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IN RE: SUNOCO PENNSYLVANIA PIPELINE PROJECT/
MARINER EAST II

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PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE: John J. Poister,
Community Relations Coordinator
Rita Coleman, Program Manager

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 MR. POISTER:

4 Good evening. My name is John Poister.
5 I am the Community Relations Coordinator for the
6 Department of Environmental Protection in the
7 Pittsburgh office, which is our southwest region.

8 And tonight we are holding a public
9 hearing on a water encroachment and obstruction permit
10 application from Sunoco Pipeline LP in connection with
11 the proposed expansion of the Mariner East pipeline
12 system.

13 First of all, I'd like to thank you all
14 for coming tonight, and I'd like to thank the
15 Westmoreland County College for hosting us tonight.

16 And I'd like to make sure that you all
17 got a copy of the fact sheet the DEP has prepared. It
18 gives you some information on the process and also
19 some of the details of the permits that are requiring
20 --- that would be required by DEP when we consider
21 situations such as this.

22 Tonight we are here to hold a formal
23 public hearing. We'll take testimony, comments and
24 questions from people who have registered to speak.
25 If you wish to make formal testimony and have not

1 signed up, please go now to the table outside in the
2 hallway and register with the DEP representative at
3 the door there. We will close registration as soon we
4 begin taking the testimony, and you must be registered
5 if you wish to present testimony at the hearing
6 tonight.

7 Because this is a formal hearing, no
8 signs or banners of any kind are permitted in the
9 hearing room. Signs and banners can be displayed in
10 the hallway outside the hearing room.

11 Before we start, I'd like to introduce
12 Rita Coleman, who is the program manager for DEP's
13 waterways and wetlands program in Pittsburgh, and she
14 will discuss the project and the permitting process.

15 MS. COLEMAN:

16 Thank you, John. Good evening. Sunoco
17 Pipeline LP submitted Pennsylvania water obstruction
18 and encroachment permit applications, also known as
19 Chapter 105 applications, as required by the 25 Pa.
20 Code Chapter 105, the PA Dam Safety and Encroachments
21 Act and the PA Clean Streams Law, to the Pennsylvania
22 Department of Environmental Protection, DEP, for
23 activities associated with construction of their
24 proposed Pennsylvania pipeline, also known as Mariner
25 East II pipeline system.

1 The permits are required for proposed
2 activities located in, along, across or projecting
3 into a watercourse, floodway or body of water
4 including wetlands. These 105 applications are
5 currently under technical review by DEP.

6 The PA Mariner --- the PA pipeline
7 Mariner East II project is a proposed expansion of the
8 existing Sunoco Mariner East pipeline system. The
9 overall pipeline project involves construction of two
10 new larger pipelines to convey natural gas liquids.
11 The two new proposed pipelines will extend more than
12 300 miles, and 255 miles respectively in Pennsylvania,
13 between Houston Borough, Washington County, PA, and
14 Marcus Hook Borough, Delaware County, PA.

15 The two new proposed pipelines cross
16 three regions of the DEP, five counties in the
17 southwest region, ten counties in the south central
18 region and two counties in the southeast region.
19 Notice of the five Chapter 105 permit applications
20 located in the southwest region was published by DEP
21 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on Saturday, October 10,
22 2015. Notice of this public hearing was published in
23 the Pennsylvania Bulletin on Saturday, July 9, 2016,
24 and also in the Pittsburgh Tribune Review, Washington
25 Observer Reporter, Uniontown Herald-Standard, Somerset

1 Daily American and Johnstown Tribune-Democrat all on
2 August 4, 2016, as well as several other Pennsylvania
3 media publications.

4 DEP will accept written comments on
5 these Sunoco Pipeline LP Chapter 105 applications
6 through Wednesday, August the 24th.

7 MR. POISTER:

8 Thank you, Rita. Once again, this is a
9 formal hearing. All testimony will be transcribed by
10 a stenographer. The DEP personnel here tonight will
11 not be able to answer any questions during the
12 hearing. Instead, all comments or questions will be
13 addressed in writing by the Department at the close of
14 the public comment period.

15 The public comment period for this
16 permit request ends, as Rita told you, at the close of
17 business at DEP on Wednesday, August 24th, 2016. The
18 close of business is 4:00 p.m. at DEP. Written
19 comments, questions and statements will be accepted
20 until then.

21 The public comments and the Department's
22 response will be made part of the record of the
23 hearing which will be available for review at DEP's
24 southwest regional office in Pittsburgh. Arrangements
25 can be made to review the record by calling

1 412-442-4000 during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m.
2 to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The record can
3 also be viewed online by going to DEP's website to the
4 Mariner East pipeline page.

5 We will now begin the public hearing.
6 Registration for this hearing is officially closed. I
7 will call those who have registered to come up to
8 microphone to provide your testimony. First, we ask
9 you to please state your name and address. Please say
10 it clearly so our stenographer can understand it.
11 You'll have three minutes to provide your testimony.
12 When you have one minute left, I will hold up this
13 sign which says one minute, and when you complete your
14 time limit, I will say time.

15 And we will ask that there be no
16 interruption of the speakers giving their testimony.
17 If there are repeated interruptions, I will have to
18 adjourn the meeting, and then only written testimony
19 will be accepted.

20 So now we will begin the public hearing,
21 and I will call the first person to the podium to
22 speak, and that is Senator Guy Reschenthaler.

23 SENATOR RESCHENTHALER:

24 Thank you for the allowing me to testify
25 today. My name for the record is Guy Reschenthaler.

1 My address 312 New World Drive, Jefferson Hills,
2 Pennsylvania, 15025.

3 I just want to say it is an honor to
4 represent the more than 270,000 residents of the 37th
5 Senatorial District in southwestern Pennsylvania and
6 speak for them tonight here on their behalf. As I was
7 taught to do in the military as a Naval officer, I'm
8 going to put the bottom line upfront. So here's the
9 bottom line. I strongly urge the Department of the
10 Environmental Protection to diligently, but
11 expeditiously approve the permits required by Sunoco
12 Logistics to begin construction of the Pennsylvania
13 pipeline project, also known as Mariner East II. I
14 will refer to this pipeline project as the Mariner
15 East II for the remainder of my testimony.

16 During my service in the Navy, we used
17 the practice of stating the bottom line upfront to
18 make the meaning of our various forms of
19 communications unequivocally clear. I respectfully
20 use that phrase this evening to emphasis the critical
21 nature of the pending decisions before the DEP and my
22 steadfast and unwavering support of Mariner East II.

23 The construction and completion of
24 Mariner East II is vital to the continuing growth of
25 our region's economy, advancing the cause of energy

1 independence, and most importantly creating and
2 maintaining family-sustaining jobs all across the
3 Commonwealth.

4 As I travel around my district going to
5 events, going to door to door, the number one priority
6 and most commonly expressed view from my constituents
7 is the need for more family-sustaining jobs. In fact,
8 just in the hall today before coming, I talked to a
9 member of Teamsters Local Union 30, and he told me I
10 wish this project would have been here when I had
11 kids.

12 That's the family-sustaining job we can
13 get. But I can continue. Mariner East II's
14 construction and completion will have a direct impact
15 on the oil and natural gas industry's ability to
16 create those family-sustaining jobs.

17 Now, I believe the government is not an
18 efficient job creator. This, however, is a
19 tremendous opportunity for our government and
20 specifically the DEP to directly promote and foster
21 significant job growth by approving this pipeline
22 project. The economic benefits and job growth as a
23 result of this pipeline will be experienced all
24 throughout the Commonwealth.

25 Mariner East II is expected to support

1 more than 30,000 jobs during the construction phase
2 and create 300 to 400 permanent jobs. Additionally,
3 Mariner East II is expected to grow Pennsylvania's
4 economy by as much as \$4.2 billion, and that includes
5 up to \$85 million in tax revenue growth.

6 Now, as a descendent of steelworkers,
7 I'm proud to say that the steel will be made right
8 here in America and coated right here in Pennsylvania.
9 This pipeline's completion will fuel the resurgence of
10 Pennsylvania's manufacturing sector through more
11 abundant plastic stocks and lower energy costs. The
12 job growth potential for this project is absolutely
13 immense. It is the number one reason to resolve any
14 and all potential obstacles and expedite permit
15 approvals.

16 The bottom line is this. Pennsylvania
17 needs the approval of Sunoco Logistics' Mariner East
18 II pipeline. Pennsylvanians simply deserve more
19 abundant family-sustaining jobs, lower energy prices
20 and greater energy security. Mariner East II will
21 undoubtedly provide all three of these and much more
22 and will do so for generations to come.

23 Thank you for having me here and
24 allowing me to testify tonight. Thank you.

25 MR. POISTER:

1 Our next speaker is Representative Eli
2 Evankovich.

3 REPRESENTATIVE EVANKOVICH:

4 Thank you, John. Thank you for the
5 opportunity to testify today. My name is Eli
6 Evankovich. My address is P.O. Box 343, Murrysville,
7 Pennsylvania.

8 I am a member of the Pennsylvania House,
9 third term. I represent the northern parts of
10 Westmoreland and northern parts of Allegheny County.
11 I am also a father of three, a small business owner,
12 formerly employed in the steel industry, which will be
13 directly impacted by the Mariner East II pipeline.
14 And I'm also a sixth Evankovich that has lived and
15 called Westmoreland County home.

16 I'm here to voice my strong and
17 unwavering support for the Mariner East II pipeline
18 and ask for DEP's expeditious approval --- doing its
19 due diligence, but expeditious approval of that
20 application.

21 This pipeline makes sense. This
22 pipeline makes sense economically, it makes sense
23 environmentally, and it makes sense from a safety and
24 national security perspective. The economic impact of
25 this pipeline is astounding. There is an estimated

1 \$4.2 billion of economic impact for the State of
2 Pennsylvania alone. There are an estimated 440
3 potential permanent jobs that would be created as a
4 result of this pipeline and downstream activity,
5 30,000 temporary jobs for the building of this
6 pipeline.

7 70,000 tons of domestic steel will be
8 used in the production and the construction of this
9 pipeline, and that steel will in no small part be
10 provided by Pennsylvania steel companies, Pennsylvania
11 --- made by Pennsylvania steelworkers. And that steel
12 will also be coated by --- in large part by a company
13 that's located here in Westmoreland County, Dura-Bond
14 Steel.

15 Environmentally, this pipeline makes
16 sense. We have a society that's reliant on carbon
17 based fuels, fossil fuels. We have an opportunity to
18 more expeditiously transport those fuels to market
19 resulting in in fewer emissions that could potentially
20 harm the environment.

21 I want to be clear. I support this
22 pipeline. I support this pipeline for economic
23 reasons. I support this pipeline for environmental
24 reasons. Every elected official, however, needs to
25 take a look, and every resident of Pennsylvania, every

1 voter, needs to take a look at one of the reasons why
2 this pipeline has to exist, needs to exist in the
3 first place. The very existence of this pipeline in
4 many ways is necessary because of a symptom of an
5 otherwise poor business climate in our state. The
6 supply of gas far outpaces the demand of gas in our
7 region. That's why the pipeline needs to exist, to
8 transport that gas to market.

