga s. You
  4. w ant clean po wer? That' s the cleanest power we got.
  5. The IBEW has partnered with Sun to do these pr o jects.
  6. W e build by the code of exce llence. I h old eve ry one
  7. of these guys to a higher stand ard. I know them
  8. p ersonally, I'v e worked with them. I'v e turne d
  9. wr enches wit h them. I'm an e lectrician in a suit
  10. tonight, that's what I am.
  11. I hav e no doubt that these gentl emen and
  12. these women that are her e repres enting these trades,
  13. they' ll build the pipelin e safely. And I hav e no
  14. doubt that ther e's going to be passion on both sides
  15. of this issue , b ut it' s about the gr eate r good for PA.
  16. And that' s why we support this project. I as k you to
  17. appr ove the p ermits. I ask you to mov e this pr o ject
  18. a long. I would ask that we do b uild the project safe.
  19. And I hav e no doubt that Teddy's guys or Paul' s guys
  20. or Ed' s guys or my guys --- it' s going to be done
  21. safe. And w e do hold our selv es to a hig her standard.
  22. And I can tell you right now, if my guys
  23. a re on that site , and they wa nt to do somethin g shady
  24. or shoddy, that ain' t going to fly.

So pleas e 1

* 1. appr ove it, let' s get the shovels in the g round and

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let 's b uild something and let's bring Pennsylvania to the forefront. Thank you.

CHAIR :

Ed Hill , Jr. M R . HILL:

Edwin H ill, Jr. I'm also with the Internat ional Brot herhood of El ect ric Work ers. I represent our interna t ional hea dqu arters and the members in Pennsylvania , which number upwards of

40 , 000 , includ ing ret irees and the ir families. M uch has b een stated about the economic benefits of the Mariner East Project. W e hear that upwards of 30, 000 construction and a ssociated jobs will be creat ed, in bet w een 300 and 400 p ermanent job s. Consideri ng all factors , the steady stream of tax revenues would be imp ort ant for the communities whic h are --- which the pip eline will operat e in.

Ov era ll , approx imat e ly $4.2 billion in econ omic impact to the state and the communit ie s in whi ch the p ipel ine reside s in. Thes e amount s don't inc lude , as the M anufa cturing Associ ation comment e d on , the additiona l opp ortunities for jobs in

ma n ufa cturing , and also, the reduced prod uct ion of reliance on foreig n ener g y. We know that there' s cost as soci ated with import ing energ y in this count ry. And

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**1** the security costs are not monet ary costs, but they' re

2 v ery import ant.

3 Energy is a necessity in all our lives,

1. I think we a ll reco gnize that, for the most
2. fundamenta l da ily a ctivit ies, light , communications,
3. trave l and certa inly the products we use, our food and
4. eve n the containers we put it in. H arvest ing ene rgy, 8· ev en renewable ener gy, is not without cost and some
5. disturb ance and some sacrific e. And all of us must
6. focus on the safest and most environmentally-sound

**11** method to harvest the energy. And certainly whe n

1. we 're moving gas and liquids, pipel ine is by far the
2. most safe metho d.
3. Thankful ly in the Unit ed States w e hav e
4. a publ icly-contr olled ent ity such as the PA Department
5. of Env ironment al Protect ion that ensures that all
6. energ y developme nt is· done w ithin the highest level
7. safety and minima l environmenta l impact. Sunoco
8. Log ist ics has and cont inues to demonstrat e deep
9. conside rat ion and commitment to safety and minima l
10. impact to the envir onment on their projects.

The M E

1. II pr o ject has been designed to minimize noise,
2. preserv e he a lth and pres erve the be auty of the
3. surrounding envir onment and ensure minimal disrupt ions
4. to landowners and those in the communities in whic h

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**1** the pip e line wi ll operat e.

1. Sunoco is committ ed to use the highest
2. qua lity domest ic products in it s projects, from the
3. steel source wit hin the U. S. , to the coat ings in the
4. pipeline manufa ctured in Pennsylvania. They committ ed
5. to use the most highly tra ined and skilled workers to
6. build and insta ll their pr oje cts in Pennsy lv ania.
7. W e'v e be en working ---. The IBEW' s be en w orking on
8. pipe lines for generations and it continues to tra in
9. our m embers to the highest standards. Sunoco ha s

**11** committ ed to use the w or kers who liv e in the

1. communities of their projects a s well. Th is is
2. important be cause the mone y tha t's mad e in
3. Pennsyl vania stays in Pennsylv ania.
4. These pe ople carry concern for their
5. areas that they live in, their communiti es , through
6. safety and minima l impa ct , whil e being on the job.
7. Beca us e , aga in, it is the ir community. W hen our
8. m ember s ma ke commitm ent to a pr oject , it get s done to
9. the highest technica l and safety stand ards. We
10. ma inta in that. I encour age the DEP to app rove this
11. p ermit applica t ion, 102 and 105, as submit t ed by
12. Ma riner Ea st Pipeline. Thank you.
13. CHAIR:
14. Dav e Horn.

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1. M R. HORN:
2. He llo. My name is David Horn , H-0-R-N.
3. And I'm h e re repr esenting the Laborers Inte rnational
4. Uni on of N orth America or LIUNA. More specifically,
5. the Labor ers Loca l He avy & Highwa y 158 , cov er ing 29
6. counties in Pennsylv ania. And I'm h ere to support the
7. Sunoco Lo gistics M ar iner II Pip e line Pro ject and their
8. Chapter 102 and 105 permit application.
9. I'v e also w or ked w ith Gove rnor Wolf' s
10. Pipeline Infrastructur e Task Force on thing s like best
11. pr a ctices , safety , economic adv antag es and b usiness
12. dev e lopment , upst ream, midstre am and down , and the
13. impact that it will h ave on the environment . And I
14. can tell you th at natura l ga s is important not only to
15. th e economic futur e of Pennsylv ania , but it 's the b est
16. wa y to br idge th e gap for renew ab les.
17. Pipelines are the safest and mo st
18. reliable wa y to transp ort it. Let 's put a side the
19. over 30, 000 const ruct ion job s and the $ 4.2 b illion in
20. th e economy and th e $ 62,000 , 000 in tax rev enue and
21. focus on th e safety before , dur ing and a fter
22. construct ion.

Sunoco Logist ics will utili ze the most

1. adv anced safety technolog y and monitoring systems and
2. will w or k w ith a ll regulat ory agencies to fully comply
3. wit h laws and regulat ions to pr ot ect sensit iv e areas.

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1. Sunoco Logist ics' p ipelines a re built and operated
2. w ith many layers of safety features workin g together
3. t o prot ect the pe op le, the pr opert y and the
4. envir onment for the life of the pi pe line.
5. Mar iner East intends t o comp lete this
6. pr oject following state-of-the-art standar d s and using
7. the hi ghest qual ity components , most of whi ch are
8. produced here in t e United States. As a result of
9. this investm ent by Sunoco Logistics , a comp any w ith
10. deep ties in Pennsylvani a, and beca us e of their
11. commitment to use skilled union labor, we **w i l l** hav e
12. one of the safest , most advanced systems of nat ur al
13. ga s liquid transp ort in the reg ion. Sunoco has
14. committed to employ highly skilled , hig hly-t ra ined
15. w or kers to construct the pi p eline.
16. And b efore it 's in operation, a number
17. of safety proced ur es, including x-ray technolog ies,
18. p ressu re testing and third-p art y inspection will b e
19. ut ilized. For mor e than a century, pipeline systems
20. hav e safely and reliably deliv e red energ y resour ces to
21. ev ery corner of Pennsylvani a and our count ry, p artly
22. thanks to the hi ghly trained and skilled w or ker s at
23. LIUNA . You can exp ect the same results in the Ma riner
24. East II Project.
25. Li ke everyone else, w e want t o ensure

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* 1. that our land and wat erways are cle an and safe for our
  2. child ren. The prot ect ion of the p eople, propert y and
  3. th e envir onment are top priority for our union memb e rs
  4. and me. That 's why our crafts spend countless hours.
  5. studying and tra ining the foremost safety standards
  6. and practices we know , and w e know how to build the se
  7. pr o jects right, for the environment , for our land and
  8. for public safety.
  9. On b ehalf of my LIUNA brothers and
  10. sist ers, I humb ly ask DEP to appr ov e the Sunoco
  11. Mar iner East II permit application. Thank you.
  12. CHAIR:
  13. Ch arles Clar ke.
  14. M R. CLARKE:
  15. Good ev ening. My name is Chuck Clar ke ,
  16. Charles Clar ke , C-L-A-R-K-E. I'm a resident of
  17. Plains, Pennsylv ania.

