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CHAPTER 105 PERMIT APPLICATIONS FROM SUNOCO

1. LOGISTICS FOR ITS MARINER EAST 11 PIPELIN E PROJECT

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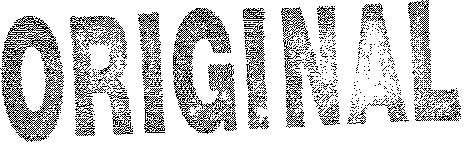
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Altoona, PA 16602

Mond ay , August 8 , 2016 

6:31 p.m.

17 WITNESSES: David Tay lor, Ellen Gerhart, Vinc e M atteo,

1. Elise Gerh art, David Weber, Mel ody Fleck,
2. Jody Wallace, Tim Dunleavy, Et ta Albright,
3. Joe Long, Bob Kut z, R ob rt W ilds,
4. Terry Stalnaker, John Hudson, John Paul
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3 CHAIR:

# 4 Good evening and welcome. My name is John

1. R epet z. I'm the Community Relations Coordinator for
2. the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental
3. Protection's Southcentr al R egion al Office in
4. Harrisburg. Tonight, we are her e to hold a formal
5. public hearing on the Chapter 105 Permit Applications
6. from Sunoco Logistics for its Mariner East II P eline
7. Project.

T nk you all for coming this evening.

And

# thank you to the Blair County Convention Center for

1. hosting us.

14 Joining me toni rom DEP, I'd also like

1. to introduce M r. Robert Conrad , is the Assist ant
2. R egional Director of the Southcentral R egional Of ice.
3. And Mr. Scott Williamson, who is the Waterways and
4. W et land s Program M anag er in the Southcentral Regiona l
5. Off ice . I would also not e, tha t th re are
6. representatives from Sunoco here this evening.
7. Toni

t, we are here to h old a forma l

1. p ublic hearing. W e will take test

ny in the form of

1. comments from thos e who have register ed to speak . If
2. you wish to mak e a forma l comment and have not yet
3. signed up, we ask that you please step out side the door

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1. to th e reg istrat ion t able and get your name on the
2. list . Okay? We will close the reg istrat ion for

3 speakers as soon as w e beg in wit h th e first person

1. offering testimony this evening. You must b e
2. reg istered if you wish t o present tonight . And
3. remember , comments offer ed here in person or in writ ing
4. via e-mail or throug h Postal Service all carry the same
5. weig ht . One does not outw eigh the other.
6. And at this time, I'd turn things over to
7. Scott Williamson, th e W at erways and W etlands Program
8. Mana g er, for a brief overview of the permit t ing process
9. of the applications w hic h DEP is currently reviewin g.
10. MR. WILLIAMSON :
11. Thank you, John. Again, my name is Scott
12. Williamson. I'm th e Program Manager for Pennsylvania
13. DEP's Sout hcentral R eg ional Office W at erways and
14. W et lands Program.
15. Sunoc o Pipeline, L. P. submitt ed
16. Pennsylv ania W at er Obst ruct ion and Encroachment
17. Applicat ions, also known as Chapt er 105 Applic ations,
18. as required by 25 Pa . Code, Chapt er 105, Pennsylvania
19. Dam Safet y and Encroac hm ent s Act , Pennsylv ania Clean
20. Streams Law , to the Dep artment of Environment al
21. Protect ion, also known as DEP, for activit ies
22. associat ed w ith const ruct ion of the ir proposed

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1. Pennsylv ania Pipeline, also known as th e M ariner East
2. II Pipelin e System. The permits are required for
3. pro posed activities located in, al ong, ac ross or
4. projecting into a w atercours e, floodway or body of
5. w at er, including w etlands. These Chapter 105
6. Applications are currently under technical review by
7. DEP.

8 The PA Pipeline , a/k/a M arine r East II

1. Project, is a proposed expansion of the existing Sunoco
2. M ariner East Pipeline System. The overal l pipeline
3. project involves construction of two new , larger
4. pipelines to conv ey natural gas liquids. The tw o new
5. proposed pipelines will extend more than 300 mil es and
6. 255 miles, respectively, in Pennsylv ania b etw een
7. Houston Boroug h , W ashington County, PA and M arcus Hook
8. Bo rough, Delaware County, PA. The two new propo sed
9. pip elines cross three regions of the DEP, five counties
10. in the Southw est Region, ten counti es in th e
11. Southcentra l R eg ional, two counties in the Southeast
12. R eg ion.
13. N otice of the Ch apt er 105 permit
14. Applications was publishe d by DEP in the Pennsylv ania
15. Bulletin on Saturd ay, June 25th , 2016. N otic e of a
16. public hearing was publish ed in the Pennsylvania
17. Bulletin on Saturday, July 11th , 2016, and also the

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1. Alt oona Mirror and Hunt ingdon Daily N ews on July 28th ,
2. 2016, as well as several other Pennsylvania med ia
3. publicat ions.
4. DEP will accept writt en comments on the
5. Sunoco Pipeline , L. P ., Chapter 105 Applications throug h
6. W ed nesd ay, Aug ust 24th. Thank you.

7 CHAIR:

8 Thank you , Scott . The public comments and

1. th e Department' s response will b e mad e part of the
2. administ rative record , which is availabl e for review at
3. DEP 's Southcent ral Regional Office Building in
4. Harrisburg. Arra ngem ents can be mad e to revie w the
5. administ rative record by calling 717-705-47 32 during
6. regular b usiness hours , which are 8 :00 a.m. to 4:00
7. p. m. Monday through Friday.

The record can also b e

1. viewed online by g oing to DEP' s website, clicking on
2. th e pipeline port al and then clicking the Southcent ral
3. R eg ional tab.
4. We will now beg in the public h earing
5. portion of this prese nt ation --- of this procee ding .
6. Registration for this hearing is now officia lly closed.
7. I w ill call thos e who have prereg istered to come
8. forward. They will b e called in th e order in which I
9. received their registration request .
10. We ask you to start by stating your name

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* 1. and your address. And please say it clearly, so the
  2. stenogr apher

re can und erst and it. You will hav e

1. thre e minut es to provide your te stimony. When you have
2. one minut e left, I will hold up a sign for one mi nut e.
3. And then when you've rea ched your limit, I will ask you
4. to stop. After you are done, if you have prepared
5. comment s, you can drop them in the box up h ere at the
6. table at which the stenogra er is seated .
7. So wit h that , we will call our first
8. person to g ive test imony toni t . And that is David
9. Taylor.

MR. TAYLOR:

1. Thank you. My name' s David Taylor,
2. T A-Y-L-0 -R , 225 Stat e Street, Harrisburg, PA, 17101.
3. David Taylor, T-A-Y-L-0-R, 225 State Street ,
4. Harrisburg, PA, 17101. My name is David N. Ta

or , and

1. I'm the President of the Pennsylvania Manuf acturers'
2. Associat ion. We are the statewide n onprofit t rade
3. organizat ion that represents the p eople who make things
4. here in our Commonwealth, generat ing over $82 billion
5. annually in state g ross prod uct, employing 570,000 hard
6. working Pennsylvania ns on the pla nt floor and
7. support ing llions of additional Pennsylvania jobs in
8. supply chains, distribut ion networ ks and industrial
9. v endors.