9 That's a good thing. We want people
10 from around the country and around the world buying
11 things from here in Pennsylvania, and that includes
12 our gas. But the need for this pipeline arises out of
13 the --- in many ways out of those poor business ---
14 out of that poor business climate. Government action
15 and inaction is part of that poor business climate.
16 We need to send a strong message to the nation, and we
17 need to send a strong message to the world that
18 Pennsylvania can be a leader in the business climate,
19 and Pennsylvania can be a leader in job growth. I
20 urge the DEP to approve the application. Thank you.

21 MR. POISTER:

22 The next speaker is Jordan Hoover.

23 MR. HOOVER:

24 Good evening. My name is Jordan Hoover.
25 My address is 1414 Indian Creek Valley Road, Melcroft,

1 PA 15462.

2 I'm here to voice my concern about the
3 completeness and validity of Sunoco's application for
4 the Pennsylvania pipeline project.

5 According to 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 105,
6 Section 105, any application must be accompanied by
7 both storm water and flood plain management analysis,
8 including letters from counties and municipalities
9 that either approve or deny the application's plans
10 based on their individual management plans.

11 The Department's obligation with respect
12 to incomplete applications is spelled out as such.
13 When the Department or delegated local agency
14 determines that an application or registration is
15 incomplete or contains insufficient information to
16 determine compliance with this chapter, it will notify
17 the applicant in writing.

18 The applicant shall have 60 days to
19 provide the information necessary to complete the
20 application or registration. Thereafter, the
21 Department or delegated local agency will consider the
22 application to be withdrawn by the applicant.

23 According to Table 14 1 in the
24 Pennsylvania Pipeline Portal's online application
25 system, 11 of the 24 municipalities in the southwest

1 region are listed as to be determined with regards to
2 compliance with local management plans. Despite
3 Sunoco's assumption that no response from
4 municipalities is tantamount to an approval, this is
5 not stated anywhere in the state law and clearly
6 violates the due process of local governments that
7 have invested substantial time and resources in
8 developing these plans tailored for the specific
9 conditions in their locality.

10 The DEP has deemed the application
11 complete and technically adequate when it is neither.
12 Because of the complete determination, they have
13 opened a public comment period currently scheduled to
14 close on August 24th. Comments from various
15 municipalities and the Delaware County Conservation
16 District demonstrate that if evaluated on its current
17 merits, the application must be denied, yet the public
18 will have no opportunity to comment on additional or
19 revised materials.

20 While concerns about safety may not be
21 directly connected to the Chapter 105 permit review
22 process, it would be an enormous oversight to ignore
23 what happened on April 29th in Salem Township, just 20
24 minutes from where we are tonight, when Spectra
25 Energy's Texas Eastern natural gas pipeline exploded

1 and forever altered the life of a 26-year-old man,
2 James Baker. Sunoco was not at fault in that
3 particular tragedy. However, they have a long list of
4 pipeline incidents of their own.

5 Ensuring the health and safety of
6 Pennsylvania citizens is not only a moral requirement,
7 but also one firmly entrenched in both state law and
8 the state constitution. The issues I've addressed
9 tonight are just a few of the many that in my opinion
10 clearly show that the application submitted by Sunoco
11 currently in the technical review process is
12 incomplete and cannot be approved.

13 Thank you for providing me the
14 opportunity to comment.

15 MR. POISTER:

16 Next we have Melissa Marshall.

17 MS. MARSHALL:

18 Hello. My name is Melissa Marshall. My
19 address is also 1414 Indian Creek Road, Melcroft,
20 Pennsylvania.

21 I'm providing comment today on behalf of
22 the Mountain Watershed Association. We represent
23 1,400 members, the majority of whom live above the
24 Marcellus Shale gas formation and many of whom who
25 have been impacted by --- impacted very negatively by

1 this shale gas development.

2 I would like to first emphasis that it
3 is critical that the comment period for these Chapter
4 105 and 102 permits be extended. Due to the massive
5 scale of this project and the technical nature of the
6 permit applications, it's impossible for the public to
7 review the application in a 60-day time frame. If
8 additional time is not instated, the DEP will violate
9 its duty by depriving citizens of their right to
10 participate in the administrative process.

11 I would also like to quickly address the
12 concern of the many workers here today about job
13 creation. These jobs are incredibly --- these
14 concerns are incredibly valid, and I, by absolutely no
15 means, want to belittle or diminish your worries about
16 being able to obtain gainful employment and provide
17 for your families.

18 I would like to point out that that
19 issue today is entirely out of scope of this hearing,
20 which is to address the content of the Chapter 105
21 permit applications. While Section 105.16 of the
22 Pennsylvania Code does set forth an environmental and
23 economic balancing test, which includes creation of
24 significant employment, it goes on to state in Section
25 8 that this section does not apply to dams, water

1 obstructions or encroachments located in, along,
2 across or projecting into wetlands.

3 This project includes such obstructions
4 or encroachments into wetlands, and so there is no
5 balancing against job creation permitted for the DEP's
6 analysis. In an attempt to engage in our right of
7 public review, we have retained an expert ecologist.
8 He has reviewed Sunoco's 105 permit applications and
9 identified several egregious deficiencies that have
10 been ignored, will endanger wildlife, natural
11 resources, private property, health and livelihoods of
12 people throughout the Commonwealth.

13 In an attempt to engage in our right of
14 public review, Mr. Kunz, our expert ecologist, has
15 been denied files that he needs to thoroughly review
16 this application. I'd like to point out that within
17 the Chapter 105 application on the DEP portal site, it
18 is noted that Sunoco has submitted the files he needs.

19 Yet the actual files are not posted on
20 the portal site, and a DEP staff member told our
21 office that they themselves are not in possession of
22 these files. They are shapefiles which are needed by
23 reviewers to enter into a GIS system to be able to
24 review the entirety of the pipeline route.

25 So this begs the question to us, how is

1 it possible for the DEP to deem the Chapter 105
2 applications complete, let alone for them or us, the
3 public, to review the application, when they
4 themselves do not possess the necessary tools to do
5 so.

6 Even without these files, our expert has
7 identified a frightening amount of discrepancies and
8 omissions in this Chapter 105 permit application. For
9 example, the erosion and sedimentation form in which
10 the applicant states that it is in violation of DEP
11 permits or regulations. However, within the 105
12 permit application, they answer the same question no.

13 This means that either the application
14 is incomplete or the 105 online files that have been
15 provided are omitting crucial information. An
16 incomplete application, as Jordan stated, should not
17 be accepted for review by the DEP, and, by law, the
18 DEP cannot approve a permit for an entity that is in
19 continuing violation of its regulations.

20 MR. POISTER:

21 Thirty (30) seconds.

22 MS. MARSHALL:

23 Thank you. I just want to reiterate
24 that Mr. Kunz identified several other problematic
25 areas, and he won't be able to do a complete

1 assessment unless a reasonable extension of this
2 comment period is given. And given the deadline of
3 August 24th, it's impossible for citizens who have
4 really gone above and beyond their responsibilities to
5 review this application, let alone the DEP whose job
6 it is to thoroughly review the application, to
7 diligently address the large block of inadequacies
8 that we have found. Thank you.

9 MR. POISTER:

10 Could I ask any of the speakers if they
11 have written copies of their comments to drop them in
12 the public comment box here? It will help our
13 stenographer as she recapitulates the meeting.

14 Next speaker, Joe Kirk.

15 MR. KIRK:

16 Thank you for the opportunity to provide
17 testimony on the Mariner East II permits.

18 MR. POISTER:

19 State your name.

20 MR. KIRK:

21 My name is Joe Kirk, and my business
22 address 435 Donner Avenue, Monessen, PA.
23 I serve as the executive director of the Mon Valley
24 Alliance. The Alliance is an association of
25 businesses that engages in actions to promote economic

1 growth in the still economically struggling mid Mon
2 Valley region, not far from where this hearing is
3 taking place.

4 The presence of Marcellus Shale gas in
5 our region has been a bright spot in providing both
6 direct employment and lower energy prices that
7 contribute to growth of local businesses. As an
8 example, one of those businesses, World Kitchen, is
9 the largest producer of Pyrex glass in the world, and
10 most folks here probably have Pyrex products in their
11 homes.

12 Ensuring that growth is sustained means
13 putting in place infrastructure that will broaden
14 markets for natural gas in our region and promote
15 broader utilization of this clean, efficient and
16 affordable energy source.

17 Sunoco Logistics Mariner East II
18 pipeline is a perfect example. This project will
19 transport natural gas liquids, NGLs, from eastern Ohio
20 and southwestern Pennsylvania to the Marcus Hook
21 industrial complex outside of Philadelphia. NGLs
22 supply heat in the winter. They power our homes and
23 businesses. They fuel our manufacturing industry, and
24 they are the feedstock for chemical production,
25 metals, glass, food processing, plastics, fertilizers,

1 fibers, adhesive coatings, cleaning agents and so much
2 more. In other words, they are part of our daily
3 life.

4 Supporting Pennsylvania's energy
5 industry through development of these types of
6 facilities will provide a huge economic boost now and
7 well into the future.

8 Studies show that the Mariner East
9 project would create more than 30,100 direct and
10 indirect jobs during the construction phase, and just
11 for the line itself, 300 to 400 permanent positions
12 throughout Pennsylvania generating \$4.2 billion to the
13 state's economy along the way.

14 But the benefits are not all local.
15 Price Waterhouse Coopers estimates that the domestic
16 gas and the NGL production will provide annual cost
17 savings of \$22.3 billion by 2030 and \$34.1 billion in
18 2040 to the American manufacturing center.

19 So it is clear decisions by DEP as they
20 relate to energy infrastructure could have a wide
21 ranging effect locally and throughout the Commonwealth
22 and across the country.

23 This project is designed in a way that
24 preserves our landscape and ecology while also
25 producing tremendous opportunities and benefits. It

1 is a perfect balance of ensuring that we power our
2 economy while protecting our environment.

3 I urge DEP to approve the permits to
4 ensure that household businesses benefit from this
5 reliable supply of clean and affordable natural gas.
6 Thank you very much.

7 MR. POISTER:

8 Next is Bernie Puzzuole.

9 MS. PUZZUOLE:

10 Thank you. My name is Bernadette
11 Puzzuole, and my business address is 850 Beaver Grade
12 Road, Moon Township, Pennsylvania. I am the president
13 and CEO of Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of
14 Commerce. Our initials are PAACC. Thank you for
15 hosting the hearing and allowing me the opportunity to
16 comment on the proposed Mariner East II natural gas
17 liquids pipeline.

18 Founded in 1904 as the Merchants
19 Protection Association, PAACC has served the
20 Pittsburgh Airport corridor for over 112 years. Today
21 we represent over 1,100 businesses in the 34
22 communities that make up the airport corridor.

23 As an organization, we have seen
24 firsthand the positive economic effect, both directly
25 and indirectly, that pipeline projects have had on

1 many of our communities along the airport corridor.
2 Energy is helping Pennsylvania create a driving,
3 diverse and strong economy and one that should be a
4 model for other states. It is imperative, therefore,
5 to continue to encourage energy development.

6 Pipeline projects provide sustainable
7 wages for our region's residents and help increase
8 revenue for our local businesses. Recently, we joined
9 the Pennsylvania Energy Infrastructure Alliance
10 because we believe it's important to reaffirm our
11 support for developing a modern energy infrastructure
12 across the Commonwealth. Critical pipeline projects
13 like Mariner East present invaluable opportunities for
14 Pennsylvania to solidify its role as a leading
15 contributor to American energy independence.