And I spea k on behalf of my

* 1. fellow brothers and sisters of Lab orers Local 158 .
  2. I 'm here to support th e Mariner East II Pipeline
  3. Pro ject for the import ance of pipe line infrastructur e
  4. in Pennsylvania and th e need to exp and these systems
  5. in order t o me et a gr owing demand for natura l gas.
  6. The safest way t o transport natur a l gas to pr oduct ion
  7. areas, to consumers, is wit h thousands of miles of
  8. stee l pipe lines buried de ep under ground.

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**1** W e depend on these pip elines so much

1. that it 's easy to t a ke them for grant ed. This hi ghly
2. sophist icated pipel ine transport ation system, known as
3. the inte rstate hig hw ay for na tura l ga s, currently
4. consists of more than 300,000 miles of hig h-strengt h
5. steel t ransmission pipe. Pennsylva nia already ta kes
6. adva nt ag e of the abundance of affordable natural ga s
7. to gener ate nea rly a qua rter of its power. There' s
8. m uch mor e room to g row, though. Adding mor e natur a l
9. ga s online will ma ke Pennsylva nia ma ke great strides

**11** towards cleaner ene rgy goa ls and the state's growing

1. energy d emand.
2. This is wher e the Ma riner East II
3. Project will come in. W hil e we a re not opposed to
4. renew abl e energy, renewabl e energ y a lone is not
5. enough. To fill the clean ener gy shorta ge,
6. Pennsylva nia would need over 219,000 acr es of solar
7. pa nels, which would cover an area of two-and-a- ha lf
8. times the size of Philad elphia. This pr oject is
9. committ ed to use loca l uni on workers that receive the
10. most adva nced tra ining, safety procedures and other
11. operational excellence pr otocols.
12. Add it ionally, the M ariner East II
13. Project will be bui lt to high standa rds for
14. environmenta l safety, create jobs that pr ovide living

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1. w ages and pro vid e hom egrown nece ssary resources for
2. Pennsylva nia. Skilled m en and wome n of our Labore rs
3. Internationa l Union of N orth Am erica have safe ly
4. construct ed much of the existing energy hig hwa y and
5. w ill cont inue to do so if given the opportunity.

6 In closing , I request DEP approv e

1. w ithout de lay the M ariner East II Pipe line Project .
2. Thank you.
3. CHAIR :
4. Rich Wiat erowski.
5. M R . WIATER OWSKI:
6. Good eve ning. Ri ch Wiaterowski ,
7. W -I-A-T-E-R-0-W-S-K-I. I spea k on beha lf of my fellow
8. b rothers and sisters at LIUNA, and I'm a lso a memb er
9. o f Laborers Local 158 . I am in support of th e M ariner
10. E a st Pipeline Project.
11. Pipelines th roughout the region
12. t ransport nat ur al ga s in a way that minimi zes the
13. e ffect on the environment. And while other forms of
14. t ransportation are p o ssible , according to the United
15. States Transportation --- Unite d Stat es Depa rtment of
16. Transportatio n, pipe line --- and Ha zardous M ater ial
17. Sa fety Administrat ion, pi peline s are the safest mod e
18. t o transport energy resources.

These resources are

1. critica l for our countless consumer , thing s like

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1. manufacturing , w inte r h eating and v ehicle fuel.
2. Domestic ener gy p roduction is bot h
3. crucial for nationa l securit y and e conomi c
4. p e r spective. But we must also ensure that the
5. p ipeline infrast ructure is d ev e loped for a safe ,
6. e fficient t ransport of thos e resour ces as w ell.
7. LIUN A, th e Labor ers' International Uni on
8. of N orth America , is one of th e most dive r se and
9. eff ective unions , repr esenting mor e group s then eve r
10. thr ough our constructi on indust ry. Our members liv e
11. thr oughout the communities in Pennsylvani a and are at
12. th e forefront of provid ing hi ghly-s killed wor kers for
13. rebuilding and maintaining Pennsylvania' s
14. infrastructure , hi ghways, br idges and gas pip elines ,
15. as well as other sectors of th e hi ghway --- of th e
16. h eavy-highwa y construct ion indust ry.
17. Fur thermor e, our memb ers and their
18. families br eath e the same air , drink the same w ater
19. and enjoy the same outd oors all a long the communit ies
20. of th e pro posed pr oject. They hav e vested interest.
21. They have th e best interest to pr ov ide the safe
22. p ractices in order to maintain the hig h qualit y of
23. life we all long for.
24. In closing, I request the DEP appr ove,
25. wit hout delay, the M ariner East Project.

Thank you.

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* 1. CHAIR :
  2. Gordon Tomb.

1. M R. TOMB:
2. Go od evening. My name is Gordon Tomb,
3. T -0-M -B, like tomb. I'm a senior fellow w ith the
4. Commonw ea lth Found at ion, it' s a free mar ket think tank
5. bas ed in Pennsylvani a. There are a lot of reasons to
6. allow ent erprises such a s. M a riner East. The most
7. import ant , proba b ly, i s that they are needed.
8. The current turndown (sic) in
9. developm ent of Pennsylva nia 's M arcellus Sha le is at
10. lea st pa rt ly beca us e of insuff icient p ipeline capa city
11. to mov e product t o ma rket. Accord ing to the U.S.
12. Census Bur eau, Pennsylva nia export ed nearly
13. $ 40,000,000,000 w orth of goods last year. The natura l
14. ga s industry is pa rt of that same globa l ma rket and it
15. needs the infrastruct ure to part icipate fully in it.
16. If producers hav e a ccess to more mar kets , the entire
17. state will benefit from the increa sed commerce.
18. La st yea r Pennsylva nia lost more than
19. 41,000 residents . Ma ny of tho se p eople left to find
20. w or k. Since 2011 more people hav e moved out of
21. Pennsylva nia than mov ed in.

Ma ny famili es assum e that

1. the ir children or th e ir grandchildren will have to go
2. elsewhere to find emp loyment.

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1 A vibr ant g a s industry me ans more jobs

1. in the g a s fields, in supporting industr ies, in new
2. manufactur ing , w hich is exp e cted to b e drawn to the
3. state by th e plentiful and a ffordable supplies of gas.
4. Finally , I wi ll speak to th e issue of
5. safety. In v ar ious part s o f the state , coal-laden
6. trucks regular ly trav e l th e highw ay s. Ev e rywhere
7. th ere are bi g rigs hauling a ll kinds of liquid fuels.
8. In recent yea rs , trains transp orting coa l from w este rn
9. deposits eastw ard hav e be en moving thr ough

11 Pennsylv ania. And for mor e than 50 year s, und er ground

1. pip elines hav e been shipping natur al gas from the
2. southwest thr ough Pennsylv ani a to th e Ea st Coast and
3. the petro leum p roduct s from refiners to distribut ors .
4. As a na t ive Pennsylv ani an, I'v e
5. w itnessed a ll of this. As a coal truck driv er many,
6. ma ny year s ag o , I ev en p art icipat ed in a little bit of
7. it. Our own experie nce, my own exper ience , te lls us
8. that pip e lines are far safe r than surface
9. transport at ion for shipping fuels. And th e data
10. confirm our per ception.
11. Th e Manh att an Institut e for Policy
12. R esearch say it a ll in its tit le for a 2013 study,
13. quote, pip e line s are safest for transport ation of oi l
14. and gas.