As a nat ive of neighboring Huntin

on County,

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* 1. I am grateful to the Pennsylvania Departm ent of
  2. Environmental Protect ion for this opport unity to

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* 1. test ify in favor of Sunoco Logistics Mariner East II
  2. Project.

5 The shale eff ect on manufacturing is

1. underway, makin g the Unit ed States, and more
2. specifically Pennsylva nia, a more att ract ive place for
3. business investment. Acc ording to a new analysis by
4. PricewaterhouseCoopers, shale gas development could
5. hav e the follow ing total impact s on U. S. manufacturing.
6. First , annual cost savings of $22. 3 billion in the year 12 2030 and $34. 1 billion in 2040. Also, 930,000 shale

13 gas-driven manufacturing jobs creat ed by th e year 2030 14 and 1,410,000 jobs my 2040.

1. To remain glob ally compet itive,
2. Pennsylvania manufact urers depend on access to
3. affordable, clean-burning nat ural gas and natural gas
4. byprod uct s, like but ane, prop ane, ethane and natural
5. gasoline, which are manuf acturing feedstocks. Tot al
6. natural gas demand is poise d to increase by 40 percent
7. over the next decad e. And researche rs at the N ational
8. Associat ion of Manuf acturers found the key drivers of
9. this demand will be manuf acturing and pow er generation.
10. However, Pennsylvania 's existing pipeline
11. infrastructure does not mee t the needs of gas producers

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1. or industrial, commercial and residential end users.
2. That is why projects such as M ariner East II are so

3 vit al for Pennsylvania' s economy.

This project is

1. p articularly important, bec ause the pipeline will be
2. used to transmit butane, prop ane and ethane.
3. B esides being an excellent, cle an-burning
4. affordable fuel source, natural gas is the feedst ock of
5. all modern manufacturing, eth ane becoming ethylene,
6. b utane b ecoming butylene and prop ane b ecoming
7. propylene. These products, whi ch are manuf a ctured
8. g oods themselv es, excuse me, bec ome products such as
9. p olyethylene, arguably the most import ant input in
10. modern manufacturing. Compani es will locat e where the
11. materials are readily v ariabl e and most affordable.
12. Pennsylvania' s abundant , reli abl e and cost-effecti ve
13. energy mark et will be coupled with the logist ical ease
14. of accessing these manufacturing building products ,
15. ma king Pennsylvania more economi cally compet itive. N ew
16. w est-to-e ast pipeline infrastruc ture in Pennsylvania
17. can ma ke us a global energy leader by allowing the
18. v alue-added p etrochemical manuf acturing to happen here
19. instead of Texas and Louisiana.
20. Successfully deploy ing the new energy
21. infrastructure Pennsylvania needs is our org anization' s
22. top priority. Therefore, w e at the Pennsylv ania

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Manufacturers' Associat ion emphatically support th e

1. Mariner East I product . And respectfully request
2. Pennsylvania DEP to do the same. Thank you.
3. CHA IR :

5 Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Speaker number two

6 s Ellen Gerhar .

1. MS. ELLEN GERHART:
2. My nam e is Ellen Gerhart , G-E-R-H-A-R T,

9 15357 Trough Cree k Val ley Pike, Huntingdon,

1. Pennsylvania , 16652. And unl ike the previous spea ker,
2. I will limit my comments to strict ly the Chapter 102
3. and 105 permitting process. I'm a landowner in
4. Hunt ingdon County .

I'v e had 3 out of my 27 acres of my

1. property seized by Sunoco Log istics through e nent
2. domain. Three acres may not seem like much, but these
3. three acres conta in a pond, streams and wetlands.
4. We w ere never contact ed by Sunoco
5. Logistics regardin g any sort of environmental
6. ev aluation of the impact of the ir p eline and

2 0 t emporary wor kspace would hav e on these wat ers. In

2 fac , the first piece of informa tion we receiv ed w as a

1. copy of Tetra Tech 's aerial map with an overlay of the
2. proposed pip eline and workspace. Immediately , we
3. not iced several discrepancies between the map and the
4. reality on the ground. Known streams wet lands,

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1. which can clearly be seen on Google Maps, were ssing.
2. W e made numerous att empt s to contact DEP, the
3. Hunt ingdon Count y Conser vation District , Fish and
4. Wildlife, Army Corps of Eng ineers and Fish and Boat to
5. make them aware of these issues, but to no avail. N one
6. of these agencies, which are supposed ly in place to
7. project the env ronment , showed any interest in looking
8. at our situation.

When Sunoco Logist ics surveyors came

1. to delineate th e streams and wetlands, they placed
2. markers w ithout checking the area for hydrologic soil.
3. They did not survey any of the flora or fauna for
4. indicator species for wetlands or stream qualit y.
5. W e were finally forced to hire our own
6. environmental consulting firm, an expens e which many
7. andowners along the 350 mile len h of Mariner East
8. are unable to af ord. This is a copy, I have it here,
9. of Schmid & Companies findings. Seventy-two (72) pages

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of findings. They found that Tet ra Tech owned a reported one-half of our streams and only one-sevent h o our wetlands. In addition, Tet ra Tech

srepresented the largest wet land area as emergent wet land, not forested wet land. Our consulting expert in aquat ic flora and fauna ident ified crayfi sh, salamanders and various inspects that are indicator

species of good stream quality. N one of this appear ed

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1. in any of Tetr a Tech' s findings.

I shudder t o think

1. about h ow may oth er error s and omissions may have b e en
2. mad e on the other 350 miles of proposed pip eline , if
3. this many mist akes can be found on thr e e acr e s.
4. When Sunoco came and clearcut the
5. right-of-way and temporary workspace, the 45 to 90-foot
6. trees that they cut on th e steep slope next t o our pond
7. wer e simply left lying on th e ground. Because wit h no
8. permits, Sunoco cannot mov e those tre es. This
9. clearcutting has left our streams, pond and wetlands
10. expose d to erosion. Sunoco 's Erosion Control Plan
11. consists of throwing mesh on the dirt and sowing some
12. grass seeds on it . This is supposed to take the place
13. of the trees that no longer exist. The wet lands and
14. stream will be forev er impact ed, since Sunoco will be
15. permitted to return to maint ain the right-of-way.
16. Ironica lly, DCNR is currently encouraging
17. landown ers to plant trees along streams. Sunoco
18. Logist ics and DEP mad e absolutely no attempt to do any
19. onsite environmental evaluation until aft er the
20. right-of-way and temporary workspace had alr e ady bee n
21. clearcut at the end of Marc h and b eginning of April.
22. W e hav e now sent all the information to the Army Corps
23. of Eng ineers and request ed a jurisdictional
24. det erminat ion of our property.

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* 1. We' v e b een reaching out for help to
  2. government agencies such as DEP, since the spring of
  3. 2015. Please fight for and support the environmental
  4. rights of Pennsy lvania citizens against the corporat e
  5. pillaging of pipeline companies such as Sunoco
  6. Logist ics. Thank you.
  7. CHAIR:

8 Thank you, Ell en. N ext speaker is Vince

1. M atteo.

Is Vince present ?