16 At \$3 billion, the Mariner East II
17 pipeline represents a significant investment in both
18 our state and its economy. The project will support
19 more than 30,000 jobs that will amount to nearly \$1.9
20 billion in total labor income over the two year
21 construction period.

22 It will provide thousands of hardworking
23 Pennsylvanians with good family wage jobs, which will
24 increase consumer spending, strengthen our local
25 economies and spur new business ventures. Once

1 constructed, the pipeline will remain a steady
2 economic contributor with an annual economic impact
3 estimated at \$150 million.

4 Ensuring the safety of our communities
5 and environment is of the utmost importance for all of
6 us. When responsibly built, safely and efficiently
7 operated, and carefully maintained to ensure the long
8 term integrity, pipelines are the best option for
9 transporting our energy resources.

10 The Mariner II pipeline will help
11 eliminate the need for risky accident-prone truck or
12 rail shipments while guaranteeing a reliable supply of
13 domestically produced NGLs.

14 Pennsylvania was especially hard hit by
15 the recession and continues to Pennsylvanians were
16 especially hit hard by the recession and continue to
17 suffer from a lack of well paying, stable employment
18 opportunities. Not often do we have a chance to make
19 a decision that promises to deliver tangible
20 long-lasting benefits for our state and its workforce.
21 The Mariner East project represents one of the few
22 exceptions. Simply put, the opportunity is too good
23 to pass up.

24 We appreciate the work performed by
25 agencies, like the PA DEP and remain continually

1 thankful for your efforts to protect both our
2 communities and our environment.

3 I thank you especially for giving me the
4 opportunity to speak today and urge you to approve the
5 necessary permits for the Mariner East II pipeline.
6 Thank you.

7 MR. POISTER:

8 Michael Butler.

9 MR. BUTLER:

10 I am Michael Butler. Thank you for the
11 opportunity to testify today. My personal address is
12 165 Pius Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

13 On behalf of the consumers, manufacturers, laborers
14 and small businesses engaged in the ever growing
15 discussions on energy in Pennsylvania, Consumer Energy
16 Alliance urges the DEP to approve the permits needed
17 to begin work on Mariner East II pipeline which would
18 enhance reliability and improve access to the massive
19 gas reserves of Marcellus Shale.

20 CEA brings together consumers, producers
21 and manufacturers to engage in meaningful dialogue
22 about American's energy future. With more than
23 400,000 members nationwide, our mission is to help
24 ensure stable prices for consumers and energy security
25 for our nation. We believe that the Mariner East II

1 project does a good job of balancing our energy needs
2 with our nation's environmental and conservation
3 goals.

4 By permitting the Mariner East II
5 project, Pennsylvania will see an influx of private
6 investment, an increase in tax dollars and a boost in
7 much needed job creation. This project represents a
8 \$3 billion investment opportunity into the economy
9 creating more than 30,000 direct and indirect jobs,
10 including more than 13,000 during the construction
11 phase.

12 More importantly, homeowners, retirees,
13 businesses and those living on fixed incomes will
14 enjoy lower utility prices. Access to more affordable
15 reliable natural gas also means lower energy costs for
16 general consumers, more opportunity for manufacturers
17 and businesses and a valuable raw feedstock for the
18 construction of plastics, cars and other products made
19 locally.

20 CEA has always strongly supported a
21 robust natural gas pipeline network throughout the
22 country and the northeast region. We advocate for
23 pipeline safety and believe that minimizing the
24 pipeline's impact on communities is key to any
25 development plan, and the Mariner East II project

1 certainly fits that bill.

2 This proposed project establishes
3 protections that safeguard against potential
4 environment issues while simultaneously providing
5 access to key natural resource. With environmental
6 safety at its highest standard, this pipeline deserves
7 our support and the speedy approval of all remaining
8 environmental permits.

9 It's clear from the detailed planning
10 and thorough analysis Sunoco Logistics has made public
11 that the company intends to do this job right, going
12 above and beyond its mitigation planning
13 requirements.

14 This pipeline project has received a
15 thorough review and vetting by the public. It
16 deserves to be approved and these permits released.

17 We look forward to the opportunity when
18 the new pipelines are in operation in Pennsylvania.
19 Thank you.

20 MR. POISTER:

21 Chris Petrone.

22 MR. PETRONE:

23 My name is Chris Petrone. I live at
24 1806 Fox Way, Pittsburgh, PA, 15203. I'm the
25 legislative director of the Operating Engineers, Local

1 66. Our union represents 33 counties in western
2 Pennsylvania and three counties in Ohio. We represent
3 about 7,000 tradesmen and women through this great
4 Commonwealth. They are very proud to building the
5 infrastructure in the communities that we all live in.

6 In recent years, Pennsylvania has
7 experiences a resurgence in its manufacturing sector
8 thanks to the continued development of the Marcellus
9 Shale gas and Utica gas regions. We now have a
10 bottleneck of resources that we need to transport and
11 unfortunately, the infrastructure to do so has lagged
12 behind.

13 The sheer volume of natural gas and
14 natural gas liquids that's being produced in these
15 fields is immense. But the development of the access
16 to process the resources and the infrastructure, as I
17 mentioned, are falling behind.

18 We firmly believe that a large scale
19 infrastructure project similar to the Mariner East II
20 pipeline is exactly what this Commonwealth needs.
21 It's going to create new opportunities in the
22 Commonwealth for jobs and manufacturing, and it's
23 going to have a long term positive impact on the
24 entire Commonwealth, the tax base, things of that
25 nature.

1 In fact, without the shale gas industry,
2 our Local alone would see 10 to 20 percent
3 unemployment. The benefits we are seeing are just
4 beginning. Construction of the Mariner East II will
5 create as many as 31,000 living wage jobs. It's a
6 significant number. The company that's doing this
7 project is also committed to hiring local skilled,
8 well-trained labor to do this project. So these
9 people are going to be living in the communities that
10 they are going to be working in.

11 These good paying jobs will support
12 hardworking men and women that are going to help
13 provide a good tax base and family sustaining wages
14 and benefits to these families.

15 Furthermore, these men and women are
16 going to spend those paychecks in their communities,
17 which is going to provide a layer of economic benefits
18 with the local businesses, communities and the entire
19 Commonwealth.

20 Using local tradesmen and women on
21 pipeline infrastructure ensures that the most
22 qualified and best trained professionals are hired to
23 safely build this pipeline. It also ensures that the
24 pipeline will meet and exceed state and federal
25 regulations.

1 In our Local, safety is of the utmost
2 priority. With advanced training, our members are
3 committed to maintaining the highest standards of
4 safety on all jobs, and this focus will ensure the
5 safe and efficient construction of this pipeline
6 resulting in minimal impacts on the environment and
7 the local communities.

8 We support the Mariner East pipeline,
9 and we encourage the Pennsylvania Department of
10 Environmental Protection to approve all environmental
11 permit applications for the project in a timely
12 manner.

13 Thank you for your consideration.

14 MR. POISTER:

15 Dawn Law.

16 MS. LAW:

17 My name is Dawn Law, and I reside at 820
18 Donna Lane in Greensburg, PA, which is Salem Township.
19 I'm a homeowner impacted by the proposed Sunoco
20 Mariner East pipeline projects in Pennsylvania. I am
21 aware the pipeline does not have all necessary permits
22 to be built and is therefore is not a done deal.

23 I am opposed to the Mariner East
24 pipeline or the Pennsylvania pipeline project. The
25 Pennsylvania Bulletin notices for this project use

1 multiple project and operator names, which is
2 confusing, sometimes misleading, and made
3 participating in this review difficult.

4 The PA Bulletin should be reviewed and
5 corrected and the comment period restarted. The
6 existing Mariner East Pipeline and two newly proposed
7 pipelines are planned to run through mine and my
8 neighbors' front yards. The survey markers are up
9 against the side of one my neighbor's homes. Apex
10 Energy is planning to construction two unconventional
11 drill pads, one with at least five wells nearby, and
12 another pipeline on my father's property where I live.

13 Given what happened just two miles from
14 my house on April 29th when Spectra Energy's pipeline
15 exploded, who could possibly believe it's a good idea
16 to have four pipelines interwoven in such close
17 proximity to people's homes?

18 I told State Representative Eric Nelson,
19 among others, that Sunoco was planning to go
20 underneath the septic system for mine and my
21 neighbor's homes and cross a natural spring on the
22 property. Sunoco told him that they weren't. They're
23 also planning to cross a stream that flows into Beaver
24 Run near my father's property.

25 I have yet to see any answers, studies

1 or acknowledgment regarding the impact of the proposed
2 Mariner East project and the additional industrial
3 operations on the water and environment in this small
4 rural area.

5 And for all the union people and
6 industry reps in the room tonight, I'm not against you
7 having a job, but your job on this proposed project is
8 temporary. This pipeline is for exportation.
9 Taking people's land by force through eminent domain,
10 restricting the use of the land and destroying our
11 quality of life is permanent.

12 Thank you for letting me speak.

13 MR. POISTER:

14 Lou Pochet.

15 MR. POCHE:

16 Thank you for being able to speak. My
17 name is Lou Pochet. I live at 905 Essex Drive.
18 That's in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

19 Safety and environment issues across the
20 state must be paramount when weighing the needs to
21 build a pipeline across Pennsylvania to transport
22 methane and propane to foreign markets. In the short
23 run, transport of this product via pipe is safer than
24 either trucking or train, and that is pretty much an
25 accepted fact.

1 However, in the long run, when pipes are
2 only inspected infrequently to ensure their safety.
3 This safety aspect has to be questioned. For a
4 company to be able to use eminent domain to secure its
5 right-of-way for a commercial venture is paramount to
6 land theft and a company prospering on the backs of
7 individual property owners.

8 If one looks at the numbers with regards
9 to safety considerations, a 30-inch diameter pipe,
10 which was the size of the problem up at the Route 22
11 and 819 pipeline explosion, had no shutoff valves for
12 several miles on either side. Every single mile of
13 that pipeline would hold 452,000 cubic feet of gas at
14 a thousand psi.

15 Now, basically, the state, if the
16 pipeline goes through, must require automatic shutoff
17 valves that work whenever the pressure drops and
18 indicates a break in the line. This is a standard
19 acceptable practice when handling hazardous toxic
20 gases. It costs money to insert the automatic valves,
21 but will save money in the end on leaking gas, on less
22 destruction of the atmosphere and on people's lives.

23 If propane is to be carried in the
24 pipeline, then we must understand that liquid propane
25 is actually more dangerous than methane gas. Propane

1 has a lower explosive limit, two percent versus five
2 percent for methane in air, and since it is a heavier
3 carbon, it sinks rather than escapes upward. So a
4 like of propane will follow the contours of the land
5 contours of the land and collect in lower areas adding
6 to the explosive risk.

7 Safety inspections must be tightened on
8 the pipeline as well. Inspections are too far apart
9 and accomplish only a feel good result. This was
10 certainly not the feel good result of the Salem
11 Township explosion. When Sunoco Philadelphia pipeline
12 employees were asked about what they do to protect the
13 pipe weldings --- I have one in my yard. They used
14 20 foot pipes six-inch diameter for liquid propane by
15 this particular company.