To quote the stud y itself , in addition to

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1. enjoying a subst ant ial cost adv ant ag e, pip el ines
2. re sult in fewer spil lage accid ent s and per sonal
3. injuries than d o roa d and ra il. Ame ricans a re mor e
4. likely to be struck by light ning tha n to b e killed by
5. a pipeline accid ent.
6. From our pe r spect ive , well-const ructed
7. and well-operat ed pipeline s me an increased p ro sperity
8. and safety. For these rea sons , w e recommend the
9. approv a l of M a riner Ea st. Thank you for the
10. opp ortunity to spea k.
11. CHAIR:
12. Toby M a ck.
13. M R . MACK:
14. Go od ev ening . My name is Toby M ack,
15. M-A -C-K, and I am spea king on beha lf of the Energ y
16. Equipment and Infrastruct ur e Alliance of w hich I am
17. pr esident. EEIA is a nonpr ofit organization
18. repr esenting ma ny thousand s of lo cal and reg iona l
19. businesses and hundr eds of thousa nds of skilled
20. w or kers who b uil d the infra structure and supply
21. equipment , pr oducts and services for shale ga s
22. op erations, including bot h energ y production and
23. infrastructu re const ructio n.

This includes hundr eds

1. of Pennsylv anian companies and the many tho usa nds of
2. th eir w orkers w hose liveliho ods depend on

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1. Pennsylvania' s ener gy-driven indust ries.
2. Other spea kers th is ev ening are
3. recounting the significant numb e r of good Pennsylvania

4 jobs that this proj ect w ill cre ate during this

1. construct ion. But there 's another important economic
2. dimension that must also be consid e red. And I'm
3. referring to the addit ional thousand s of jobs and
4. millions of dollars of economic g rowth and state and
5. local tax revenues gener ated by Pennsylvania' s ene rgy
6. supply-chain companies and work e rs engaged on this
7. p roject.
8. When in ope ration, M a riner East II w ill
9. a ccommod ate increased ene rgy pr oduct ion in the w et ga s
10. regions of the M arcellus and Utica Shale formations.
11. Th at additional product ion will in turn be supported
12. by Pennsylvania and upst ream supply-chain companie s
13. and w orkers.

These are the business es and jobs that

1. ma nuf acture, supply and operate machinery and
2. e quipment, build the infrastruct ure required for
3. p roduction, supply the necessa ry ma terials such a s
4. steel, sand and cement, and pro vide the logistics,
5. information technology and prof essional services
6. ne cessary to production.
7. B ased on recent independ ent resea rch ,
8. more than 2, 3 00 permanent Pennsy lvania energy

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1. supply-chain jobs will be created by the increased
2. ene rgy p roduct on that this pipeline will a ccommodate.
3. These a re well-pa ying jobs that exist at the
4. p roduct ion end of the pipeline. To undersco re the
5. importance of the energy s ply chain and the total
6. pict ure of energy-driven e loyment, that same study
7. by the research firm IHS documents that for every job
8. creat ed at the oil and gas e lorat ion and product ion
9. level, three more a re created in the supply chain.
10. n addition to that, six more are
11. created when these workers and businesses spend their
12. wa ges and earnings in the local, regional and state
13. eco nom ies, in such a reas as retail, re staurants, auto
14. and house hold needs. These jobs do not ev en includ e
15. the thousands more permanent jobs that hav e been cited
16. already, but this new transport capacity will enable,
17. at the consumption end, and particularly in the
18. log istics, ma nufa cturing and fuel-related in stries
19. that will be the consumers o the natural ga s liquid s
20. this pipeline will deliv er.
21. The entir e Pennsylvania economy has been
22. seriously harmed by the dramatic downturn in economic
23. activity driv en by d rilling or natura l gas and
24. natura l gas liquid s.

Since Ma rcellus drilli ng

1. activity peaked a few years ago, when there were 140

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1. drilling rig s in operati on, th at numb er ha s d eclined
2. stead ily and d ramatica lly to th e pre sent count of only
3. 21 nat ural gas rigs in ope ration. That lack of
4. capacit y to deliv er the natur a l gas and liquids to
5. market has b een a root cause. A number of w orking
6. rigs is a p roxy for the numbe r of ene rgy-d riven jobs
7. generat ed by production, transportat ion and
8. consumption.
9. With the M arce llus rig count now down
10. from its pe a k four years ago, the re can b e no doubt
11. about the need for the M arine r East II Project to mov e
12. forward and bring back employm ent for thousands of
13. Pennsylva nia w orkers. We urg e your expe d itious
14. approv al of these permits. Thank you.
15. CHAIR:
16. Elis e Ge rhart.
17. MS. ELI SE GERHART:
18. My name is Elis e Gerhart and my family
19. lives a long the rout e of the pr opose d M ariner East II
20. Pipelin e, and we do not live a long the rout e of the
21. existing M ariner East I pipeli ne.

So this thing about

1. the pipeline s par alle ling each other is not correct.
2. I'll just t ell you that to be gin wit h.
3. I also w ant to remind the DE P that
4. comment s re lated to jobs are not suppose d to hold

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* 1. we ight over est ablished wet lands prot ect ions that is
  2. in the code that w e 're talk ing about today . Oka y? So
  3. all of thes e comments about jobs, yes, job s are
  4. important, but it is not releva nt to your decisi on
  5. reg arding these pe rmit s.
  6. I'm a lso her e to remind you that Sunoco
  7. is a crime violat or , which is anothe r reason why it is
  8. your job to deny these permit s. I also hav e a
  9. photog raph from our home in Huntingdon County,
  10. Pennsylvania from when Sunoco came to do
  11. clearcutting , which they didn' t need any p e rmits for
  12. and they d idn't have any of the permit s that we 're
  13. talking about today. And this space right here is a
  14. stream. But you can't see it beca us e it' s filled with
  15. debris from clear cutting. It is complet e ly filled.
  16. And you want to te ll me that that' s no impact? That' s
  17. no impact right the re, that' s no effect on the stream,
  18. that' s what that looks like .
  19. So secondly, I w ant to remind you that
  20. Sunoco is being fined by PHMSA for failing to follow
  21. prope r welding proce dures and failing to hire
  22. certified we lders on the Tex Pipe line in T exas.
  23. That's an ongoing fine.

I wo uld also remind you that

* 1. ther e w as an explosion in Texa s over the w ee kend at a
  2. Sunoco Logistics facility, which does rece ive natural

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1. ga s from part of th is M ariner system from M ariner
2. South, and seven worke rs wer e injured, four of them
3. crit ical ly injured. O kay? I'm ba sically asking DEP
4. to not be part of the criminal act of forcing these
5. pip e line s on familie s who are refusing to sign
6. ea sement s. W e do not want to be in that blast zone
7. and it is not okay to put us in it.
8. And I a lso remind you that worke rs will

9 be pushe d to wor k quic kly b ecause this project is

1. alr e ady be hind schedule , and that schedul e is to me et
2. contract s wit h mult ibillion dollar Europe an
3. petr ochemical compani e s. So we know that the work i s
4. going to be done as quickly as pos sible , which does
5. not equat e to safely as possible.
6. An d so all the pe ople here givin g
7. comments about jobs, about being a Pennsylvani an, I'm
8. a Pennsylvanian wit h a job, too. M y mothe r is a
9. Pennsylva nian who w or ked for 32 ye9rs as a special
10. e ducati on teache r ; o kay? And w e' re not her e t o fight
11. you about jobs.