Okay.

Moving on.

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1. speaking is Elise Gerhart.
2. MS. ELISE GERHART:
3. This past March I watched helplessly as
4. Sunoco crews ent ered my families property and laid
5. wast e to it . I watched as they destr oyed a
6. hundred-year-ol d forest that my family had stewarded
7. since b efor e I was born. I wat ched my parent s, having
8. b een b et rayed by the agencies who are supposed t o
9. prot ect them, grieve for the loss of their land and
10. their rights.
11. I felt the undue hat red of men employ ed by
12. Sunoco, as they tramped around our home with chainsaws
13. and a callous disregard, making jokes about doing
14. things that w ould kill m e. I felt the disorient ing
15. feeling of having a land scape I have known a ll my life,
16. changed in a few hours of wor k. This experi ence has

# 1 forever altered my life, my viewpoint and my uture.

1. I am here now to ur ge the Department of
2. Environment al Protect ion to deny all permit s for
3. Sunoco's Mariner East Pipelin e Project. I could go on
4. and on about the environmenta l acts that would
5. result from Sunoco' s construction. There is much more
6. that can be said --- that can be said in three short
7. minutes.
8. However, to focus on the codes themsel ves,
9. w ill simply bring to your attention that Sunoco has

1 not fulfilled its obligations. The company has not

1. secured all easements along the 350 mile long route.
2. There are ongoing disputes over land rights in mult iple
3. counties in the Comm onwealt h. My f ly and oth ers
4. will continue to ight eminent domain abuse.
5. You are probably aware that this est ion
6. of wheth er or not a private company can take your
7. prop erty for their own profit will wind up in the state
8. S reme Court. So I will remind you, that it will be a
9. long t ime until a ll easements are secured.
10. Secondly, the Depa rtment is w ell aware
11. that Sunoco is and will continue to be a chroni c
12. viol ator. They have fa iled to be honest wit h you.
13. They hav e been fined by you, not only for accidents
14. whi ch polluted Pennsylvania 's waters, t for failing
15. to support su

accidents to you.

Two years ago,

1. Sunoco mov ed ahead wit h construction act ivities on
2. Ma riner I w ithout seeking the Department 's approval at
3. all. This patt ern also gives the Department the right
4. to deny any permits.

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1. explored.

Thirdly, no alternatives ha ve been

Sunoco decided it would simply be cheaper t o

1. go through more of our ground than to involve oth er
2. landowners nea r us. Most importantly, th e
3. const ruction of th e M ariner East I is at complete odds
4. with Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania
5. Constitution, as is the using of nent domain to
6. seize land that ind ividual propert y owners have cided
7. to set aside for conservation. The Department ha s
8. every right to deny these permits. Pennsylvanians will
9. be forced to hold your agency accountabl e if you
10. knowing allow Sunoco to move forward with actives th a t
11. will violat e Pennsylva nia law.
12. And to the Labor folks h ere , I just want
13. to ask you to stop t reating people li

me and my



1. f ly like the enemy, beca use it is not us versus you.
2. t is not our rights v ersus your right . It lS not our
3. right to prot ect our pro perty versus your job. Okay?
4. Tha t' s not what this is about. There are jobs to be
5. had in pipelining in Pennsylvania, repairing and

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1 maintaining existing infra structure. Ther e are jobs

2 there. There are things that need t o be don e that

1. aren' t being done. There' s safety protocols that need
2. to be implement d, that aren't being implemented, you
3. know. And it doesn't hav e to be like this. You don't
4. have to come out here and force against us.
5. are not against you. And I am askin g you rig

Okay? W e

her e,

1. right now to please not come to family' s home and

9 further dest roy it. I am begging you. Okay ? W e don't

10 deserve that. mot h er was a p ublic school tea er

1. for 32 yea rs, a special ed ucation teacher. My father
2. is 85 years old, and he has been through more in his
3. life tha n I could tell you in hours. Okay?
4. W e are just Pennsylvania ns. W e are just
5. America ns. And we just wa nt to be secure in our lives
6. and our livelihoods just like you do. And you don't
7. h ave to come and hurt us in ord er to d o that . So
8. please don't .
9. CHAIR:
10. Thank you, Elise.
11. MR. W EBER :

Next is Dave W eber.

1. Thank you.
2. Street , Ebensburg , PA.

David W eber, 604 West Lloyd

I'm a Special Internat ional R ep

1. wit h the Laborers Internat ional Union of North America
2. and a lifelong resident of Cambria County.

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1 I'm her e in support of the Sunoco

1. Logistics Mar iner II Project Chapter 105 W at e r
2. Obstruct ions & Encroachment permit applicati on. The
3. pr oposed Mariner East II Pipeline will move natural gas
4. liquids from west ern PA to the Marcus Hook Industria l
5. Complex in southeast Pennsylvani a for processing,
6. storage and transport to consumers.

8 This project will create around 30, 000 new

9 jobs dur ing construction, and as many as 400 permanent

10 jobs once the pipeline is operational. These are jobs

11 that would employ local construction workers and

1. laborers. These are good paying jobs for wor kers to
2. support their f lies.
3. itionally, this pipeline could generate
4. $4 .2 billion for the Pennsylvania economy and $62
5. mill ion in tax rev nues. The project is committed to
6. use loca l t:nion l orers, w orkers who have received the

18 most advanc ed pip eline , safety training and other

1. operational excellenc e protocols to prevent neg ativ e
2. i acts on propert y and environment.
3. We live here, work here, hunt , fish, shop,
4. raise our families h ere. W e must be respect ful of our
5. land and our neighbors' lands. But we must a lso ensure
6. that pipeline infrastructure is dev eloped for the safe,
7. e ficient transport ation of those resources as well.

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* 1. Accord ing to the Unit ed State s Departme nt
  2. of Transportation' s Pipeline and Ha zardous Mat e rials
  3. Saf ety Administrat ion, pipelines a re the safest mod e to

4 transport energ y resources. Far safer than

5 transport ing by ra il or over roadways by truck. These

1. resources are crit ical for count less consumer needs ,
2. like winter heating, vehi cle fuel and a vari ety of uses
3. in manufacturing. Domest ic energy, production is a lso
4. critical to national secur ity.
5. Mariner East II will be built and
6. ma intained with th e highest standards for environme ntal
7. safety, create jobs that provide a living wag e, and
8. provide homegrown necessary resources for Pennsylvania
9. and should be approved wit hout de lay.

For these

1. rea sons, please join me in support ing Sunoco Logist ics
2. application for Chapt er 105, Wat er Obstructions &
3. Encroachment permits. Thank you.
4. CHAIR :
5. Thank you, Dave.

20 MS. FLECK:

N ext is M elody Fleck.