16 They use bitumen paint, which is
17 basically technology out of the 19th Century, not even
18 in the 20th Century. Granted, there are techniques
19 --- I'm a chemical engineer and work in the aerospace
20 industry, that should be employed and must be required
21 to be employed where they take air plasma spray or
22 HVOF coatings, and they actually excite, put coatings
23 at the junctions of each these welded pipes. This is
24 21st Century technology, not 19th century technology.

25 Location of a pipeline should be

1 thoroughly thought out. I'm sure what they told you
2 night now is the cheapest way across the State of
3 Pennsylvania. A 200-foot swath of Pennsylvania going
4 350 miles across the state takes out 8,485 acres of
5 ground, assuming a 200-foot swath. That's about 13.25
6 mile square miles.

7 Is this a necessity, to destroy this
8 land? Better still would be to use existing
9 right-of-ways rather than creating a new right-of-way.
10 We should be forcing these pipeline companies to look
11 at using the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Interstate 80
12 right-of-way, high power transmission electrical
13 rights-of-way and the existing pipeline footprints.
14 Thank you.

15 MR. POISTER:

16 David Butterworth.

17 MR. BUTTERWORTH:

18 My name is David Butterworth. I'm from
19 Charleston, WV. I am a business agent for Pipeliners
20 Local 798. I would like to speak this evening about
21 the quality, safety and training that Local 798 brings
22 to the table during the construction of pipeline
23 projects such after Mariner East II. I represent
24 6,000 welders, helpers and journeymen, who live all
25 over the U.S. My jurisdiction runs from Maine to

1 Virginia, and there are around 1,000 of our members
2 who live and work in this northeast jurisdiction.
3 Local 798 has built most of the major pipelines that
4 run across this nation, including the Alaska pipeline.

5 I would now like to talk about the
6 quality of work and craftsmanship that Local 798
7 devotes to these projects. Our welder members must
8 take a qualification test before they are allowed to
9 weld on the pipeline. These qualification welds are
10 destructively tested, and if any imperfections are
11 found in the weld that member is not allowed to weld
12 on the pipeline. If a member does pass the
13 qualification test, he then has every weld on the job
14 x rayed and reviewed by a Level III x ray technician,
15 who decides if the weld is acceptable and stands up to
16 1104 Code.

17 In most places, if a welder has three or
18 more unacceptable welds, he will be removed from that
19 project. With these standards in place, Local 798
20 welders are held under some of the strictest
21 guidelines in the construction industry, and these are
22 standards that we are proud to uphold.

23 Safety is also something that Local 798
24 holds of the utmost importance. Our contractors and
25 the clients we work for have extensive safety programs

1 that protect our workers and have policies in place to
2 make sure that everyone goes home safe at the end of
3 the day. When these pipelines are built, they are
4 built by a collective group that understands that when
5 we build a pipeline we must build it safe, and
6 everything else is secondary to that.

7 Training. Local 798 home to one of the
8 most state of the art training facilities in the
9 country. We understand that we must keep up with the
10 most current welding procedures in an ever-changing
11 industry. Our facility a 33,000 square feet, and it
12 has 52 welding booths and is equipped with a ten ton
13 overhead crane so our members can either brush up or
14 learn new skills.

15 The Local 798 training center is a
16 testament to our dedication to providing our members
17 with the best of the best when it comes to training so
18 they can apply the latest technology when the
19 pipelines are built now and in the future.

20 In closing, I would like to say the
21 purpose of my speech is to show you who will be
22 building this pipeline and to ensure you that it will
23 be built with highly trained, skilled, safe American
24 workers. I support this pipeline and look forward to
25 seeing my people going to work on it.

1 Thank you.

2 MR POISTER:

3 Wendy Driscoll.

4 MS. DRISCOLL:

5 Hello. My name is Wendy Driscoll. I
6 live at 915 Tanglewood Drive, Bethel Park, PA. Thank
7 you for allowing me to speak at this hearing. It is a
8 privilege to be able to voice my support for the
9 Mariner East II project and for Sunoco Logistics.

10 I am here to discuss a critical decision
11 as we Pennsylvanians face. As a single mother who
12 spent much of her life bouncing from industry to
13 industry trying to support my family the best I could,
14 the natural gas industry has been a saving grace. I
15 was lucky enough to participate in the natural gas
16 boom, and my newfound career has completely changed my
17 family's life. I'm simply here to discuss the facts
18 and share my opinion.

19 Over the Mariner East life span, it will
20 contribute more \$4 billion to Pennsylvania's economy,
21 money that will be spent developing infrastructure,
22 lower our heating and electric bills and providing
23 jobs for Pennsylvania people. Granted, these amazing
24 benefits are temporary. However, over the course of
25 the pipeline's life, which is many decades, it will

1 continue to provide hundreds of millions of dollars in
2 revenue to Pennsylvania's economy and nearly 500 jobs.

3 On top of these amazing economic
4 benefits, I believe that all of the project's steel,
5 as some others have said, will be sourced from the
6 United States and Pennsylvania.

7 In summary, the project provides many
8 well-paying jobs, which some people might not feel is
9 important, but I personally do, increases US and
10 Pennsylvania manufacturing, adds billions of
11 additional economic activity to Pennsylvania.

12 I have worked with many midstream
13 companies. They are all very sensitive to doing the
14 best job possible to protect the environment. Am I
15 biased? Maybe, but only for the purest of reasons.
16 My family, like so many others from Pennsylvania, was
17 radically changed for the better following the natural
18 gas boom.

19 If you are like me, you worry about the
20 economy and what tomorrow might bring. I often feel
21 like there's little I can do to change that feeling,
22 but when I can, I feel it is my job to act. When I
23 see a project that provides jobs and economic activity
24 and only helps families like mine and yours, I feel it
25 is a no-brainer to stand up for a stronger

1 Pennsylvania.

2 I strongly request that the DEP approve
3 the permits needed to go forward with the Mariner East
4 pipeline project.

5 Thank you.

6 MR. POISTER:

7 Greg Vogt.

8 MR. VOGT:

9 Greg Vogt, 5 Hot Metal Street,
10 Pittsburgh, PA, 15203. I'm Greg Vogt, an assistant
11 business manager with IBEW Local 5 in Pittsburgh.
12 IBEW is a labor union with local unions throughout the
13 United States and Canada. We have about 700,000
14 members, including about 3,500 in 22 Pennsylvania
15 counties where IBEW Local 5 has jurisdiction.

16 We support the Sunoco Logistics Mariner
17 East II project and their Chapter 102, erosion and
18 sediment control, and Chapter 105, water obstructions
19 and encroachment, permit applications. The 325
20 contractors that employ our member electricians work
21 throughout the economy, primarily in electrical
22 construction of residential, commercial, retail and
23 industrial industries.

24 IBEW Local 5 is very pro-growth,
25 pro-development because when the economy runs

1 smoothly, our members work. When there is a demand
2 for quality work at reasonable price, our members
3 work. With a sluggish economy, our members are out of
4 work.

5 The vast majority of IBEW members enter
6 through acceptance into our five-year apprentice
7 program. This five-year program included both
8 classroom and on-the-job training. Every year, 60 or
9 so apprentices complete the rigorous five-year program
10 and become journeyman electricians. This rigorous
11 program pays off with family-sustaining jobs.
12 Pennsylvania is blessed with abundant energy resources
13 and the Mariner East II project will permit
14 Pennsylvania to better develop these resources in an
15 economically feasible and ecological way.

16 The Mariner East II project has been
17 designed to minimize noise, preserve the health and
18 beauty of the surrounding environment, and ensure
19 minimal disruption to landowners and those in the
20 community.

21 When our members commit to a project, it
22 gets done according to the highest technical and
23 safety standards. We don't cut corners. Projects
24 like Mariner East are designed to last hundreds of
25 years and survive the most extreme weather conditions.

1 In the short terms, thousands of jobs
2 will be created for construction workers and suppliers
3 to build the project. In the long term, the
4 infrastructure that this project develops will allow
5 those future jobs that are tied to our abundant energy
6 resources to flourish.

7 These days, many of us are worried about
8 the loss of family-sustaining jobs, whether they move
9 offshore or just disappear because a plant has closed
10 or a company has gone out of business.

11 Energy industry jobs are family
12 sustaining jobs, too. We need to these jobs in order
13 to sustain a healthy, vibrant economy.

14 Everybody wants a clean environment,
15 including the IBEW and its members. The local union
16 workforce that is employed to build this project live
17 and work in Pennsylvania and want a beautiful, clean
18 environment in the state that they call home.

19 Thank you for this opportunity to
20 express our support for this project.

21 MR. POISTER:

22 Terri Supowitz.

23 MS. SUPOWITZ:

24 I'm Terri Supowitz. I live at 310 Hay
25 Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15221. I am against

1 pipelines. I am against fracking. I am against
2 extraction of fossil fuels. Fossil fuels belong in
3 the ground. It is time for solar energy, wind energy
4 and other sustainable alternatives where there are
5 good, safe, well-paying jobs where the environment is
6 not destroyed, and people are not harmed.

7 I want to read the mission statement of
8 the DEP. I was really struck by it. The Department
9 of Environmental Protection's mission is to protect
10 Pennsylvania's air, land and water from pollution and
11 to provide for the health and safety of its citizen
12 through a cleaner environment.

13 We will work as partners, they say, with
14 individuals, organizations, governments and businesses
15 to prevent pollution and restore our natural
16 resources. We at DEP serve the public in a fair,
17 efficient, responsible, open and honest manner. We
18 are responsible for the protection of the air, land
19 and water of the Commonwealth.

20 We carry out our jobs in ways that will
21 promote measurable environmental improvement,
22 cooperation, innovation and sustainable development so
23 future generations may share our wealth. We promote
24 the goal of zero discharge through pollution
25 prevention and to stop pollution before it starts.

1 It is clear to me that the job of the
2 DEP is to protect Pennsylvania's air, land and water
3 from pollution and destruction. There is nothing in
4 this statement that says you are responsible for
5 growing the economy or creating jobs. That is not
6 your mission. You are the protectors of the
7 environment, the air, the water, the land and the
8 health and safety of the citizens.

9 It is your job to make sure the air is
10 clean, the water is pure and the land grows fruits and
11 vegetables and supports plants and animals.

12 A grave concern of mine is the
13 application process which has been mentioned before.
14 It's very clear that the applications from Sunoco as
15 currently submitted are incomplete, deficient, and
16 fail to meet regulatory requirements.

17 First of all, when looking at the 167
18 summary table submitted by Sunoco as part of its
19 application, it is incomplete. With respect to the
20 statutory requirement that Applicant obtain letters
21 evaluating consistency with local storm water
22 management and flood plain management plans, the table
23 shows that the matter is to be determined for most
24 municipalities in the southeast region.

25 For this reason alone, the application

1 is incomplete, technically inadequate and should go
2 back to Sunoco to complete. But this is not the
3 problem, as has been mentioned. It seems that Sunoco
4 Pipeline has not furnished to the Pennsylvania --- to
5 you, PA, the DEP, the electronic GIS files,
6 shapefiles, for which the site plans for its instant
7 Chapter 105 applications were produced. The DEP has
8 published Sunoco's applications on the DEP website and
9 no shapefiles appear there.

10 So it indeed appears that the DEP has
11 not been provided these files by the Applicant.
12 Despite this inadequacy, the DEP deemed Sunoco's
13 applications complete on June 24th, 2016. Based on
14 this, I suggest a 60-day extension to the public
15 comment deadline and appropriate --- wait, 60-day
16 extension to the public comment deadline, which is
17 appropriate after the files are posted.