W e are working pe ople, too.

O kay?

1. And the land th at my mot her was h e re talking about, it
2. wa s not inherit e d, it w as worke d for. Okay?
3. So you w ant to tal k about revenue coming
4. into th e state. Ye s, the re would be revenue from this
5. pr oje ct.

But it would be from your tax dol lar s and

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1 from our tax dollars that w e continue to pay propert y

1. taxes on th e land th at Sunoco is ma king billions of
2. dollars off of , a company w hose CEO ma kes $200 ,000, 000
3. a year.
4. And pe ople w ant to get up h ere and say
5. that thes e impacts are minimal? We ll, I 'm here to

7 tell you that th ey are not minimal, th ey are

8 life-changing. Like that land w as supposed to be my

1. family' s futur e and now it 's not safe and it' s not
2. secure. Ther e's no se curity in pr operty rights for

11 us , for any of us as Pennsylvanians wi h this eminent

p ushed th rough.

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CHAIR:

Time, plea se wrap up.

M S. ELI SE GERHART:

So basic ally you all know wh at you' re

1. supposed to do , you know. You hav e ever y right to
2. deny thes e p ermits. They h av e done ever ything wrong
3. at every junct ure, and to approve these pe rmit s is
4. criminal.
5. CHAIR:

2 2 Todd Sta ger . Is Todd p resent ?

1. M R. STAGE R :
2. Todd Sta ger , T-0-D-D , S-T-A-G-E-R.

I'm

1. a licensed p rofessiona l engine er in the State of

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1. Pennsylva nia. I also have an environmenta l
2. eng ineering deg ree. I am employed by a consult ing
3. eng ineering firm, so I'm v e ry familiar w ith obtaining
4. Chapter 102 and 105 permits. I know the proced ures.
5. That being sa d , I'm a lso an avid outdoorsma n. As a
6. kid , I spent a lot of time on my family's 200-acre
7. property. My wif e and four kids spend a major ity of
8. our free t ime in the outd oors.
9. For approximat ely 3,000 linear feet, the
10. Mariner East Pipeline runs through my family's
11. pr operty. As far back as I can remember , close to 40
12. yea rs now and counting, ther e have nev er b een an
13. incident w ith a pipeline on my family' s pr operty. I
14. belie v e this speaks h ighly of Suno co Log istics' good
15. safety program and oper ational maint enance pr og ram.
16. From my personal experience tw o summers
17. ago, my daughter and I were fishing on a lake at the
18. property. Th s is when they w ere doing th e M ariner
19. East I upgr ades.

Two contract ors and a land man

1. showed up on our pr operty ab out 200 yard s away, a
2. staging area 200 yards awa y, while we were f shing.
3. They had the court esy to come up to us, as ked us if
4. the y could continue their w ork so not to b o her us. I
5. think this speaks highly of Sunoco Logist ics'
6. professionalism down to their subcontract ors, like

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th e.se union wor ker s h ere.

I hav e reviewed th e p ermit applica tions. It took quite a long time, a lot of dr awings , a lot of p ap erwor k. In my op inion th ey h ave d emonstrat ed that they hav e ident ified an environmenta lly sound,

t echnica lly feasibl e and cost-eff ectiv e pip eline route. They h ave w or ked with ma ny agencies, the DEP, the Army Corps , DCN R, G ame Commissio n, Fish

Commission, U.S. Wil dl ife Serv ice to pr otect sens itive a reas. Their rout e follows the exist ing corrid or,

w h ich is a best ma na gement pra ctice to following exist ing corridors , co-located a long the orig inal M a riner East I Pipe line, significa nt ly reducing clearing and d isturb ance. They're rerout ed th e

p ipeline around sensitiv e areas , like the G erharts .

MS. ELISE GER HART :

N o, they d idn't. M R . STAGER :

They hav e reduced the temporar y construction right -of-w ay from 50 feet to 75 feet in sensitive areas. ATWSs are locat ed a minimum of ten feet outside of w et land bound ar ies. One of th e b est examples of avoiding surface impacts is th e us e of

H O D. By utilizing HO D technolo gy to go und er w et lands and streams , Sunoco has reduced th e w etland impact by

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* 1. 60 percent and stream impact by 40 p ercent.
  2. Two year s ago they w er e doing an
  3. upgra de. This past we e kend I w as w a lking the
  4. pip el ine, and you w ould not even know that they w ere
  5. doing that upgrade two year s ago. It looked the same
  6. a s it did five year s ago, ten years ago, 20 yea r s ago,
  7. 30 years ago. And it will look the same five yea rs
  8. from now, ten year s from now, 30 yea rs from now.

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* 1. use rest oration/mit igation me asures, topography and
  2. hydr ology are restored, v e get at ion grows back to its
  3. original condition.
  4. DEP should issue Sunoco Logistics th e
  5. Chapter 102 and 105 authorizations for the follow ing
  6. reasons. They hav e clearly demonstr ated that they
  7. hav e av oide d or minimized potential impacts to aquat ic
  8. resources, including w et lands, streams, floodways,
  9. th reatened and endange red species and cultural
  10. resou rces. They conduct b usiness in a safe manner
  11. with good operational ma intenance pr ograms. They
  12. conduct business in a pr ofe ssional manner. The y
  13. prov ide tremendous economic benefit to the
  14. Commonw ealth . In addition, they are repur posing 8 00
  15. acres of th is decommissione d land in Ph iladelphi a.
  16. I support this project , and I would hop e
  17. that you guys approv e thes e pe rmits without dela y.

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1. Thank you.
2. CHAIR:
3. Donny Wil liams.
4. M R . WILLIAMS:
5. Hi. My name is Donny Willia ms . I live

6 in Lusby, Ma ryland. I live in th e town wh ere th e Cov e

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| 7 | Point | LN G Exp ort Termin a l is being built , which is th e |
| 8 | p lace | that most of the gas from Marcellus Shale and |
| 9 | Utica | Shale wil l be exported. So it's not for U. S. |

1. domestic us e at a ll , it 's just for a priv ate profit
2. for companies to ta ke that and ship it abroa d. And
3. that' s where they get their real mo ney. So the same

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| 13 | thing is going on for | this M ariner Pipelin e h ere. | So |
| 14 | this is for exp ort. |  |  |

1. Somebody was saying earlier --- I
2. beli eve it was you over h ere.

You said th at ---.

Oh ,

1. this would lower ener gy cost s , beca use of this
2. pipeline. This isn't about low er energy costs. Thi s
3. isn't ev en about ener gy . It 's about pr opan e an d
4. butane and ethan e. If the w orkers who w ere working on
5. this don' t know what they' re workin g on, that 's an
6. issue.
7. Al so, I heard b efore the A PI p erson said
8. pipel ine compani es spend bil lions on safet y ea ch yea r.
9. I mea n, rea l ly? And they' re still exp lod ing , you

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1. still spend bill ions. You should spend some mor e.
2. Also , the second guy who spoke said that we' re going
3. to b uild it in an envir onment ally-sound wa y, and then
4. the same p erson said Sunoco had b een mov ing their
5. prod uct sa fely for mor e than 25 years acr oss these
6. pip elines. The y obviously hav en' t been moving safely
7. for a wee k. We just had thes e explosions in Texas.
8. They can' t do this. These companies
9. that you' re looking to, to hav e the proj ect s happen in
10. a safe wa y can't do it. If you show me a pipelin e
11. that doesn't lea k, I'll show you a pipel ine that 's not
12. been inspected. That 's how that w or ks. And you
13. should know tha t more than anybod y else , bec ause
14. you 're supposed to be inspect ing them.
15. So also I hear d that no public pr opert y
16. would be advers e ly a ffected by this proj ect. I
17. believ e --- mayb e this guy, somebody who look s like
18. him , from Marcel lus Coalition said that . That' s
19. rid iculous. The last speaker , I b eliev e, said the y
20. rerouted the pip eline , it wo uld b e rerouted around the
21. Gerhart pr operty , these people a re just telling you
22. straight up lies . It' s just a lie. Everybo dy knows
23. this.
24. Of course prop ert ies are adv ersely
25. impacted by pip elines.