1. M elody Fleck. And my address is P.O.
2. Box 182, Pine Grov e Mills, Pennsylvania. First , I'd
3. like to thank the --- than k you for the opportunity to
4. spea k. But three minut es per person at a few h earings
5. across th e state is not sufficient in light of the

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1. enormit y of the project and what is at sta ke for
2. Pennsylvanians. Changing the name of the pr oject
3. mi dstr eam and failing to adequat ely advertis e the
4. issues in affect ed communities, and these he arings, is
5. improper.
6. Sunoco' s Mariner East II Pipeline crosses
7. 17 counties and affects 2,700 property owners , and
8. w ould permanently impact over 35 acres of wetland and
9. 8 .6 acres of streams. The enormous quantity of 700,000
10. barrels of gas will be transp ort ed each day under
11. extreme pressure through our communities, be autiful
12. natura l areas, irreplaceable histori c sites and fragile
13. wet land envir onment s.
14. There are many reasons why thi s project
15. should be stopped. The catastrophic Greensb urg,
16. Pennsyl vania explosion that occurred in April , wit h it s
17. moonscape-type devastation that follows a major gas
18. line explosion is sobering. A resident escap ed bar ely
19. wit h his life and has, it is rumored , had p art of an
20. ear and two appendages amput at ed due to excessive
21. b urns.
22. Two, the lives of fellow Pennsylvanians
23. are b eing risked all along the pipeline rout e. And
24. most don't want it , except for jobs. The onl y way it
25. is pro ceeding is that the corrupting influence of

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1. campaign and lobbying money has led to unb elievable,
2. unc onstitutional ta king of private property by eminent
3. domain for a corpo rate purpose. As a retir ed real
4. est at e attorney, I can assur e you th at this land g rab
5. is not only --- und ermines --- that it' s not an
6. und ermines b asic tenets of rea l est at e law. It
7. negligently exposes families, farms and businesses to
8. extreme risk without their consent.

9 Three, Sunoco Logistics' trac k recor d is

1. not clean or indicative of a high concern for safety
2. and compliance. Four, w e have a b ig problem called
3. global warming. Ninety-five (95) percent of scientist s
4. are urging the end of fossil fuel use so that
5. catastrophic dest ruction of life on the planet may be
6. averted.

Buil d-out gas infrastruct ure will assure

1. increased fossil fuel us e and w e will get --- w e will
2. not get control of this runawa y train. Und eniable
3. nat ural phenomena proves glob a l warming is current ,
4. such as th e alarming increase in atmospheric carb on
5. dioxide readings, glacial ice melt , ocean salinization,
6. and mass species extinction and migration to nort h ern
7. parts of the U. S. And explod ed meth ane craters due to
8. permafrost m elt in Siberia.
9. Five, it is obvious from the p ath and size
10. of the Mariner East II pipeline, that the purpose is

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1. not to serve the loca l public .

The gas is intende d for

1. export and sale to the highest bidd er worldwide. This
2. is a purely profit-driv en motivation. Increasing the
3. mar ket for gas w ill increase drilling , exorbitant w ast e
4. of Pennsylvania 's drinking wat er due to fracking , risk
5. of toxic and radioacti v e contamination of our land and
6. air, serious h ea lth issues for infants and children and
7. pil es of drilling wast e that have no responsibil e means
8. of disposal.
9. Dumping frack waste in landfills or
10. pumping it underground via injection wells is
11. irresponsible. DEP knows that there are unchart ed,
12. abandon wells all over Pennsylvania from which the pump
13. liquids can rise and contaminat e ecosystems. USGS has
14. est ablished that injection wells lubricate fault lines ,
15. causing earthqua kes.
16. for landfills.

And dilution is not the solution

1. W e are th e people of Pennsylvania who you
2. are supposed to be represent ing and prot ecting. W e
3. hav e lives here, homes , families, b usinesses and pay
4. taxes, wor k hard, eat foods g rown h er e and recre at e
5. h ere. Our rights can no longer be given short shift .
6. They are paramount.
7. Und er the Environmental Rights Amendment
8. of the Pennsylva nia Constitution, which is the hig h est

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1. law of th e Commonwe a lth , we have the right to clean
2. air, pur e wat er. And you and other state a gencies are

3 trust ees of Pennsylv ania. You have th e dut y to project

4 us and th e rights not only of us but future generations

5 of Pennsylvanians. Please look at the big picture and

1. don' t issue these pe rmits. Thank you.
2. CHAIR:
3. Thank you, M e lody.
4. MS. WALLACE:

Jody W allace.

1. My nam e is Jody Wallace.

My address is

1. 143 Snare Drive, Tyr one, Pennsylvania. I'm an
2. environmental educat or here in Blair County, but tod ay
3. I speak as a concern ed cit izen.

I am concerned that

1. the Pennsylvania Pipeline Project , also known as
2. Mariner II, will impact wat er quality in Pennsylvania.
3. I und erst and that th e pipe line will go through 581
4. wetlands. Since wet lands provid e filtration of
5. pollut ants and rechar ge gr oundwater, as a citizen I
6. require that Pennsyl vania Departm ent of Environment al
7. Protection hold the P P P Chapt ers 102 and 105 permits
8. account ab le to the standards of th e Cle an W ater Act.
9. W etlands are crucial habit at for specially
10. adapted animal and p lant species. I requir e that the
11. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
12. hold the proposed p ermits to the standards of the

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1. Endang er ed Species Act .
2. I am concerned about groundwa ter. N ot
3. only will this pipeline d irectl y endanger gr oundwa ter,
4. it will encour age the gr owth of the £ra cking

5 indust ries. Studies hav e shown, and I cite this in the

1. paper, that water inject ed into £racking sites contain
2. carcinogens and mut agens . I appeal to the Pennsylvania
3. Department of Environment al Protection to hold the
4. Sunoco company and other £racking and pipeline
5. companies to the stand ards of law that protects the
6. people of the Commonwealt h , many of whom hav e wells,
7. from gr oundwat er contaminat ion afforded by the Safe
8. Drinking W ater Act and the R esource Conservat ion and
9. R ecovery Acts. W e Pennsylv anians have Marcel lus Shale,
10. but Pennsylvania DEP keep us from turning an ent ire
11. state into Flint , Michigan.
12. I'm concerned about b irds. W ith over
13. 300 mil es of pipeline and a 50-foot right-of-way,
14. that' s lots of trees cut down and hab itat d isturbance,
15. making w ay for invasiv e species. PA DEP must hol d the
16. permit t o the highest stand ards of the Migr at ory Bird
17. Act.
18. Finally, I am concerned about humans.
19. Other spea kers will addr ess safety and glob al climat e
20. change issues. B ut I want to address envir onment al

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1 justice. I see some pumping stations and the p ip eline

1. and the refinery are located near towns with minority
2. and low income p opulations. Please also address
3. sensitive populat ions, including children and the
4. unbor n fetuses. Pennsylvani a Department of
5. Environment al Prot ection must give full consid er ations
6. to these populat ions und er Executiv e Ord er 12898 issued
7. February 16th , 1994.

9 I implor e the Pennsylv ania Department

1. M ent al PA DEP to do its job, pr otect our land, our
2. w at er, our wildlif e and the people of th e Commonwealt h
3. of Pennsylv ania under the fullest ext ent of the law.
4. CHAIR:
5. Thank you, Jody .
6. M R. DUNLEAVY:

N ext is Tim Dunle avy.