18 Another concern is Sunoco's job
19 predictions. The truth is that the job numbers they
20 predict are greatly exaggerated when compared to the
21 actual job numbers, and Sunoco has declined to justify
22 its rosy predictions.

23 And last of all, most pipelines leak.
24 Some leak as soon as they are put in. The rest will
25 leak over time. What kind of legacy are we leaving

1 our children?

2 MR. POISTER:

3 Ellen Gerhart.

4 MS. GERHART:

5 My name is Ellen Gerhart. I thought for
6 a minute I was somebody else there. Okay. My address
7 --- ready for this --- is 15357 Trough Creek Valley
8 Pike, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. I was born and raised
9 in Monaca, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. My father,
10 grandfathers, uncles all worked in the steel mills
11 that lined the Ohio River. My father was a union rep.
12 In fact, he was a member of the IBEW.

13 One of my grandfathers was a foreman. I
14 grew up in a hardworking union family. I'm a member
15 of local, state and national teacher unions. I
16 understand and appreciate the history of the union
17 movement. This fight is not between environmentalists
18 and union workers, despite what Sunoco would like you
19 to think. It is not us versus you. I grew up during
20 the steel boom. I saw the economic benefits good
21 paying jobs provided.

22 But I also saw the flip side of that
23 coin. Booms are followed by busts. I saw stores and
24 businesses close. I saw families move away. This is
25 what happens in a boom-bust cycle. Despite the rosy

1 predictions of good paying jobs and the economic
2 benefits to businesses, booms are nothing but smoke
3 and mirrors. Yes, there will be benefits, but these
4 will be short term. The fossil fuels are
5 non-renewable, and by definition, will eventually be
6 gone.

7 We don't have dinosaurs dying to
8 resupply the oil and natural gas. Focusing only on
9 the short term goals is itself shortsighted. However,
10 these short-term goals have long, detrimental effects
11 on the environment. At one of the previous meetings,
12 a comment was made that the pipelines go in, and then
13 you never know that they are there. In fact, the land
14 will be better than it was before.

15 This is blatantly untrue. On our
16 property in Huntingdon County, this pipeline would go
17 under our pond, up the steep hillside next to our pond
18 and cut through the wetlands in the back of our
19 property. The open clear cut which Sunoco was able to
20 do because of eminent domain is now vulnerable to
21 takeover by invasive species. The 150 foot by 250
22 foot temporary workspace is a clear cut area on the
23 steep hillside next to our pond.

24 The 50 to 90 foot oaks, pines, maples
25 and hickories that are now scattered on the ground may

1 grow back, but not in my lifetime. When these trees
2 were cut, they were left lying where they fell. No
3 attempt was made by Sunoco to prevent or even mitigate
4 the erosion from the slope into the pond, and there
5 has been noticeable runoff into the pond when it
6 rains. The right-of-way runs along the top of the
7 slope. Trees will never be permitted to grow there,
8 so the initial damage is not temporary. It's
9 permanent.

10 In the back of our property, the
11 situation is even worse. This is where the pipeline
12 will trench directly through the wetlands that feed
13 our stream and ponds. The wetlands designation,
14 according to Sunoco's environmental consultants, Tetra
15 Tech, does not extend much beyond the edge of the
16 streams, contrary to the boundaries determined by our
17 own consultants.

18 In this ecologically sensitive area,
19 trees were cut down into the streams. Tree crews
20 walked through the streams and the wetlands. These
21 wetlands were designated as emergent and as such would
22 only have to be restored to that designation.

23 As evidenced by the trees cut down, this
24 wetland should have been classified as forested.
25 Unfortunately, because the wetlands are directly in

1 the right-of-way, they will never be allowed to revert
2 back again to forested.

3 Again, the damage is not temporary.
4 It's permanent. What makes this whole thing even more
5 frustrating is the fact that this pipeline is totally
6 unnecessary. During our eminent domain hearing, Harry
7 Alexander, Sunoco's Vice President of Project
8 Development, stated that the Mariner East I will carry
9 77,000 barrels of NGLs per day. He went on to state
10 that Pennsylvania requires between 22,000 and 27,000
11 barrels per day.

12 I'm not that great in math, but it seems
13 to me that the Mariner One more than meets the needs
14 of Pennsylvania. This would make the Pennsylvania
15 Pipeline Project totally unnecessary for
16 Pennsylvania's needs.

17 MR. POISTER:

18 Thirty (30) seconds.

19 MS. GERHART:

20 The massive amount of NGLs going through
21 these new pipelines are not going to benefit
22 Pennsylvania, but are instead being shipped through
23 huge new dragon ships directly to Europe. Okay. And
24 just for the sake --- PA workers --- no, one of the
25 members of the Mississippi survey team working on our

1 property in Huntingdon County, not Pennsylvania. The
2 only map we ever got from Tetra Tech showing the ---
3 going through our pond.

4 And then it makes a very bizarre kind of
5 bend in the property for no good reason, but it puts
6 it directly through our wetlands. Our pond, which is
7 already impacted by the clear cutting on the slope,
8 has three stream crossings that are being --- that the
9 pipeline will cross in addition to crossing the
10 wetlands.

11 MR. POISTER:

12 Your time is up.

13 MS. GERHART:

14 I just have one more picture here.
15 Actually, two, if I think about it. This is one of
16 the trees that they cut down. This is my hand against
17 my tree. This is the size of the trees that were cut
18 that will not be growing back on our property.

19 And last but not least, this is one of
20 the eight Dragon class ships used by Indios (phonetic)
21 to ship Mariner East I products to Europe already. If
22 Mariner East II goes into production, Europe will be
23 the beneficiary of one ship per day instead of the
24 current one ship every four days. Thank you.

25 MR. POISTER:

1 Lee Pinto.

2 MR. PINTO:

3 My name is Lee Pinto, and I reside in
4 Salem Township. And I am going through hell with this
5 pipeline, living hell. I've sympathized with all the
6 people that work for the pipeline and want jobs and
7 everything else, but I'm telling you now, this is the
8 disgusting --- most disgusting thing in the world, the
9 people that I've talked to that represent the
10 pipeline.

11 They come in there like they own the
12 place and they don't care what they do or where they
13 --- what they do and what they do within the property
14 line; okay? And I personally bought that property for
15 my own particular use, not for somebody to come
16 through there and put a pipeline through there; okay?
17 I have people --- they hire students to come in and
18 sit and watch what's going on.

19 But to try to get an answer out of what
20 they're doing or why they're doing it or anything like
21 that is beyond them. They don't care. As far as I'm
22 concerned, this power of eminent domain is a crock of
23 crap, an absolute crock of crap; okay? But this
24 --- all it does is feed these people that have
25 property that they can just come through any time they

1 want to.

2 So what I want --- I'd like to see done,
3 okay, as far as that goes is that the property owner
4 has the right to kick their behinds off the property;
5 okay? They don't need this pipeline going through
6 there; okay? And that's where I'm at. So what I'm
7 saying is that I want this power ---. And every time
8 you talk to one of these agents, oh, it's the power of
9 eminent domain, the power of eminent domain. That's
10 all I ever hear; okay?

11 But they don't give a damn about any
12 property or anything that they put on their property.
13 I have a semi-small lake below their pipeline right
14 there, and God forbid if that pipeline ever breaks as
15 far as that goes; okay? As far as that goes, they're
16 going to ruin tons of acres. So I don't know where to
17 go with this as far as that goes; okay? I can
18 sympathize with the people that work.

19 You know what I mean? That they want a
20 job; okay? But I ---. And that's all they ever talk
21 about. Well, it's the power of eminent domain, the
22 power of eminent domain. I don't want to hear that
23 any more; okay? I thank you very much for your time.

24 MR. POISTER:

25 Tim Schultheis.

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MR. SCHULTHEIS:

Good evening. I'm Tim Schultheis, P.O. Box 798, Latrobe, PA. As I said, I'm Tim Schultheis. I'm President of Schultheis Electric. We're a full service electrical contractor serving both the commercial, industrial and utilities sectors with our clients throughout the greater Pittsburgh region. We also are based right here, as I said, in Westmoreland County, just a few minutes northeast of here in Latrobe.

Our firm is a member of the National Electrical Contractors' Association of Western PA, the chapter that represents the electrical contractors throughout Western PA. For more than 65 years, Western PA chapter of NECA has provided its members with an effective channel which to express their collective voice on issues affecting the electrical construction industry.

And one of those shared priorities is energy infrastructure and projects like the Mariner East II pipeline. We support this pipeline and encourage the Department of Environmental Protection to approve all environmental permit applications for the project in a timely manner. A key issue in any major infrastructure project is safety. Study after

1 study shows that pipelines are the safest, most
2 efficient form of transportation for the energy
3 resources.

4 Beyond that basic fact, for the Mariner
5 East II pipeline, Sunoco Logistics has committed to
6 using Union skilled craftsmen, which ensures the
7 highest quality and safety measures are maintained
8 throughout the entire process. I can tell you that
9 our team is among the most qualified, reliable and
10 experienced contractors in the region. We take great
11 pride in ensuring our work can meet and exceed all
12 safety requirements.

13 And because our trades ensure compliance
14 and a safe workplace, you can be sure this project
15 will be delivered and operate with minimal disruption
16 or impact to the landowners and the environment, which
17 are keys to the DEP's review today. As I said, our
18 company is based right here. This is our backyard.
19 We are committed to caring for the environment around
20 us and making sure the developments are safe for all
21 our families and beneficial to all of our communities.

22 And this project will bring benefits.
23 The project could create as much as 30,000 indirect
24 and direct jobs during the construction process. This
25 also, through the sustainability, will create another

1 300 to 400 permanent positions throughout Pennsylvania
2 once it's built. Moreover, Mariner East II pipeline
3 will enable greater access to the domestically
4 produced natural gas liquids for manufacturers and
5 businesses throughout our region.

6 Creating a catalyst for industrial
7 activity throughout the entire northeast, natural gas
8 liquids have a wide range of uses, from production of
9 plastics and petrochemicals to residential and
10 commercial heating.

11 For these reasons, we support the safe,
12 responsible development of Mariner East II pipeline
13 project, and we encourage DEP's swift approval of all
14 related permits. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

15 MR. POISTER:

16 Lisa DeSantis.

17 MS. COLEMAN:

18 Put your mic on.

19 MR. POISTER:

20 Lisa DeSantis. Lisa DeSantis? Dan
21 Garcia.

22 MR. GARCIA:

23 Good evening. My name is Dan Garcia,
24 and I'm a pipeline safety consultant based out of
25 Pittsburgh. My address is 6592 Hamilton Avenue,

1 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. My area of expertise is
2 federal pipeline safety and regulatory compliance and
3 dealing with the Department of Transportation's
4 Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration,
5 or PHMSA. I would like to request the expeditious
6 approval of this pipeline.

7 First, it's important to note that
8 transporting our commodities via pipeline remains to
9 be the safest mode of transportation. According to
10 PHMSA, there are more than 199,000 miles of liquid
11 pipelines in the US that are transporting
12 approximately 16,000,000,000 barrels of crude oil
13 petroleum products per year at a safety rate of 99.99
14 percent.