O f course. You ·can' t b uild a

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1 pipeline on somebody's propert y and not have them be



2 adv ersely impacted.

3 And just straight up, oh, it's being

4 rerouted around the Ge rha rts. We ll, that w ould be

5 g reat news to the Gerha rts, the thing is it's not.

6 And even if it was, it may be routed through another

7 family' s prop rty or another --- impact wherever that

8 goes. You can't b uild a pipeline without a erse

9 impacts.

10 And so what this is all about really,

11 it's just nent domain for short term financia l

12 ga in. So these companies a re corning in, seeking

1. eminent domain, which is s osed to be for the public
2. good , and then actua lly ruining the public good and
3. then making money off of that.
4. So I guess that these people over here,
5. these pe ople ove r her e, m aybe other people who aren't
6. we a ring matching shirts, are also looking to get jobs
7. and I get that. People w ant to pay the ir bills.

The

1. th ing is, though, li ke I'm sure you all und rstand ,
2. like if you have land , if you have friends who have
3. land, any of this, you don' t want to see that land
4. ta ken in this way. You don' t want to see

Just

1. like Elis e said , you don' t want to see like what is
2. supposed to be ev eryt hing that you wer e b uilding

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toward and spending your family --- you wa nt it to be in your family for gener at ions. You don' t . want t o see that just ruined with a p ipeline that could blow up at any moment. It happ ens.

I'm sure ev erybo dy

guy right out side of

right by h is house.

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saw the story of the

the pipeli ne ble w up

b arely. He 's in the

He ma nag ed to e scape , kind of ,

hospital in really critical

conditio n wit h massiv e b urns. Right now I'm living in

a communit y right now that ther e 's more than a

thousa nd people that could

If the facility that

is in my community , if it blows up at any moment

which it' s a lready done

than a thousa nd people. finished wit h an export thousa nds of people.

in 1979 --- it could kill more

And wh en

termina l ,

this thing is

it could kill ma ny

Some of you all who wor k wit h elect ric

codes, I'm sure you know that you' re supposed to ma ke sure gass es can't come into the light switches.

That' s beca use in 1979 the Cove Point facility , where

I live , blew

built around around tha t ,

up and killed p eople.

So your

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So of cour se I encour age you t o prot ect

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we tlands, you know, prot ect these specific clauses that you' re looking for now, but also just reject the pipeline outrig ht overall. Thanks.

CHAIR:

Zora Gussow. MS. GU SSOW:

My name is Zora Gussow. Z-0-R-A,

G-U-S-S-0-W . I fa rm in Co lumbia Count y, Pennsylvania , where we' re a lso v ery, very concerned about the environme nt a l imp acts that w e' re facing w ith pot ential pipelines be ing b ui lt throug h historic fa rmlands and other natura l resources.

My problems today are related to the h earing and p ermitting proce ss which seems a larming ly not complet e at this point in t ime , given that there a re not --- all of the right -of-way agre ements have not been comp leted and have not be en agr e ed to a long

this pipeline route , along w ith no air-q u a lity p ermits b eing applied for , w hich m ea ns that the informa tion

ab out where th e compressor stat ions w ill b e a required p art of putt ing in a pipelin e is lacking .

So I underst and that these a re segmented applications. Howev er, it seems like an a larming decision to allow these permits when all of the information is not ava ilable to the relevant pe ople,

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1. to the landhold ers and the other sta kehold ers involv ed
2. and who w ould be affect ed by the b uilding of this
3. pip eline. 4

So for starters , I th ink that the public

1. comment p eriod should be ext ended for a minimum of
2. another 45 days, be cause it has not allow ed for enou gh
3. time for pe ople t o bring in independent surveyors and
4. other relevant information to submit to the DEP about
5. their environme nt a l concerns. And that is rea lly
6. ala rming. And I think that whe n that informat ion
7. comes in, when w e hav e independent sources coming in
8. and looking at the w ork that the pi peline companies
9. hav e done on the environm ent a l impa ct assessments,
10. we' ll see that , in fact , the envir onment al impa cts,
11. regar dless of safety ---. B ecaus e when you cut down
12. lots of trees and when you cross streams, you get
13. sediment at ion and you get fragment at ion of land. And
14. you affect endang ered species which are pr otect ed by
15. the federal and state government s. That this pipeline
16. could not be built safely and could not be built in a
17. way that did not hav e negativ e envir onment al impacts
18. on the land that it is going thr ou gh.

2 3 And so from th at p er spective I think

1. that ther e should be more t ime allow ed for this
2. proce ss.

And at the end of the da y I think that the se

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1. permits should b e denie d out right . Thank you.
2. CHAIR:
3. Christian N els on.

4 M S. N ELS ON:

5 He llo. Thank you for givi ng me the

1. opportunity to speak to you all today. My nam e is
2. Chr istian N e lson. I have a few points, you know,
3. giv en what I've heard tonight and also the research
4. that I've done on this pr oje ct. You know , a lot of
5. pe ople hav e ment ioned toni ght that , you know, the
6. information provided to you is inaccurat e. I think
7. that that 's be en said and should b e said again. You
8. cannot allow thes e proj ects to go forward without the
9. informati on nece ssary to pro vide these pe rmits.
10. And we have , you know, pe ople he re
11. toni ght who are impact ed. They are liv ing in these
12. communiti e s and other communities impact ed by simila r
13. proj ects. And your job is t o make sure that thes e
14. proj ects don't go forwa rd unless they are done safely .
15. And we' ve prov en h ere tonight by ma ny d ifferent and
16. inte lligent speakers who hav e pour ed a lot of the ir
17. own t ime and effort into rese arching th is proj ect and
18. othe r proj ects like it tha t it cannot be done safely.
19. So in add ition to that, you know , it's
20. not just about build ing this pipe line, it 's also about

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1. the cumula tive effect. W e've had other pe ople mention
2. that.

Building a pipeline is devastat ing. But a lso

1. ma intaining it. There' s a po o r track reco rd for
2. Sunoco and companies like it that are her e p a id to
3. represent the interest of overs ea companies who are
4. benefitt ing from this project. And I can't trust the
5. op inions of p eople who are p a id or are p erf ect ly
6. incentivized to be her e to tell you lies b ecause the
7. informat ion that we' ve been g iven is not a ccurate.
8. And the communit y has ta ken on the
9. resp onsibilit y of providing tha t informat ion for you.
10. And it' s the least w e can do , the least we can do a s a
11. communit y, g iven the time to do that. And so that' s
12. why I'm her e p etitioning , at the very least , g ive us
13. more time as a community to res earch accur at ely and
14. independ ently the real impacts of this pr oject. And
15. I'm sure you' ll find that it' s truly not a safe
16. p roject. 19

In additio n Give me a moment,

1. p lease. So this is ---. Excus e me --- it' s an
2. exp ensiv e oversight , wher e there' s ---. This is a
3. critica l moment ; right? So this is the be g inning of a
4. project that' ll impact thes e communities for decades,
5. just decades.

And that' s ast onishing to me.