1. My name a Tim Dunleavy. I live at 537
2. Cricklewood Drive in State Colleg e Pennsylv ania. Thank
3. you for this opport unit y and thank you, ev erybody, for
4. showing up. The worldwide hydroc arbon mar kets are
5. currently g lutted. W hile this lowe rs pric es, it
6. disc ourages the mod erni zation of our ene rgy policies.
7. Unfort unately, the bounty of the pr esent discourag es
8. long-t erm solutions.
9. 120 years ago, a coal-based energy sector
10. fought hard against oil and g as. 2 00 years before

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1. that , coal was being fought by the whale oil industry,
2. the fuel of choic e throughout Europ e. W hale oil gave
3. way t o coal, which yield ed to oil and gas. At each
4. point , v est ed interest warned that economic ruin ---
5. about economic ruin should the old b e replaced by the
6. new. Had w e heed ed thes e calls, there would 'be no
7. whales , no trees or no coal in the ground . W e would
8. lack the energy infrastr uctur e to mov e to the next
9. energy innov ation. This is a decision that w e face.
10. Do we adopt the 21st Cent ury energy p olicy or do we
11. defend ant iquat ed technology?

Is it in our best

1. inter est to double down on the 21st Century equiv alent
2. of whale oil?
3. The Pennsylv ania Constitutio n guarant ees
4. the maint enance of , quot e, natural, scenic, hist oric
5. and aesthet ic values of the environment , unq uot e. This
6. is our birt hright . What insuranc e is th er e that our
7. rights will be honored when we lose so many miles of
8. our birt hri ght to the t ransmission and ultimat ely the
9. increase d production of this 21st Century v ersion of
10. whale oil?
11. A review of Sunoco Log istics Safety
12. R ecords raises some concerns. Ov er the last decade,
13. the Pipeline and Hazard ous Materials and Safety
14. Administ ration has filed 262 incidence report s against

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1. Sunoco Logistics. In 2015 , Sunoco Log ist ics g arnered
2. an impressiv e 42 violations from the PA Dep artm ent of
3. Environment al Protection, on th e v ery pip eline project
4. we now discus.

5 So for th ese reasons, I humbly request

1. that the PA DEP fulfill its obligations wit h respect to
2. the constituti onally guarante ed rights of the citizens
3. of our Commonwealt h. Specifica lly, I ask the following
4. items be seriously consider ed. One, ext end the
5. Chapter 105 permitting comment period and hold h earing s
6. in the other 13 affect ed counties.

Two, g iven Sunoco

1. Logistics' recent hist ory of violations and incident
2. report s, place the request for Chapter 102 and 105
3. permit s und er the highest leve l of scrutiny.
4. Thr ee, honor the rights, nee ds and wishes
5. of the 2, 700 plus landowners whose properties will
6. permanently be impacted by this and oth er pipeline
7. projects. Four, quit taking land from uncooper ative
8. property owners.
9. forced upon them.

No one should hav e this project Please don' t use the coerciv e force

1. of government to benefit a v er y few at th e expens e of
2. the v ery many.
3. And five, strict ly enforce maint enance
4. standards on all pipelines in the Commonwealth.
5. M ethane lea ks are becoming more, not less common. Six,

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1. provid e concrete reasons why all of this is nec essary.
2. The ultimate purpos e of this pipeline is to transmit
3. Mar cellus Shale gas to plants wh er e it will b e
4. liquified and sold overseas. M ost of this gas is owned
5. by foreign companies , does not benefit Pennsylvania or
6. the U. S.
7. We can't meet modern energy challenges
8. wit h 19th Century energy technol ogies , we must move
9. p ast oil and gas or lose our global dominanc e. We need
10. to put our resourc e into renewable and sustainabl e
11. ener gy solutions , not the ne eds of the v ested interest.
12. How ever, if w e end up doubling down on the past , we
13. ind eed w ant to continue relying on an updated version
14. of whale oil technology, let 's at least do it right.
15. Please conduct full and thorough reviews
16. of Sunoco Logistics Mariner East II, Chapter 105 and
17. 102 Permit s. And ple ase respect the wish es of
18. Pennsylvania propert y owners , th e quality of our land
19. and water. It is your duty as gov ernment officials and
20. our right as cit izens of this gre at Commonw ealt h.
21. Thank you.
22. CHAIR :
23. Thank you, Tim.
24. MS. ALB RIGHT:

N ext is Etta Albr ight.

1. My nam e Etta Al bright . And I live in

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* 1. Cresson. A-L-B-R-I-G -H-T. G as pip elines across
  2. Pennsylv ania are not a single issue. They are part of
  3. th e fossil fuel indust ry' s effort to increase
  4. acquisition, processing, transporting and promoting
  5. unh ealthy depend ency on fossil fuels cont radict ory to
  6. science-b ased facts that met hane is many times wor se as
  7. a greenhouse gas in climat e change th at is th reatening

8 sustainab ility of our p lanet.

Ther e is

no such th ing

9 as clean fossil fuel.

1. Th e following is t ext representativ e of
2. th e intent of th e Par is Climat e Tal ks held t o embr ace
3. climate change. The goal of 1.5 cent imeter is a b ig
4. leap below the 2C, agreed six years ago in Copenh agen.
5. Th at' s decreasing th e temp eratur e of the earth. Her e' s
6. wha t the agreement means for globa l emissions in the
7. future of the planet .
8. G overnments hav e signaled an end to the
9. fossil fuel era, committ ing for the first t ime th rough
10. univ ersal agreement to cut greenhous e gas emissions and
11. to avoid the most dang er ous effects of climate chang e.
12. Aft er 20 years of fraught meet ings, includ ing the p ast
13. two weeks spent in an exh ibit ion h all on the outskirts
14. of Paris, negotiat ors from nearly 200 count ries signed
15. ont o a legal agreement that set ambitious goals to
16. lim it tempera tur e rises and to hold governments to

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* 1. account for reaching thos e target s.
  2. Government and bus iness leaders set th e
  3. agre ement whi ch set a new goa l to reach net zero
  4. emissions in the second half of the century, sent a
  5. powerful signal t o global mar ket s, hast ening the
  6. transit ion away from fossil fuels and to clean ener gy
  7. economy.
  8. The deal was carefully construct ed to
  9. carry legal force, but without requir ing appr oval by
  10. the U. S. Congr ess, whi ch hav e would have almost
  11. certainly rejected it. Let 's not let the immoral
  12. behavior or influenc e of fossil fuel indust ri·es control
  13. or spea k for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvani a and its
  14. people.
  15. A ban on £racking is nee ded to allow
  16. scienc e and leg islat ion to catch up to an
  17. industry-root ed in exempt ions from Safe Drinking Water
  18. laws, Clean A ir laws, Public' s Right to Know laws and
  19. freedom from responsibilit ies , includ ing a gag ord er on
  20. physic ians about he alth issues.
  21. B ecaus e Pennsylvania is known as an
  22. ext ract ion stat e have townships and borough supervisors
  23. even thought of asking about decommissioning of
  24. pipelines, compressor stat ions , power plants and alike.
  25. And wh en ther e' s a drought, will res idents receive

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1. w ater befor e g as-powered electr icity g ene rat ing
2. stations. W e need t o think about these things. And as
3. the previous spe a ker pointed out , it's not about us
4. ag ainst you, Americ a --- Pennsylvania' s wor kers are the
5. b est in the county . We show that by how ma ny families
6. were raised wit h workers in dress factories , shirt
7. factories, shoe factories, all these indust ries. And
8. so Pennsylva nia can do it right . But I'm trouble d by
9. this treatment in this --- announcing this m eetin g
10. t onight . And it says her e, the DEP officia ls
11. anticip at e numerous job opening s associat ed with
12. construction and up keep on the proje ct, Ma riner E ast.
13. I hav e your number .