15 To put this in terms we can all
16 understand, this one pipeline project, the Mariner
17 East pipeline, is the equivalent of removing 15,000
18 petroleum tanker trucks driving on our roads on a
19 daily basis for an entire year. In my opinion, I
20 would feel much safer with a pipeline than with 15,000
21 petroleum tanker trucks driving through my
22 neighborhood on a daily basis. And as much as
23 like ---.

24 And much like we would never expect to
25 build one road into Pittsburgh, we cannot expect to

1 build only one pipeline to support the millions of
2 communities that depend on this critical source of
3 energy.

4 Our pipeline safety efforts are not
5 accidental. Natural gas pipelines and utilities must
6 adhere to very strict state and federal safety
7 regulations. These regulations address every aspect
8 of the pipeline, from design and construction to
9 operations and maintenance and even emergency weather
10 situations. I would like to add that many of these
11 regulations have their beginnings as recommended
12 practices in a number of industry-led organizations
13 like the American Petroleum Institute and the American
14 Society of Mechanical Engineers.

15 Our pipeline safety regulations have
16 been thoroughly vetted by engineering professionals to
17 ensure an incredible level of security and safety.
18 Furthermore, pipeline operators must implement a
19 series of pipeline safety programs to ensure the safe
20 operation of their assets. PHMSA requires of each
21 pipeline operator to develop, implement and evaluate
22 the following programs.

23 Integrity management program. This
24 integrity management rule specifies how pipeline
25 operators must identify and prioritize, assess,

1 evaluate, repair and validate the integrity of their
2 gas transmission pipelines. This includes very
3 specific and technical inspection protocols,
4 performance measures and federal reporting
5 requirements.

6 Two, the operations and maintenance
7 plan. PHMSA requires operators to have a written
8 operations and maintenance program designed to address
9 normal operations, abnormal operations and emergency
10 operations. This manual is a checklist

11 PHMSA requires operators to have a
12 written operations and maintenance program designed to
13 address normal operations, abnormal operations and
14 emergency operations. This manual is a checklist for
15 the operation technicians to ensure safe daily
16 operations, but more importantly, it establishes
17 important protocols of local emergency responders.

18 Public awareness programs. These
19 programs are designed to create a liaison program
20 between the operator and the communities they operate
21 in. Think of this as being communications with a
22 regulatory purpose. Operators must identify
23 stakeholders along pipeline rights-of-way and
24 communicate the risks and safety programs associated
25 with these pipelines. This includes working with

1 local emergency responders, government officials on an
2 annual basis and the promotion of on-call programs.

3 Operator qualifications, which the
4 gentleman already addressed a little earlier --- but
5 it's a very stringent testing requirement for any
6 individual that is working on what's called a covered
7 task. There's also drug and alcohol programs that are
8 incredibly stringent. The existence of these
9 programs, however, does not mean that pipeline
10 operators are solely responsible for pipeline safety.

11 All of us here, we the stakeholders,
12 also share responsibility of safe pipeline operations.
13 This can be as simple as promoting our state's One
14 Call before you dig programs to adopting land use
15 ordinances that encourage communication between
16 pipeline operators and land developers. There's a
17 great manual entitled the Pipeline Informed Planning
18 Alliance, which enumerates a number of recommended
19 practices to that end.

20 So pipeline safety is certainly a
21 concern for many, but based on my experiences with
22 pipeline safety regulation, PHMSA and Sunoco, I'm very
23 confident that the pipeline safety programs employed
24 by Sunoco and on this project will exceed the
25 federally mandated minimum standard. Sunoco has a

1 long history of safe and responsible pipeline
2 operations, and I should know. There's a Sunoco
3 pipeline running very near my house in Pittsburgh.

4 They have been quite proactive in their
5 public outreach efforts and have demonstrated a high
6 level of care in the design, construction and
7 operation of their pipelines. Thank you for your time
8 and consideration.

9 MR. POISTER:

10 Joe Lundy?

11 MR. LUNDY:

12 Let's see if we can make this work. All
13 right. My name is Joe Lundy. I am the Chief
14 Financial Officer of Cleveland Brothers Equipment
15 Company based here in Murrysville. My address is 4565
16 William Penn Highway, Murrysville, Pennsylvania, and I
17 am a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania. And I
18 currently reside in Allegheny County. I'm here in
19 support of the Mariner East II pipeline project.

20 Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company is
21 a Caterpillar dealer with 25 locations in Pennsylvania
22 and with over 1,200 employees. We have made a
23 significant investment in people and equipment to
24 support the natural gas industry here in Pennsylvania.
25 The natural gas opportunity has allowed our company to

1 grow by approximately 350 employees over the last five
2 years. The current downturn in the commodities
3 markets has slowed our business in 2016.

4 And we've had to lay off a number of
5 employees for the first time since the great recession
6 in 2008. But the Mariner II East pipeline is not ---
7 is much more than jobs. It's about energy security.
8 Today, over 50 percent of American households --- or
9 Pennsylvania households rely on natural gas as their
10 primary heating fuel, and that number will continue to
11 grow.

12 DEP and industry working together for
13 the past ten years have safely developed this
14 remarkable natural gas opportunity in our state. This
15 work and cooperation aligned with --- aligns with
16 DEP's mission statement to work together, and in doing
17 so, providing more Pennsylvanians a cleaner energy
18 source that they deserve and that they can rely on and
19 one that they can afford. As a country, we no longer
20 need to rely on OPEC and other foreign countries for
21 our energy.

22 It's also about clean energy and a
23 cleaner environment. Natural gas is the cleanest of
24 all fossil fuels. Natural gas burns cleaner than coal
25 and oil, with almost zero sulfur dioxide emissions and

1 far fewer nitrogen oxide and particulate emissions.
2 That's simply a fact. Natural gas releases almost 30
3 percent less carbon dioxide than oil and 43 percent
4 less than coal. It's about safety, as mentioned
5 earlier.

6 In the US, there are 2.4 million miles
7 of pipelines, and they work without incident 99.9
8 percent of the time. Pipelines are far safer for
9 transportation of oil --- for the transportation of
10 oil and gas than trucks, rail and barges by a factor
11 of 30 to 1.

12 I applaud DEP and the other governmental
13 agencies working with companies like Sunoco to make
14 sure they are constructed safely and are properly
15 maintained thereafter. To all of the IONA and other
16 union workers, members and reps who have attended and
17 spoke at these meetings, I applaud you for your
18 professionalism over the last two weeks. You
19 respected the opposition, never interrupted their
20 statements, stayed within the three minute rule and
21 conducted yourselves with class.

22 Thank you for your dedication to the
23 pipeline industry and ensuring our safety with these
24 projects. No wonder our pipeline systems work safely
25 and efficiently 99 percent of the time. I also want

1 to thank DEP for these public hearings and for
2 allowing both sides to voice their opinion. And I
3 encourage DEP to approve these permits without haste.
4 Thank you very much.

5 MR. POISTER:

6 Sherrill Wilds.

7 MS. WILDS:

8 Good evening. Sherrill Wilds, 1339 Oak
9 Road, Leechburg, Pennsylvania. I'm a very strong
10 supporter of the Sunoco Mariner II pipeline project.
11 Why? I'm a pipeliner. I'm an operating engineer.
12 It's what I do. It's not a job. It's a career. It's
13 a profession. I am a professional pipeliner. I
14 travel throughout the United States, and there's not a
15 pipeline that I go on that we don't have one to three
16 days of orientation on the environment, on the safety.

17 I have to be OQ'd, Operator
18 Qualification'd, to be able to operate any heavy
19 equipment. I have to renew that every three years.
20 On every crew I've ever been on, we've had inspectors.
21 We've had regulations. We had specifications to put
22 this pipeline in. We have to follow these. I have
23 been trained to various ---. One of the training is
24 the National Pipeline Training Program. Last year, we
25 had 178 classes.

1 This year we have 181 scheduled. I'm
2 part of that program now. I'm an instructor. I teach
3 the engineering and the bending classes, and what I
4 teach --- more focus on --- our main focus on our
5 teaching is the environment, safety and the integrity
6 of that pipe, putting it in the ground. That's what
7 we focus on, along with all the regulations. In my
8 particular class that I teach, I have specifications
9 through the gas companies that I have to follow, where
10 I can only ---.

11 There's certain places I can bend and
12 cannot bend. There are ---. I have to protect that
13 coating, how to handle that pipe. There's only so
14 many degrees I can put in that pipe because of the
15 integrity of that pipe.

16 There are over 6,000 items that are made
17 by petroleum products every day that we use. Not just
18 fuel, not just the gas. Combs. Anybody combs their
19 hair here? Eyeglasses. Dentures. Heart valves.
20 Toothbrushes. The little pill capsules that your
21 medicines are in, wire insulation, hearing aids, cell
22 phones, artificial limbs ---. These are just to
23 mention a few that we use in everyday life. I'm proud
24 to be a pipeliner. I am a professional.

25 I have four pipelines going through our

1 farm. Our cows are out on that pasture. I have a
2 garden. I raise vegetables. I train my horses on top
3 of a pipeline. I let my grandchildren play on that
4 pipeline because I know it was put in by professionals
5 that understand the safety and the environment and the
6 integrity. I thank you for speaking, and I very much
7 approve.

8 MR. POISTER:

9 Briget Shields.

10 MS. SHIELDS:

11 Hi, I'm Briget Shields, 2329 Tilbury
12 Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15217. The Pennsylvania pipeline
13 project would cross 581 wetlands, 1,227 streams and
14 would permanently impact 35.3 acres of wetlands and
15 8.6 acres of streams. Every method for wetland and
16 stream crossings include open cut bore and horizontal
17 directional drilling, HDD. It's associated with
18 potential environmental harms. However, HDD crossings
19 involve the least amount of direct sediment
20 disturbance.

21 It is also a much more costly method
22 compared to wet or dry open cut crossings, hence the
23 disparity in distribution along the proposed pipeline
24 crossings.

25 The open cut method would be used 74.5

1 percent of the total number of wetland crossings
2 spanning the entire project. Only 17 percent of the
3 crossings would be done with the HDD method. While no
4 stream crossing method is ideal, it's fair to question
5 why Sunoco would forego implementing a more
6 environmentally friendly method in favor of the
7 cheaper method in three out of every four crossings.

8 Major pipeline infrastructure projects
9 will also lead to additional fracking, which as of
10 6/29/16 has contaminated 283 individual water supplies
11 in Pennsylvania, according to the DEP. I've worked
12 with many of these families who have been without
13 water for six plus years. They still haven't been
14 addressed, and they still haven't been fixed. These
15 people have been living without potable water for six
16 years. And I would like everybody to think about that
17 every time you turn on your tap.

18 Leaks and ruptures can also cause,
19 immediately, environmental impacts, and in ---. If
20 you look at the statistics for Sunoco, there have been
21 a tremendous amount of accidents. In 2012, there was
22 a pipeline rupture near Wellington, Ohio spilling
23 2,780 barrels of gas. In 2014, Sunoco pipeline
24 spilled 4,000 barrels of crude oil in Parish
25 (phonetic), Louisiana.

1 There have been many more just like the
2 one in Salem --- in Township. Sunoco received 17
3 notices of violations resulting in 2,000,000 and some
4 dollars enforced in fines since 2002. Sunoco also
5 cited in 2015 for at least 42 violations by the DEP
6 for work done on the Mariner East pipeline in --- over
7 the span of one year. These pipelines would transport
8 natural gas liquids at pressures up to 1,440 PSI. Has
9 a cost benefit ---?