And we

1. need to ma ke sure that we' re ta king it v ery seriously,

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1 b e cause th ese peopl e aren' t . Th e se are th eir

1. communit ies and this is your job. So look at th e
2. guid elines and pr ot ocols in which you are h eld

4 a ccount able to. And you' ll see that it does not

5 support the d ecision to mov e forwa rd with this

1. pro ject.
2. And I want to, you know , tal k to the

8 w or kers a litt le b it . I hav e w orke d wit h unions . I

9 care about unions , I care about w or kers. I, like

10 ev e rybody here , hav e to hav e a job. And that 's a

11 really difficult p os ition to b e p ut in. You 're

1. b etween a rock and a hard place . But , you know ,
2. prot ect ing your job does not supe rsed e the ne eds of
3. the community that you w ork in. And the communit y has
4. spo ken tonight and w ill continue to speak
5. intelligently about this issue. And I implore you to
6. listen to them and p rioritiz e th e ir voices , b ecaus e,
7. you know, your job' s important , b ut this is our life.
8. And this is our land that w e live off of and that 's

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| 20 | what | really | matter s . | So thank you. |
| 21 |  |  | CHAI R : |  |

1. Maris a Shea.
2. MS. SHEA:

2 4 So my name is Marisa Shea, S-H-E-A.

I'm

25 from M assachus etts. I'm a math teach er.

I am al so

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1. fight ing my own pipeline fight. They' re also from
2. Texas.

It all feels very deja vu right now.

So I'm

1. just here standin g in solidarity wit h this community
2. that's being affected.

5 I guess I'll be brief. I just want to

1. sp ea k directly to the Chapter 105 Code, w hich a lot of
2. people have been talking about. So if you approv e
3. these permits, it's just a straight up viol ation of
4. the law that regula tes the pe tting process, because
5. Chapt er 105 requires that Sunoco hav e the easements
6. b efore you give the permit. And they don' t hav e all
7. the ea sements, so you can't give the permits. There's

*f ,* 13 still over 30 easements that Sunoco doesn' t have.

1. Elise's family is one of them. Sunoco has no legal
2. right s to her land. They can't buil d.
3. So pipeline companies hav e a way of
4. getting around this; right? They sue people and they
5. ta ke th em to court and they take their land by suing
6. them for eminent domain. But there are 30 cases
7. that And they win; right? They'v e w on at the
8. district lev el. B ut those 30-plus families are
9. appea ling in the courts right now. So those cases
10. aren't closed. So Sunoco doesn't actually have any
11. lega l rights to tho se land --- you know , t o that
12. proper ty until the cases are closed.

It's in limbo

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1 right now.

1. So since Sunoco doesn' t hav e any legal
2. rights to the land, you don' t --- you can' t actually
3. approve the permits. So if you did , it would just be

5 an egre g ious violation of the law. You can' t leg ally

6 do it. So I guess I'm just a sking you to follow the

7 law mor e than anything.

8 But my reasonab le request for you is,

1. don't ev en --- don' t One , you really can't even
2. conside r th e appli cation unt il thes e court cases and

11 all of the se appeals that are going through the court

1. right now They' re at a ll leve ls. They're
2. appealing at the appe llate level , at the Supreme
3. the State Supreme Court lev e l. Unt il the se cases are
4. closed, you just can' t ev en consider th e application.
5. So that' s my request for you. Let 's w ait and see what
6. the courts say, b ecause if you don' t , you' re violating
7. the Chapt er 105 Code. So, thanks.
8. CHAIR:

2 0 N ed Ludd .

21 M R . LU D D :

1. Hel lo. I'm her e sp ea king on b eha lf of
2. the N ed Ludd Institute for Technolo g y, you ma ke it, we
3. break it.

First off, I w oul d like to suggest that a ll

1. the comments cent ered on jobs toni ght be thrown out ,

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as this is a permitting process me eting.

Furthermore , I w ould like t o tal k about the permitt ing process and p oint out the fact that Sunoco has not done due dili g ence in the ir wet land prot ection assessment. They' re p ermitting assessment eva luation has b een riddled with contrad ictions. The pri vate --- or independ ent contract or that came in to survey th e w et land area found multi ple cont rad ictions wit hin th e w etl and streams in Sunoco' s p ermit.

Giv e me just a moment. Forgive m e.

Sunoco, furthermore , has provided incomp lete information to v erify that th e project w ould not comply --- w ould comply , rather, w ith stormw ater mana gement prog rams.

The DEP e FACTS site , your v ery own inst itution, state s that the targ et date for completing the te chnic al revie w is Octob er 26th. There could be mor e opp ortunity for the p ublic to speak at additi onal he arings. As the last speaker said, I urg e the DEP to ext end the public comment period and to hold public comment meetings wit hin every count y affe cted by this pip e line. Thank you. Deny the permits.

CHAIR :

Tom Gunne.

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* 1. MR. GUN N E:
  2. I'm going to keep it short.

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As eve ryone

* 1. said, the re' s b een some inaccur acies and some
  2. inconsist encies in the document s that this applicat ion
  3. has been made w ith. I am asking for an extension of
  4. the public comment p e riod and hea rings in every
  5. community being impacted by this. You're w agering a
  6. lot and evidence has only b een b rought by compani es
  7. that stand to gain from this pip eline being built.
  8. I've seen the reperc ussions of boom and bust in short
  9. term resource extr action job gains in W est Vi rginia ,
  10. w her e there are layoffs left and right. Tons of
  11. people a re losing jobs like after coal is gone.
  12. So if you w ant to put another straw in
  13. to ta ke out all of your natura l g as, fine. You know ,
  14. a re you going to do it at risk of dest roying all the
  15. natur a l resources that you could depend on for
  16. alt ernat e forms of income for pe ople that live in
  17. Pennsylva nia? I think that's a b ad decision. The
  18. v ery lea st, we need a longer time period to
  19. invest igate the impa ct of this p ipeline , ind eendent ly
  20. of the companies that stand to p rofit from it.
  21. CHAIR:

2 4 Thomas Droege.

25 MR. DR OEGE:

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1. Hi, my name's Thomas Droege. It's
2. D R-0-E-G -E. I'm from Col

ia , Pennsylva nia.

That's

1. Lancast e r Count y. I grew up running these rivers,
2. running these streams and know ing that you can't eat
3. the fish and you can't swim in the rivers,
4. specifica lly Susquehanna Riv er. Earlier this year
5. Susquehann a River was list ed as the third most
6. end anger ed river by the conservat ion group America n
7. R ivers. One of the rea sons is due t o the Conowing o
8. Dam has reached its limit for t rapping sediment ,
9. sediment caused by lack of riparian buffers, which a re critical eco logical buff e r zones that are the river' s
10. natural filters. Any further degra dat ion o these
11. systems will only add to th e sickness of Susquehanna
12. Valley.
13. I've seen firsthand the bad practices
14. that Sunoco Logist ics has already perpetrat ed at the
15. Gerhart prope rty. As a w et land delineator ecolo gic
16. surveyor, I wa s app a lled to see t rees cut right into
17. the stream b anks, felled across streams and into
18. critical w etl ands. There were zero sed nt socks or
19. any us e of erosion control in place. And no evid ence
20. that a single t e st hole ha d b een dug to properly
21. de lineat e w et land b ound aries.

If a farmer had done

1. this, DEP w ould have strict penalties, most likely

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caus ing tha t farmer to shut down the ir operat ions.

I w a s a lso app a lled to find out tha t a ll thi s w as done before any pe rmit ting had be en issued,

vi olat ing w et land distur bance codes and vi olating the p rivacy of th e Gerhart family .

Als o , someone ha d mentioned that the HDD m ethod w as going to be us ed on the Gerhart propert y.

That' s not true. They' re p lanning on using the t renching met hod. This w a s just one of hundreds of wet lands and thousa nds of stre am s that thi s pipeline w ould cross.

In addition, this pipe line is crossing the Ohio/Pennsylva nia state b oundar y. And therefore, it should b e considered an interstat e-r out e issue , not intrastat e issue. I urg e DEP to pass this project off to the pr oper agency for futur e considerat ion.

Als o , the comment period sho uld be ext end ed 90 days , ma king the end dat e September 26th , 2016. DEP pr ovid ed a 90-day comment per iod for the

At lantic Sunr ise Project and should be doing the same for M ariner Ea st II. Also, don' t approve this fucking pr oject.