The M ariner East man who' s g oing

1. to take the oil to

sea. But they had to chang e that.

1. They changed it to the Pennsylv ania Pipeline Project to
2. kind of make it look nic er.
3. But that stat ement about DEP officia ls
4. commenting about the economics of this is v ery
5. inappropriat e. And when I ask these g ent lemen that
6. were standing out in front the of Convention Cent er if
7. they w ere offered any jobs wit h sustainable renew able
8. energy , they had not. So let ' s take a look at this.
9. There are jobs. The Lea gue of Women Vot ers , a ver y
10. respectable organization, has done a study on the
11. economics of this. And there are jobs that are

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1 associated with renewable energ y .

So don' t let this

2 fossil fuel industry threaten you or intimidat e or use

3 you, exploit you. Be cause that' s be en the hist ory of

4 fossil fuels in this state, exp loiting the workers.

5 The workers had to fight for everyt hing to be treat ed

6 wit h decency and wit h safety in line, too. And let's

7 not forget that . And let' s not forget about our

1. children and our grandchildren.
2. As a registered nurse, I took care of

10 p eople in a resident ial facility , and some of their

11 d iagnosis was unknown prenat al influences. Now ,

1. they' ll tell you, oh, gas is cleaner. They won't tell
2. you about the volatile organic compounds that threat en

14 life, and one of our speakers spoke t o already. So

15 let' s think about this. It is not about us against

16 you.

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We are proud Pennsylvania wor kers.

Every t ime that fire whistle g oes off in

1. our community and these people are running , and g oing
2. to things that they didn't start but they' re expect ed

2 0 to ta ke care of , I think of this pipeline. I think of

1. this fossil fuel industry. So please don' t sell
2. yours elf short .
3. and good wages.

You deserve g ood wor king environment Thank you.

1. CHAIR:
2. N ext is Joe Lundy .

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1 M R. LUNG:

2 name a Joe Lundy, 216 Grandvie w Drive,

3 Nort h , Pitt sburgh, PA. Good evening. My name is Joe

4 Lundy , and I'm here to speak in support of the Mariner

1. East II Project. I am the Chief Financial Officer of
2. Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company, the Caterpillar

7 deale r in 27 locations here in Pennsylvania. W e are a

8 amily-owned company founded in 1948 . And w e employ

1. over 1,200 employees, both union and nonunion. We
2. sell, rent and service construct ion equipment and

11 eng ines made by Caterpilla r and other manuf actur ers to

1. pipeline contr actors throughout Pennsylvania.
2. The Mar cellus and Ut ica Shale natural gas
3. opportunit y has allow ed our company to hire over 350
4. employees over the last five years.
5. used to build roads, d rilling pads,

Our equ nt is retention ponds and

1. pipeline infrastruct ure. W e also service Cat erpillar
2. engines used in all phases.
3. Our company has a close and longstanding
4. supply relationship with pipeline cont ractors operating
5. throughout Pennsylvania, including many of those th at
6. will be involved in this project.

W e provide them wit h

1. the best equipment ava ilable with respect to
2. productivity and rel iability, emissions cont rol, low
3. operating footprint and minimal land disturbance.

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* 1. The five pip eline compani es that will be
  2. doing w ork on this proj ect are known for emp loying best

1. p ractic es in const ruct ion, including earth moving,
2. mat eria l hand ing and land rest oration.

We provide 24/7

1. equipment supp ort to ensure that projects are not
2. delay ed due t o equipment downt ime.
3. We have a lready earmarked and a llocat ed
4. equipment ass et s along the pat h of th e M ariner East II
5. construction, so the project can be complet ed wit hout
6. d elays relat ed to equipment availabilit y.
7. This project will support hundreds of jobs
8. at Clev eland Brot hers at a t ime when the ong oing
9. downturn in Pennsylvania' s energy prod uction is
10. threat ening the jobs of our wor kers and the livelihoods
11. of their families, a long wit h those of the cont ractors
12. w e support .
13. Also at sta ke in this pro ject' s approval
14. are the jobs of many thousa nds of work ers tha t support
15. the prod uct ion of natura l gas and th e natura l gas
16. liquids in the shale format ion a cross th e stat e. They
17. cannot produc e what cannot be t ransport ed to market
18. bec ause of lack of th e p ipeline capacit y. M ariner East
19. II will go a long way to help alleviat e thes e
20. constraint s.
21. Becaus e of all th e const ruct ion and energ y

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* 1. pro duction act ivit ies, this pip eline will enabl e,
  2. communities throughout Pennsylvania will b enefit from
  3. wor ker incomes earned. M uch of it is spent locally.
  4. The resulting stat e and local taxes paid b y them and
  5. their employers will support public educati on,
  6. environmental pro grams, infrastructure, public safety
  7. and other state/local government operations.
  8. Pennsylvania' s economy as a whol e will
  9. benefit greatly. And from an energy independ ent
  10. standpoint, projects like M ariner II will enable this
  11. abund ant , clean and domestic fuel to be provide d across
  12. our state in a safe manner and reducing our dep end ence
  13. on OPEC and other foreign g ov ernment s.
  14. We as a state ne ed to spend more tim e
  15. embracing this opportunity that Shale gas has given us
  16. and w hat it can m ean for Pennsylvania. This should be
  17. about clean energy production, cooperation, teamw or k
  18. and jobs, jobs for our children and jobs for our
  19. grand children.
  20. Thank you for this opportunity to off er my
  21. view about why this proje ct is important to our
  22. comp any, Pennsylvania and our gre at country.
  23. you.
  24. CHAIR:

Thank

2 5 Thank you, Joe. N ext is Bob Kutz.

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1 M R. KUTZ:

2 G ood ev ening. My nam e is Bob Kut z. And

1. that' s K-U-T-Z, 1304 W alton Av enue, Altoona, PA .

And I

1. want to say I am h ere in support of the Marine r East
2. project. And I w ould like to say th at this room is
3. full of union mem bers tonight, I think. Is that about

7 right? Are they here? The reason they' re here tonight

8 is, becaus e they too w ant to mak e a better living and

9 continue to wor k with p eople.

10 I can tel l you firsthand, when I w as 12

11 yea rs old, the bulldozer pulled up to our house .

1. That' s how lovesick my father w as with eminent domain.
2. Rout e 220 took our hom e and split the property in half ,
3. which forced us basica lly to sell it all off.
4. not a stranger to it.