10 Has a cost vs. benefit analysis been
11 done? Has an environmental impact study been done?
12 Has a health impact study been done? None of these
13 things were done before hydraulic fracturing came to
14 PA, and that's why we have so many people suffering.
15 I sympathize with the man. I've witnessed eminent
16 domain. I was on a farm --- a maple tree farm where
17 the Constitutional pipeline was coming through.

18 And we went to help support the family
19 that --- their land was being taken. They cut down
20 maple trees and greeted us with eight US marshals
21 armed with machine guns. We were just there to
22 support the people. Meanwhile, they cut down the
23 trees, took away jobs.

24 And because New York has rejected the
25 pipeline and rejected fracking, that pipeline is no

1 longer going to be used, so they did it for nothing.
2 So I ask you to please do your job. Protect the
3 people of this Commonwealth instead of promoting
4 another toxic industry. Thank you.

5 MR. POISTER:

6 Doug Shields.

7 MR. SHIELDS:

8 Good evening. My name is Doug Shields.
9 I live at 2329 Tilbury Avenue, Pittsburgh,
10 Pennsylvania 15217. I thank you for allowing us to
11 testify at this hearing today. I'd like to make a key
12 point, though. What we are called to speak to are
13 matters related to Chapter 105, water obstruction and
14 encroachments related to the Mariner pipeline,
15 obviously.

16 The impacts to --- related to Chapter
17 102, erosion and sediment control, the NPDES permit
18 when the hydrostatic testing is done on the pipeline
19 to make sure that, you know, what comes out of the
20 pipeline is coming out --- than what's put in, and the
21 air quality emissions from the supporting
22 infrastructure and so forth. It is notable that I
23 have not heard any proponent tonight speak to those
24 issues.

25 Certainly, jobs and the economy are

1 always a matter of a priority in the American
2 experience. It's a marketplace economy. You've got
3 to have money to live, and unfortunately, our two
4 State Representatives, Mr. Reschenthaler and Mr.
5 Evankovich were also here tonight.

6 And I certainly appreciate Labor's
7 position on this. I certainly understand it. What I
8 don't understand is how two elected officials come
9 here to --- and promote the idea and speak to this
10 panel about jobs, but never spoke to none of these
11 sections of the State Code, which I presume they are
12 familiar with because they're state legislators.

13 Then again, these very state legislators
14 enacted Act 13 that took zoning rights away from
15 everybody in this room for one industry, and not US
16 Steel, not Westinghouse Electric, not anybody else.
17 Just one outfit, oil and gas, and that was struck down
18 by the Commonwealth Court. But everything after all,
19 folks --- and it didn't hold water in front of a
20 Judge. In fact, in front of the Commonwealth Court
21 and later, the Supreme Court. Something is afoot, and
22 something is amiss.

23 So let's get back to Chapter 105, and
24 let's get back to process. The public comment period
25 for the Pennsylvania pipeline project --- this process

1 now should be extended. It should be halted until ---
2 you know, the issue is identified with the
3 Pennsylvania Bulletin notice. You know, this is how
4 we do our government. This is how we move forward.
5 We have a process.

6 It is based in law, and I would presume
7 that the lawmakers that were just here would want to
8 uphold the law. But that doesn't seem to be a
9 priority. There is a significant difference between
10 the information provided by Sunoco in the March 2016
11 resubmission of the Chapter 105 application, which
12 we're here to comment on. But we really can't comment
13 on it because we don't know what the application
14 really is at this point in time.

15 So they resubmitted the 105 application
16 and the figures that were provided to the public in
17 the Pennsylvania Bulletin notice issued for the
18 southwest region in October, 2015, there's a ---
19 notable differences include the number of wetland
20 utility line crossings, the acreage of permanent and
21 temporarily impacted streams, wetlands and other ---
22 you know, other things in its way, as well as a number
23 of utility line stream crossings that others have
24 spoken to here.

25 So my question is, as a citizen, it's

1 very hard to participate in a process that is changing
2 and evolving as the Applicant so desires or decides.
3 And it is difficult for any citizen to really fully
4 participate in this process, a due process, as
5 required by law for us to have something to say, other
6 than I'd like a job --- which I'd like one, too. And
7 so, you know, Sunoco was required to resubmit their
8 entire application in March 2016.

9 The public should've been notified and
10 another public comment period scheduled. The notice
11 for the southwest region first appeared October 10,
12 2015 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. So legally, the
13 public comment period for that permit closed 30 days
14 thereafter, giving the public no opportunity to
15 comment on the revised information.

16 So my position is this. This process is
17 flawed. It needs to stop. We need to restart it, and
18 I'd also like to hear from my State Reps. I get those
19 nice little letters every once in a while from them,
20 and they never mention anything other than we're going
21 to have a shredding event and the seniors can go get a
22 free vaccination somewhere, but nothing about matters
23 that matter a lot. Active, involved, eminent and ---
24 we got 30?

25 MR. POISTER:

1 Less.

2 MR. SHIELDS:

3 All right. I'll finish with this. The
4 idea that --- eminent domain was this. It was for a
5 public use. A park. A new roadway. Something that
6 benefits the public. The industry itself has now
7 expanded the definition of a public benefit. If
8 that's going to be the new definition, then I want
9 something. I want eminent domain, because I bought
10 this shirt.

11 And I helped the public. Or I got a
12 belt, or I got a car, or I came ---. You know, I did
13 stuff, too. If that's going to be the definition of
14 eminent domain in this state, then we are all
15 seriously in trouble. That's not a matter for the
16 DEP. That is a matter for the courts, yet this
17 process is going forward as if they have been granted
18 eminent domain. And FERC has been doing this at the
19 national level. And the hell with the rest of us,
20 here comes the pipe.

21 MR. POISTER:

22 Lauren Parker.

23 MS. PARKER:

24 Good evening. My name is Lauren Parker.
25 I live at 630 Pierce Mill Road in Wexford,

1 Pennsylvania. Thank you for allowing me to speak this
2 evening. I am a licensed professional engineer in the
3 state of Pennsylvania, and I practice in my field of
4 civil engineering. I have prepared disturbance
5 permits for over 12 years, including ESCGB 2 permits
6 and 1 permits for the past eight years, as well as
7 assisted in the preparation of Chapter 105 permits
8 that are associated with my projects.

9 I can attest to the fact that the oil
10 and gas industry is required to meet the same
11 requirements related to earth disturbance and stream
12 and wetland impacts as any other development in this
13 state. I can also attest to the fact, through my
14 daily experience in working with the Department, that
15 the DEP does a thorough job in reviewing their permits
16 and holds environmental protection as their number one
17 priority.

18 I'm here in support of natural gas
19 development and the Mariner II pipeline project. This
20 project and others like it will bring jobs, lower gas
21 prices and manufacturing back to Pennsylvania. If the
22 Chapter 102 and 105 packages that have been submitted
23 to the DEP meet the regulations and permit conditions,
24 then I urge DEP to issue the three ESCGB 2 permits and
25 authorize the 17 Chapter 105 permits. Thank you.

1 MR. POISTER:

2 Frank Yosh. Barbara Heintz?

3 MS. HEINTZ:

4 Hi. My name is Barbara Heintz, 805 Oak
5 Road, Bradford Woods, Pennsylvania. I am a fourth
6 generation person living here. My family has been
7 here for 500 years, at least, if not more, and I
8 support this Mariner II --- Mariner East II pipeline.
9 I support energy, and I think government and DEP has a
10 responsibility to create a balance between the
11 economics and the private property of citizens and
12 making sure it is safe.

13 But I do support it, because we need all
14 energies. We can't just rely on one, and so it's
15 important that we support the natural gas industry. I
16 think it's important to Pennsylvania and to the
17 citizens. Thank you.

18 MR. POISTER:

19 Robert Wilds?

20 MR. WILDS:

21 I'm Robert Wilds, 1339 Oak Road,
22 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I'm here as a
23 representative of the International Union of Operating
24 Engineers, the 7 --- 400,000 members of the operating
25 engineers. I am in support, and the Operating

1 Engineers are in support of this project. And I
2 personally talk about environmental ---. I can talk
3 about the environmental pipeline, because I've been
4 involved in the pipeline industry for 30 years.

5 There are crews specifically assigned to
6 environment during construction. That's their job.
7 That's all they do. Every crew has an environmental
8 role, but there are specific crews that do the
9 environmental. They will do silt fence, water
10 breakers, anything that is needed, sedimentation
11 ponds, anything that's needed. This crew is
12 dedicated. That is all they do.

13 Pipelines are the most environmentally
14 friendly way to transport the products over truck,
15 rail ---. We've heard that stated earlier tonight.
16 I'm going to talk a little bit about safety. I'm
17 going to move along pretty quick. It's been a long
18 night. As far as safety of the pipeline, pipelines
19 are put in under CFR 49, part 195 or 192 depending on
20 whether it's liquids or natural gas.

21 It mandates how the pipeline is
22 constructed, the integrity of the pipeline. The lines
23 are all tested at a minimum of 1.5 times their maximum
24 operating pressure. Simple numbers --- if it operates
25 at 1,000 PSI, it must be tested at a minimum of 1,500

1 PSI for a minimum of eight hours' hydrostatic test.
2 Maintenance is also mandated in the CFR 49. I heard
3 talk about the coatings being 19th century technology.
4 Well, I can tell you this.

5 I have experience. I've worked on the
6 coating crews. It's not 19th century technology. The
7 company over here into Westmoreland County doing work
8 on--- has some of the most state of the art coatings
9 there is, and they're going to be the ones coating
10 this pipeline. I've heard talk about renewable
11 energy. Renewable energies are a good idea. I have a
12 10K solar system on my home I built five years ago.

13 They're not feasible, folks. It
14 increased the cost of my home 40 percent. They're not
15 feasible at this time. And you want to talk about
16 environment? Do a little research on how Mother Earth
17 is raped to get the rare earth minerals to make solar
18 panels and things like that. There are over 6,000
19 products made from petroleum products, you know, like
20 you stated here earlier.

21 If there's one person in this room that
22 does not use a petroleum product every day, I would
23 like you to raise your hand. One person. Anybody?
24 We need this pipeline. I heard about exported
25 products. Yeah, let them export it. So what? What

1 made this country great after World War II? We
2 exported more goods than we imported. That's what
3 made us great. And then the world looked at us and
4 reacted to the United States of America.

5 We didn't react to them. Talking about
6 jobs --- these are not jobs for my brothers and
7 sisters at Union Craftsmen out here. They're careers.
8 I have a 30-year career of temporary jobs. I've got a
9 pension. I've got healthcare. We're self-sufficient,
10 and under all our --- all the crafts in the local
11 agreements with --- on this pipeline, 50 percent of
12 all hire must be local hire. So there will be local
13 people here. Thank you for your time. I appreciate
14 it.

15 MR. POISTER:

16 Stacie Giannetti.

17 MS. GIANNETTI:

18 I'm Stacie Giannetti, 160 Harmony Road,
19 Wexford, Pennsylvania 15090. Thank you, DEP
20 officials, for the opportunity to speak to you this
21 evening. My name is Stacie Giannetti. I am married
22 to my husband, Alex, and we have two teenage boys,
23 Christian and Samuel. We live in Marshall Township in
24 Allegheny County. I'm an active member of my church,
25 and I also travel locally with my boys' Arsenal Soccer

1 club.