CHAI R:

Lily N ina. M S. N INA:

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1 He llo. My name is Lily N ina, L-I-L-Y,

2 N-I-N-A. I'm h ere to y to share in the opposition of

3 th e Mariner East Pipeline Proje ct. I believe that the

1. number of public h earings DEP is h osting for th e
2. pip eline project is signif icant ly inadequa te. It is
3. incredibl y irresponsible of the DEP to hold only five

7 meet ings across the state, even th ough the project

1. spans 17 counties. This terrible cision only g ives
2. the opportunity for roughly 300 indivi als to submit
3. test imony. It is crit ical tha t additiona l public

1 hea rings be he ld or resched uled for future dates. It

1. is undoubtfully inadequate for one three-hour p ublic
2. h ea ring for two counties when a conservative estimate
3. of 700 directly-imp acted landowners are being
4. affected.
5. Althoug h I am demanding that the p ublic
6. h earings be ext ended and e anded, the horrific
7. environmental impacts of this t oxic pipeline for
8. countless famili es and ecosy stems need to be
9. considered and shut down. This pipeline needs to be
10. shut down. I am concerned that the pip eline project
11. w ould cross 581 w etlands, 1,227 streams and w ould
12. permanently impact 35.3 acres of w etlands and 8.6
13. acres of streams.

While I oppose all stream crossing

1. met hods, it is fair to quest ion why Sunoco w ould

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1. forego implement ing a more environme nta lly-friendly
2. method in every four out of five stream crossing s,
3. prioritizing cheaper methods versus
4. envir onmentally-sound.
5. Consid ering the lea ks and ruptures
6. Sunoco is currently --- is known for , including the
7. one that happene d this w eekend in Texas, the lac k of
8. transpar ency reg arding this pipeline and the comment
9. period should be extend ed to 90 d ays, ma king the end
10. da te Mond ay, September 26th, 2016. The DEP provid ed a
11. 90-day comment period for the Atlantic Sunrise
12. Project. You should giv e the same oppor tunity to
13. resid ents affected by this pipe line . All in all, for
14. the safety of familie s and our natural w orld, wh ich w e
15. all inhabit, this pip eline and its evil plan must b e

once and for a ll.

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Fred Durst. M R . DUR ST:

My name is Fred Durst.

F-R-E-D,

1. D-U -R-S-T. I come he re tonight as a natur alist and a
2. deep ecologist. I spend my time studying the natur al
3. pr ocesses that are so complex we don' t know much
4. about. These pipeline companies pr etend they do, but
5. they don' t.

This M ariner East II Project would cros s

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1. 581 wet lands, 1,277 streams and would perma nently
2. impact 35. 3 acres of wet land and 8. 6 acres of streams.

3 Let' s talk about met hods. W e'v e got

1. open cut or horizont al d ire ctional d rilling . All
2. associate d wit h envir onme nt a l harm, all unne cessar y,
3. be cause this project is unnecessary.

7 But if we' re going to talk about what

1. the be tter pr ocess is, h or izontal dir ectio na l drilling
2. has at least harm. But the n why is it that only 17
3. perce nt of the pipe line cross ings are hor izontal
4. d irectional d rilling?
5. MS. ELISE GERHART:
6. It' s cheaper .
7. M R. DURST:
8. It' s cheaper. Did someone say that the
9. CEO of Sunoco makes, what , $ 200,000,0 00?
10. MS. ELISE GERHART :
11. The CEO of Energy Transfer Pa rtners
12. which owns Sunoco.
13. M R. DURST:
14. Well, it sounds like ther e' s money
15. somewhe re. Guess you could spend it on the least
16. harm.

Why wouldn' t you? I would.

But I w ant to

1. repea t this, bot h met hods aren' t acceptab le b e cause
2. the proj ect is una cceptab le.

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1 So it was said h e re ea rlie r toni ght , you

1. know, that on the Ge rharts' pr opert y there had to be
2. an independ ent asse ssment done on this prop e rty.
3. Sunoco incorrectly mapped and misc h aracteri zed ma ny
4. w etland features. Half the stream segments were
5. missed ; one -seventh the wetland s we re not

7 a c knowledg ed . So obviously there 's something wron g

8 h e re.

9 And the impa cts a re significa ntly

10 und erstated , and the y hav e bee n , as most project s

1. most pipeline and fracking proj e ct s ha v e and cont inue
2. t o be. So Sunoco ha s shown them selv es to be
3. ne g ligent , shady, incorre ct in the ir asses sment s . So
4. the DEP has a choic e , they can b e ---. And you can be
5. complicit in this il l-conceive d project or not.
6. So I hav e some quest ions.

I know you' re

1. not going to answer them. So the ba ll is in your
2. court.

W ha t g ame w ill you p lay ?

Sunoco' s? One

1. ridd led with violat ions , ecolog ical destruct ion and
2. a ll-around foul pl ay . Or one in which the a ir , w ater

21 and all creatures win. But rea lly , there 's only one

1. choice, put the eart h first .
2. CHAIR :
3. Rud dy Turns tone.

25 M S. TU RNST ONE:

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1 Good ev ening. My name is Ruddy

1. Turnst one w ith Globa l Justice Ecolog y Project. I'm
2. not p a id to be her e. I'm here in support of the
3. familie s and communit ies, human and nonhuman, that
4. will be impacted by the M ariner East Pipeline II.
5. Evide nce has demonstr ated that this pipeline does not
6. hav e all necessary p ermits. I urg e the DEP to deny
7. Sunoco Chapter 102 anti 105 permits for the Mariner
8. E ast II Pipeline.
9. Sunoco and its subsidiaries are not
10. ent itie s you can trust. I'm looking at you all. In
11. 2015 alone, the PA DE P cited Sunoco for at least 42
12. v iolat ions specific to this pip eline you'r e
13. consid ering permit t ing. In 2005 , Sunoco was fined
14. $2. 5 million for the ir pipeline leaking 260,000
15. g allons of crude oil in the Kentucky and Ohio Riv ers.
16. In 200 8 , their pipe line had a 12,000-g allon lea k near
17. M urrysvi lle, which polluted a three-mile section of
18. Turtle Cree k. This i s what you' re responsible for.
19. In 2012 , another of their pipelines
20. spewed 2 ,780 barr e ls of gasoline, forcing 30 homes to
21. b e evacuated. You' re lucky that your home wasn't
22. de stroyed yet or your land, for tho se of you that
23. support this. 25

In 2014 , another Sunoco pipeline in

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1. Louis iana spilled 4,000 b arre ls of crude o il. In
2. 2009, a dead ly accid ent injured 13 contract workers,
3. sending them to the hospit a l in Philade lphia. If it
4. isn't enoug h, just four days ago, as it w as mentioned
5. alread y, a termina l in N ed erland , Texas ha d an
6. explosion that injure d seven wor kers.
7. W hen doe s a company d estroy enough lives
8. and ecosyst ems that it is no longer fit to do
9. business?

That time is now. Rig ht now. This is the

1. moment wh ere you actua lly get to make a d ecision.
2. Extend the comment p eriod and deny the Chapt er 102 and
3. 105 p e rmit s.
4. CHAIR:
5. Diedre Lally.
6. MS. LALLY:
7. Hi.

My name is Diedre Lal ly. I live in

1. Columb ia County, Pennsylvania.

And I actually live

1. ver y near where a pip e line explod ed on June 9th of
2. last year, so I actua lly do know what it' s like to
3. have to ev acuate your home due to unsaf e pipelines.
4. And so that' s one of the ma ny reasons I first urg e the
5. DEP for a 90-day comme nt period whic h would end on
6. Septemb er 26th.
7. I also request one he a ring p e r county.
8. It' s a little extreme to ask peo p le to drive over an

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1. hour at night to talk about what's going to h en to
2. their pr ope rty when the y've be en working all day.
3. I have some comments based on an
4. independent we tlands survey that was actually just
5. completed yesterday. And I will be writing technical
6. comments and sending them in before the end of the
7. comment pe riod. I wanted to read a couple tonight.