So I'm

1. And just recently wit h property I had in
2. Canoe Creek, once again the state had to ta ke some
3. eminent domain action and take a piece of my property.
4. So we 're not strangers to that. I w ant to say that the
5. environmental impact of this, I can see that it has
6. affect ed some people already. And I assure you, that
7. Sunoco has committed to w orking in the high est standard
8. of safety and with the DEP on this.
9. And I w ould hav e to implore everyone to
10. try and believe that , because they will do the b est

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1. th ey can to creat e th e jobs and to try to appease th e
2. owners of the propert y that they need to encroach upon.
3. This isn't easy. I know it 's not . I lost a home th is
4. w ay . N ot just property, but a home. And it can
5. happen. But this can benefit a lot of Pennsylvanians
6. down the road, and I mean a lot.
7. the numb ers tonight.

W e'v e talked about

1. The amount of natural gas and liquid g as
2. that nee ds to be mov ed acr oss our country has
3. increased, because w e mov ed away from coal and we' re

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1. moving towards the natural gas. There are going to be
2. two new generation stations built here within 50 mil es ,
3. generat ing natural gas as its pow er source.
4. I would encour age the DEP to look
5. favorabl y upon this project . But I w ould also caut ion
6. you to make sure that Sunoco' s held to the highest
7. standards for safety and supports the people that are
8. aff ected by it. Thank you.
9. CHAIR :

2 0 Thank you , Bob. N ext is R obert Wilds.

1. M R. WILDS:
2. My name is Rob ert W ilds, 1339 Oa k Roa d ,
3. Leechbur g, PA.

I'm a representat ive of the

1. Internat ional Union of Operat ing Engineers. I'm h e re
2. spea king on b ehalf of th e pipeline. I heard a few

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* 1. things spoken here this evening about environment.
  2. W ell, pipelines are the most environmentally friendly

1. w ay to transport any kind of product. I can only speak
2. about what I know. I'v e been in the pipeline industry
3. for 30 years. The wetlands --- I've seen evolution in
4. the pipeline industry in 198 6, w hen I started. You g o
5. through w etlands, it separat es the soil. We keep the
6. soil in the wetlands so everything goes back in so ---
7. to maintain that wetland.
8. And as far as endang ered species.

W e work

1. around endang ered species. W e wor k around
2. rattlesnakes. We hav e to leav e them b e, w or k around
3. the tort oises in the Midwest . Okay? Safety , I heard
4. also that --- let 's just rep air the old. Okay? Yeah,
5. you can do it . You can keep put ting bandag e s on, keep
6. repairing.
7. riding in.

Go to the school bus your childr en are

Let 's not buy a new , safer bus, let' s just

1. keep repairing them old ones. What happens after a
2. w hile? You still g ot that same old bus. It 's not up
3. to safety standar ds.
4. Putt ing a new pipeline in, you got new
5. mat erials, new technology, safer for the public. Okay?
6. I heard t alk about export of pr oducts. So w hat.
7. Export it. What made the Unit ed States of America
8. great after W orld W ar II? W e exported mor e goods than

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1. we import ed. The world looked at us. We w ere an
2. economic leader. They reacted t o us , not us to them.

3 We talked renewables. R enewab les, yeah,

4 they' re a good thing. They' re not h ere yet . I have a

5 l O (K) solar system on my house, very expensive.

1. Increased cost of my house by one-fourt h.
2. for the averag e person.

N ot feasible

1. N ow , I'm going the t a lk on the other side
2. o f my mout h. We' re talking about the envir onment . To
3. make the solar panels that I got , ma ny rare earth
4. minerals. Mot her Eart h was raped to get thos e rare
5. earth miner als out .
6. to a windmill farm.

That 's a lot of dest ruct ion. Go

Just go there and sit , and listen

1. to the sounds. Okay?
2. In closing, I can see my time is running
3. short , ther e are over 6,000 product s made from
4. pet roleum pro duct s. Petroleum. I got a few o f them
5. here, ain' t elast in. Any body know what elast in is?
6. That 's what is Und er Armour. That 's what ma kes Under
7. Armour w or k. Heart v alves are made from pet roleum
8. pro ducts , toothbrush es, dentur es , lifejacket s,
9. vaporizers artificia l limbs, aspirin, rubbing alcoho l ,
10. pet roleum jelly , ant ihistamine s, the insulat ion for
11. wire. So even if we did have renew able ener gies for
12. elect ric , w e still need petr o leum products t o ma ke

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1. insulation for the wiring. Bandages .
2. In closin g , if you want to stop the

3 pipeline, I'll tel l you how to do it , it' s not hard.

4 Stop using the products. It's v ery easy, people. I'm

5 in the support of the pipeline. Thank you.

1. CHAIR :
2. Thank you, Robert. N ext is Jerry

8 Stalna ker.

9 MR . STALNAKER:

1. My name a Jerry Stalna ker from Alt o ona.
2. I'm a little by the at a disadvanta g e tonight bec ause
3. of a hearin g problem, so I can't react emot ionally, but
4. appropriately maybe. This is my first time to appear
5. befor e a he aring like this. And I conside r it a real
6. privilege to do so --- to do that. And I just want to
7. express appreciat ion.

W e live in a gre at land where we

1. can express our opinions and disagre e with each other,
2. and not get shot or get our head cut off or whate v er.
3. So that' s a great privileg e.
4. I'm here tonight because I read an artic le
5. in tod ay' s newspap ers by Ant hony Sewell, here tonight.
6. Maybe he was her e and left. But at any rate, he wrot e
7. an article entitl ed Sensible Environment alism at W ork.
8. And w e all as Americans , hav e something to gain or lose
9. by laws that are passe d by our government. And it' s

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1. about time that I, Jer ry, ta ke some inter est in what' s
2. going on in our country today . I look at these men. I

3 don't know how ma ny ther e are h ere in orang e shirts.

**4** But you' re h ere b ecause you w ant to w ork.

You w ant to

1. do your jobs and support your families, and have a
2. decent lifestyle. And I recogni z that ther e are
3. problems tha t need to b e w or ked out. But surely, we
4. can cooper at e w ith ea ch other and do what is b est for
5. our country .

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1. article.

My comment s are ta ken from Mr. Sewell' s He support s common sense approach to

1. developing natural gas infrast ruct ure. And I hope I
2. can rea d my writ ing.
3. should favor that.

It 's not too good. Everyone her e Some major points he ma kes are

1. this. N umb er one , tap th e resources w e hav e at our
2. feet.

Good stew ardship and rising demand dict at e this.