2 Both my boys are currently in Boy Scout
3 Troop 81, and they're currently working on their Eagle
4 rank. So we're very busy camping, hiking, spending
5 time outdoors when we're not also participating in
6 local community events. We moved here two and a half
7 years ago from southern California, and I was offered
8 to transfer to this region for a great career
9 opportunity.

10 I work for Chevron, but I'm not here as
11 an official spokesperson. I'm here as a member of my
12 community. I'm a proud member of the oil and gas
13 industry. I chose to work in this oil and gas
14 industry because of the wide variety of career
15 advancement that it would offer me. Also because I
16 believe this industry truly works and gives back to
17 the community. Personally, I support the permit for
18 the Mariner East II pipeline project.

19 The natural gas industry has been a huge
20 positive for my family, our community and our state.
21 I would not have my job, and my family would not be
22 here if it were not for the natural gas industry. I'm
23 not sure if everyone understands, but this Marcellus
24 Shale resource is a world class natural gas basin.
25 But it's only worth something if we can find a way to

1 commercialize it.

2 Building this pipeline will enable us to
3 link the natural gas resources to the consumers, the
4 manufacturers and the other businesses that need low
5 cost energy to thrive.

6 And in doing so, Pennsylvania has the
7 potential to become a critical energy hub for this
8 entire region. Please support the permit application
9 for the Mariner East II pipeline buildout not only for
10 the sake of my family, but for the many other families
11 who want the opportunities for their children and
12 their grandchildren. Thank you for your time.

13 MR. POISTER:

14 Chris Daniels. Chris Daniels.

15 MR. DANIELS:

16 Good evening. My name is Christopher
17 Daniels. I stand before you tonight as a lifelong
18 resident of Westmoreland County, a Penn State graduate
19 and believer in the future of Pennsylvania.

20 MS. COLEMAN:

21 Speak into the microphone.

22 MR. DANIELS:

23 My wife and I raise our two children in
24 Unity Township, and we're expecting a third any day
25 now. For my entire adult life, I have worked in the

1 natural gas industry, and I tirelessly promote the
2 potential of the Marcellus Shale and Pennsylvania at
3 large to lead an American renaissance. I've had many
4 opportunities to leave this area to pursue other
5 opportunities and careers. However, I stay here
6 because I believe in here.

7 I did not initially choose to work in
8 the oil and gas industry due to some delusion of
9 grandeur that I was going to change the world. I did
10 because it was an opportunity, the best opportunity
11 afforded to young men and women like myself entering
12 the regional workforce in an otherwise aging economy
13 desperately lacking in manufacturing and innovation.

14 According to the PA Department of Labor,
15 there are approximately 30,000 other Pennsylvanians
16 with stories similar to mine, and that doesn't even
17 include those that work in the indirect trades, such
18 as the tradesmen brothers and sisters here tonight.
19 From these practical beginnings, I've developed a
20 great sense of pride for being part of a possibly
21 historic rebirth of southwestern PA. Personally, I
22 support the permit for the Mariner II pipeline.

23 Our region faces challenging
24 demographics with regard to an aging tax base coupled
25 with stagnated industrial and economic development.

1 While nothing in life is ever perfect, both industry,
2 third party and government studies have consistently
3 cited pipelines as by far the safest method of
4 hydrocarbon transportation.

5 We must also work to clarify and
6 streamline the overlap of FERC, PHMSA and DEP
7 regulations, the unclear nature of which lead to
8 inefficiencies and ambiguities in the permitting
9 process, not conspiracies and backroom deals. If the
10 Marcellus and Utica Shales are truly world-class
11 resources, then we do not owe it to ourselves to give
12 them a world-class infrastructure?

13 The natural gas industry has had an
14 incredibly positive impact on my family, and if not
15 for the industry, my family and thousands like us
16 would not be here anymore. With that in mind, the
17 potential for this industry to have a lasting positive
18 impact is unmistakable. Let's find a way to develop
19 this resource in a manner that benefits our region
20 rather than allowing it to slip away.

21 It is time to grow our legacy from coal
22 and steel and into the future. Please support the
23 permit application for the Mariner East II pipeline.
24 I ask you to do so not for my sake and not just for my
25 family's sake, but for the future of all of us who

1 believe in our region. Thank you.

2 MR. POISTER:

3 Leonard Young?

4 MR. YOUNG:

5 It's a long walk. I'm out of breath.

6 I'm Leonard Young, 656 Cooper Road, Monroeville,
7 Pennsylvania. I'm a lifelong resident of the area
8 here.

9 MR. POISTER:

10 Could you move a little closer to the
11 mike?

12 MR. YOUNG:

13 Yes, sir. How's that? Okay? Thank
14 you. So I'm not a laborer. I'm not a ---.

15 MR. POISTER:

16 Put your name in.

17 MR. YOUNG:

18 Leonard Young, 656 Cooper Road,
19 Monroeville, Pennsylvania. Thanks. I actually have a
20 landscaping business I keep very busy with. I'm also
21 an arborist. I work in trees. I'm sort of a man of
22 the land, you might say. From 1982 to 2001, I lived
23 in a residence in Monroeville. We had a Sunoco
24 pipeline going through our property in the backyard.
25 The line was very well maintained.

1 And there was a lot of communication
2 between Sunoco and myself as a property owner with
3 their line going through, without anything --- doing
4 any inspections or anything. Very good to deal with
5 them. 2001, I moved to another residence in
6 Monroeville where I currently am now. We have a
7 People's Gas line going through our property, and it's
8 often inspected.

9 They just did some work on some device
10 that goes with the line, and they did a fabulous job,
11 told me all about it and were very courteous about
12 everything. I've just got some quick written notes
13 here.

14 Some people complain about the project,
15 have problems with it --- probably told about the
16 whole thing ahead of time. And if they wanted to do
17 something about it ahead of time, they probably
18 should've done something then instead of waiting until
19 after the fact. People complain about fossil fuels.
20 If you want to try going without fossil fuels, I think
21 you'd have some real problems. Wind and solar energy,
22 it's just not practical.

23 We're dealing with reality, not
24 ideology. There are so many rules, regulations and
25 laws that are already in place regarding the moving of

1 commodities through pipelines and that.

2 There are very heavy fines if those
3 rules aren't followed, and the companies know that.
4 They're not stupid. So I'm sure they're putting a lot
5 of money into this project, and if it was not going to
6 be feasible for not just the short term, but the long
7 term, they wouldn't even be talking about it. By the
8 way, I do wholeheartedly support this process, the
9 project and think it should go through.

10 I don't have a lot of mumbo jumbo about
11 regulations and specifications and all that stuff.
12 That's why the DEP gets paid all the money they get
13 paid, to do all that stuff. And they're doing a good
14 job of it, so just keep on doing what you're doing.
15 Finally, a lot of people complain about resource use
16 and all that stuff. The fact of the matter is, if you
17 want to live a third world lifestyle, move to a third
18 world country. America is first world.

19 MR. POISTER:

20 Our final speaker tonight is Justin
21 Wasser.

22 MR. WASSER:

23 My name is Justin Wasser, and I reside
24 at 112 Stratford Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
25 And thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name

1 is Justin Wasser, and I work for the Sierra Club.
2 We're an environmental organization that represents
3 about 9,000 people along this route. At the top of
4 what I'm saying, I'd like to emphasize a comment
5 prior, directing DEP's attention to Section 105.16E.

6 Again, it says this section does not
7 apply to dams, water obstructions, encroachments
8 located in, along, across or projecting into wetlands,
9 when it comes to this question of economics and jobs.

10 So we formally are requesting that the
11 PA Department of Environmental Protection do the
12 following. Enact --- or sorry, extend the public
13 comment period for the Chapter 102 and 105 permits.

14 We ask that you hold additional hearings
15 in the other 13 affected counties, and also, we ask
16 that you use the strictest scrutiny in reviewing these
17 permit applications from a company with a record of
18 bad behavior and breaking laws and putting the health
19 of workers, communities and the environment at risk.
20 And ultimately, we ask that you reject the Chapter 102
21 and 105 permit applications.

22 The project will cross multiple lands
23 and affect drinking water. I'm sorry. It's easier
24 when it's on paper. It'll affect watersheds, wetlands
25 and designated high quality streams, exceptional value

1 streams and trout streams along with miles of pipeline
2 right of way and additional miles of access road that
3 will cut through forests and watershed. The project
4 will include compressor units, filter separators, gas
5 coolers and other infrastructure such as emergency
6 generators.

7 All of the activities degrade water
8 quality. Among our concerns are the following
9 impacts. Forest fragmentation, soil compaction,
10 noise, structural damage and aquifer contamination,
11 loss of wetlands and water quality degradation and
12 storm water runoff and flooding. With flooding and
13 destruction of habitat, this project will result in
14 clear-cutting of hundreds of thousands of trees.

15 The permanent conversion of forests to
16 open land will fragment an important habitat. It will
17 result in increased storm water runoff and compromise
18 the area's resilience to flooding. And we've seen the
19 impacts of flooding in Louisiana most recently.
20 Another concern is public land impact, and this is
21 something that I actually haven't heard folks talk a
22 lot about. But numerous popular outdoor recreational
23 areas are in the crosshairs of this project.

24 Many of these areas receive federal
25 funds through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, so

1 they are due special protections under federal law,
2 which is not mentioned anywhere in Sunoco Logistics
3 application for 102 and 105 permits, including a
4 rigorous review process by the National Park Service,
5 additional NEPA review and ultimately NPS imposed
6 mitigation. This is a real legal requirement and is
7 no way optional.

8 So we have very serious concerns about
9 the fact that this application appears to ignore these
10 LWCF requirements. As far the patriotism, living in a
11 first world country, talking about how great America
12 is and how great our state is, we actually have a
13 Pennsylvania Constitution. And in that constitution,
14 we have a Declaration of Rights. It's in Article 1,
15 Section 27.

16 And this says the people have a right to
17 clean air, pure water and to the preservation of
18 natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic values of the
19 environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources
20 are the common property of all people, including
21 generations yet to come. As a trustee of these
22 resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and
23 maintain them for the benefit of all people.

24 After enduring the terrible consequences
25 of resource exploitation in the last century,

1 Pennsylvania amended its constitution to include
 2 Section 27 to protect the public interest and a
 3 healthy environment. These protections are vital. We
 4 ask that DEP take these public serious --- or public
 5 duties very seriously and give these lands, these
 6 communities the meaningful protections they deserve,
 7 especially given the size and scope of this project.
 8 Thank you.

9 MR. POISTER:

10 This will conclude the public hearing.
 11 I'll turn on the mic here if I can find it. This will
 12 conclude the public hearing. We note for the record
 13 that representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of
 14 Environmental Protection were present to hold this
 15 hearing. As a reminder, the public comment period
 16 will close on Wednesday, August 24th.

17 If you wish to submit questions or
 18 comments between now and then, please feel free to use
 19 the resources and information found in the fact sheet
 20 you received when you came in tonight. Thank you for
 21 being here. We appreciate your interest in this
 22 project. Have a safe trip home, and a good night.

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24 HEARING CONCLUDED AT 8:32

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I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, hearing held before Coordinator Poister was reported by me on 8/18/2016 and that I, Susan M. Harshell, read this transcript, and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.



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