8 One issue of majo r concern is that basic

1. informati on about the proj ect h as be en wit hheld or
2. made difficult to obtain. The precise location of the
3. 300-plus mile section of the pipeline route that
4. crosses Pennsy lvania is depicted on hundreds of
5. individual large-sc ale drawings. The locat ion also is
6. identified on a G IS shape file that can easily be
7. incorporated into a GIS pr ogram. Such sh e files
8. were provided, at minimum, to v arious resource
9. agencies responsible for determining potent ial impacts
10. t o thre atened or endange red species of plant s and

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1. animals in conjunction wit h the DEF -requir ed PNDI
2. screening process. It is likely that the applic ant
3. pr ovided DEP and the other agencies with dated shape
4. files when it prov ided a c leted set of
5. revise d site plan d rawings in late May 2016.
6. So use of the shape file ma kes

dated

1. understanding and evaluat ion of the project much

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1. simpler, not on ly for the Depar tment and its sister
2. agencies, but a lso for us, the pub lic, who are going
3. to have to live wit h these impacts. Yet p ublic a ccess
4. to this valua ble record has b een made exce edingly
5. difficult. So in future pipeline and similarly large
6. linear projects , the Depa rtment should insist that the
7. applica nt provide it with a shape file of the pr oposed
8. route and with upd ated shape files whenev e r the
9. pr oposed route is revised. The Department should also
10. ma ke those shape files available to the public in
11. online files that include other deta iled information
12. about the application.

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1. long.

And in addit ion This is a little I hope I can ma ke it in my time. But if not,

1. aga in, I'll send them to you. The ext ent of
2. except ional va lue wetlands along the pipeline route
3. likely has b een und erestimat ed. Both exceptiona l
4. va lue and high-quality w aters in Pennsylva nia are
5. ent itled to special prot ect ion to prevent degradation
6. when construction a ct ivities a re being considered.
7. Those w aters identified as exceptional-va lue wat ers in
8. Pennsylvania a re tier three outst anding na tura l
9. resource wat ers.

And in te rms of the Fede ral Clean

1. W ater Act, such w aters are to receiv e the highest
2. lev el of protection, no deg radation of the ir quant ity

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1 and quality. This level of protection is even more

2 stringent than plie d -- than that applied to

3 hig h-q uality wat e rs for which the t rue econ c

4 justification can b e used as a rationale for allowing

1. partial degradation.
2. Except ional-value wetlands, because they
3. are EV wate rs, ar e to b e afford ed the same deg radation
4. special pr otection as streams that have been
5. desig nated EV waters. That is no recluction of their
6. wat er quality is to be allowed by federal and state

11 laws. Along this proposed pipeline route, a total of

1. 129 w et lands has be en identified' as exceptional value ,
2. accor ding to t les pr epared by Tetr a Tech and dat ed
3. 24 of M ay 2016. Conseq uently, except ional-value
4. wetlands represent 20 percent of all wetla s t o b e
5. impacted by construction of this pipeline.
6. Five diff erent bases are listed for
7. considering a wet lands to be exceptional value. And
8. in some instances a wetland is cate gorized as
9. exceptional value on more than one basis. In some
10. instances wet lands are along EV streams, and thus
11. qualify as except ional value, but they are not so
12. listed. Tw o examples a re included in Berk s County and
13. Chest er Count y. And again, I'll send mor e
14. information.
    1. CHAIR:
    2. Time.

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Please wra p up.

* 1. MS. LALLY:
  2. Okay. W ell, the last thing I would have
  3. to say is, any such wetlands a long the Ma riner East
  4. Pip eline route w ould qua lify as except ional value, yet
  5. th is application includes no discussion at a ll about
  6. this crite rion, nor does it describe or even ment ion
  7. w hether any of the w et lands along the propos ed rout e
  8. is locat ed above or along a public or pr ivate dr ink ing
  9. wat er supply.
  10. The pe rmit should be denied. This is
  11. not a prope r process , bas ed on your terms.
  12. CHAIR:
  13. Joyce Kunkle .
  14. MS. KUN KL E:
  15. Hello , everybody.

My name is Joyce

* 1. Kunkle, spelled J-0-Y-C-E, K-U-N -K-L-E.

I am here to

* 1. as k you to deny permits 102 and 105 as submitt ed by
  2. Sunoco for the building of Mariner East Pipe lines. To
  3. at least for now ext end the public comment t ime , to
  4. hold add it ional public he arings for the oth er count ies
  5. that are also affect ed.
  6. Due to the gre at numb er of streams and
  7. wet lands which will b e adv ersely and unnecessarily

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the route, those who them selv es find --- that will find themsel v es within the bl a st radius due to the

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p umping stat ions will be pla gue d with open flaring ,

averaging 23 ga llons of pr opane or ethane p e r day , creating a hom e envir onment fraught wit h anxiety . Here are but two reasons or two objections to the pr oposed pip elines.

I can't escape the irony when I, among st three v ery , v ery peaceful prot e stors thre e years ago, g athered aft er a short wal k and we arrived at the

Rach el Carson building, the v ery hom e of PA' s Departm ent of Envir onmental Protection ---. Here we were in front of the building named aft er the famous Pennsylva ni an who lived close to --- relati v ely close to Harr isburg , who warned the nation and the world of th e dang er of chemicals , poisons that end ang er all life, us includ ed.

When landowners a ffected respe ctively

--- and we respecti vely , among st us, resp ectfully asked to sit in with the part icipants, al l who wer e landowners, w ere denied. The p ublic b e damned, it would seem.

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**1** industry reps and pr obably pipe line people as we ll,

1. and our own DEP officials. Of course we couldn't g et
2. in to find out who was there or wh at was spoken. I
3. suppose even now , even Rachel Carson, who wr ote Silent
4. Spring , would hav e b een denied ent ry to h er own
5. bui lding.

7 Ra che l said, we still talk of conqu ering

1. --- and I would add profiting --- from using nat ure
2. wit h p oisonous chemica ls. She went on, man is p art of
3. nat ure, and that means that we are affecti ng , w e are

**11** going to be p oisoned along wit h the poisons that we' re

1. using event ua lly. We' re ta king it in.
2. W h en h earing th at equally dang erous
3. chemi cals were now being shot into the bowe ls of the
4. earth for profit , she pr obab ly w oul d be agh ast , as
5. it's h er buil ding and this is going on wit h th e
6. apparent --- appa rent ly the, at least for now, th e
7. appr oval of al l th is that' s g oing on. Woul d the y be
8. ab le to face h er ? W ould the pe op le who hav e actu al ly
9. appr ov ed or are app roving th ese pip e lines and the
10. £r acking , wo uld th ey be ab le to face Rach e l Carson,
11. th eir own founder of --- not of DE P, but of the
12. bui ld ing itself, that it' s name d ---.
13. Back to the Mari ner II Pipe lines.

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1. onl y ones who profit from these 300-mile p ipeline s is

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wis h the fine pipe w orkers They're good pe op le ,

w e w ant them to hav e jobs, but not at our exp ense.

CHAIR :

Joyce, pl ease wr ap up. M S. KUN KLE:

There w a s one gentl eman ---. Thank

one brief ---. One gentleman indicated recently,

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CHAIR :

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the permits.

I thank you.

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h ea ring. We w ill not e for the re cord that represent at ive s of the Pennsyl va ni a Departm ent of Environmenta l Prote ct ion w ere pre sent to hol d this he aring.

A s a reminde r, th e public comment p eriod

will close Wednesd ay, August 24th. If you wi sh to

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W e apprec iate your interest in th is

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safe trip home and good night.

Thank

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