1. Therefore , seize the opportunity presented b y M arcellus
2. Shale format ions to do this.
3. N umber tw o, creat e opport unities, present
4. themselves by having the rich resources of nat ural g as
5. right at our fingertips. Opp ortunities like jobs,
6. cheaper and mor e plentiful g as is not the right time
7. for th e clean pow er plant to pla ce unrealist ic and
8. harmful --- harmless, our clean and plentiful fuel
9. assets by cutt ing emissions of 23 percent of C02 by

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1. 2030 years if harmful and unrealistic.
2. It seems appropriat e to assure a clean
3. environment by sensible laws like tho se prop osed by
4. M a riner East II. Why spend valuable resourc es on
5. w indmills, which are not only unsight ly and
6. inefficient , b ut exp ensive and unnecessary if and wh en
7. sensible laws are promot ed.
8. If we are proj ecting a 22 percent
9. shortfall of natural g as b y 2030 , why in the w orld
10. w ould we promot e windmills and solar farms, requiring
11. space twice th e size of Philad elphia and cost ing $103
12. billion. That 's a $1 billion. Even that' s a big
13. number today.
14. And w e can also creat e 17,000 new jobs.
15. And at the same time, further clean up the p ollution by
16. sensible laws as he sugg est s. I b eliev e that we should
17. a ll get aboard. I believ e it' s a win/win situat ion for
18. everybody. 19

Thank you very much. CHAIR:

1. Thank you, Jerry.
2. M R. HUDSON :

N ext is John Hudson.

1. John Hudson, H-U-D-S-0-N .

I represent

1. Teamsters Local 110 from her e in Altoona. A couple of
2. p eople spoke b efore me, but I'd like to say this. I
3. d on't know how many pipelines w e have passed coming

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1. here. W hen we go turn on that thermostat and we get
2. this , it' s probably because the pipeline hav e brought

3 nat ural gas to that . When we go get a drink of wat er

4 out here , it's probably because the pipeline has

1. brought us that w at er to here .

Wit hout pipelines in

1. our infrastruct ure , w e couldn' t d o anything .
2. I read an article one time. I . think it
3. said th at Pennsylvania had close to 200,000 miles of
4. pip e in the ground already. I d on' t know how many of
5. the se I drove by, and w e're talking about th e wetland s
6. and these pipelines for many years. W ell, the wet land s
7. are still ther e , just as good or bett er than they ever
8. w as.
9. If we g et sick, w e want the very best
10. d octor that we can get. If we get cancer, w e g o to a
11. specialist. The se guys are specialists. They take all
12. th e training, just like a doct or or a lawyer does to go
13. out and build the se pipelines that are envir onment ally
14. safe. W e go und er rivers, we d on't go across them . W e
15. d ig und er them. The pipe is two and three t imes as
16. thick as it is normal. So you w on' t hav e a ccidents and
17. things on rivers and the w et land s.
18. I also read somewher e , that if w e use
19. nat ural gas and rep lace the coal and the fuel oil w e' re
20. using , w e cut out 30 t imes our pollut ion that w e' re

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1. polluting the planet wit h. We' re all wat er-based h ere,
2. guys and g irls. Every one of us, we' re 98 percent
3. wat er. So we all know how important our wat er is t o

4 everybody h er e.

5 And these companies specialize in doing

1. pipelines and keeping our wat er safe and things. W e
2. all drink th e same wat er. We don't want something
3. g etting pollut ed. None of us do. That 's way th e
4. laborers, our operat ors, ourselv es put on all of th ese
5. ext ra classes so we can ma ke not doubl e sure but t riple
6. sure that everything is complet ed and did right and did
7. in a safe, environment ally safe, matter.
8. I'm going to close by saying this. I went
9. to anoth er h earing, and th ere was a g entleman.

I spoke

1. to this g entleman here wh en we wer e coming in. I'm 68 .
2. But the g entleman g ot up and h e said, you know, back in
3. the '4 0s when I was eight or nine years old, they
4. want ed to put electr ic lines thr ough h ere. And
5. everybody jumps up and said, oh, don't do that , it' s
6. going to kill your cows. You w on't be able t o plant
7. underneat h th e elect ric lines and everything . Don' t do
8. it, be opposed to it. Because it's the w orst thing
9. that ev er happened.

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25 later.

W ell, h er e it is, it' s about 75 years

And thank God for the electric lines or we all

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1 w ouldn' t be h ere. I'm g oing t o say what h e said and

1. what this g ent leman said. There' s a w ay th at we can
2. all work together on this. W e 're all aft er the same
3. g oal. That 's economic securit y and having a safe

5 envir onment . And there is a wa y to w ork it all out.

6 And w e' re not enemies, we love you all, and appreciat e

7 what everybody h ad to say h ere. And having said that ,

1. I think we ought to pass this project . You 'v e got to
2. most qualified p eople in th e w orld w orking on it. You

10 h av e a set of regulations in place that th ere is 11 nowh ere in th e w orld that they can build it and be 12 env ironmentally safe. Thank you.

1. CHAIR:
2. Thank you, John.
3. M R. PAUL:

John Paul.

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1. Paul.

G ood evening, everyone. My name is John N obody needs t o know my address. I think th e

1. most dangerous thing that has ever b een said is, w e 'v e
2. alw ays done things this w ay. Yeah, there ' s so many
3. pip elines in Pennsy lvania. But I hav e wit nessed

21 firsthand, th e destruction of the G erhart 's propert y

1. wh en M ariner East II came throu gh. Sunoco didn't hav e
2. th eir p ermit s to dest roy the w et lands they dest royed,
3. and they should hav e.
4. And so for that reason, I'm opposed to

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* 1. th em g aining th eir permit s I me an, th ey' ve alr eady
  2. violat ed --- you know, they ha ve numerous violat ions.
  3. And I'm not sure what 's going to stop them from making
  4. mor e violations in the past --­

5 could be their big ban k account

or in the futur e. It or it could b e their

1. lack of knowledge about what th ey' re really doing. But
2. I strongly urg e you to not gr ant them thei r p ermits.
3. If you care at all about the environment, if you are
4. actually g oing to do th e job as th e Department of
5. Environmental Protection, I strong ly urge you to not
6. grant them their permits beca use of violations in the
7. past and just irresp onsible b ehavior.
8. hav e to say.
9. CHAIR:

That' s all I

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1. back around.

Thank you , John Paul. O kay. Let 's circle One last chance for Vince Matt eo. Is

1. Vince present . Okay. W ell, that concludes the list of
2. speakers who hav e regist ered - for t onight. So this will
3. conclude this publi c h earing. W e will note for the
4. record, the representat ives from the Pennsylv ania
5. Department of Environmental Prot ect ion were pres ent to
6. hold this h earing.
7. As a remin der, th e public comment period
8. will close Wednesday, August 24th. If you wish to
9. submit que stions or comment s bet we en now and th en,

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**1** p lease fee l free to use the resources and information

1. found on the information sheet, which was made
2. availabl e to you at the door and a lso leave contact
3. information, which was made.

5 And wit h that , we want to thank you for

6 begin here tonight .

We appreciate your interest in

7 this project.

8 Thank you. 9

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Have a safe trip home and good night .

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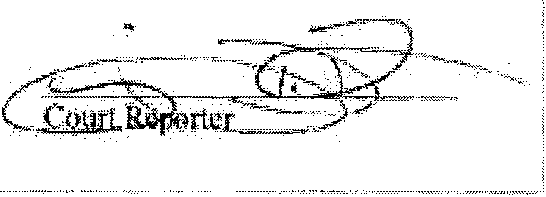
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