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BEFORE THE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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IN RE: CHAPTER 105 PERMIT APPLICATIONS FROM SUNOCO  
LOGISTICS FOR ITS MARINER EAST 11 PIPELINE PROJECT

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BEFORE: JOHN REPETZ, Chair  
ROBERT CONRAD, Assistant Regional Director  
SCOTT WILLIAMSON, Waterways and Wetlands  
Program Manager  
ED BOITO, Local Government Liaison

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Jo Wallace, Tim Dunleavy, Etta Albright,  
Joe Long, Bob Kutz, Robert Wilds,  
Terry Stalnaker, John Hudson, John Paul  
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Good evening and welcome. My name is John Repetz. I'm the Community Relations Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Southcentral Regional Office in Harrisburg. Tonight, we are here to hold a formal public hearing on the Chapter 105 Permit Applications from Sunoco Logistics for its Mariner East II Pipeline Project. Thank you all for coming this evening. And thank you to the Blair County Convention Center for hosting us.

Joining me tonight--from DEP,--I'd also like to introduce Mr. Robert Conrad, who is the Assistant Regional Director of the Southcentral Regional Office. And Mr. Scott Williamson, who is the Waterways and Wetlands Program Manager in the Southcentral Regional Office. I would also note, that there are representatives from Sunoco here this evening.

Tonight, we are here to hold a formal public hearing. We will take testimony in the form of comments from those who have registered to speak. If you wish to make a formal comment and have not yet signed up, we ask that you please step outside the door

1 to the registration table and get your name on the  
2 list. Okay? We will close the registration for  
3 speakers as soon as we begin with the first person  
4 offering testimony this evening. You must be  
5 registered if you wish to present tonight. And  
6 remember, comments offered here in person or in writing  
7 via e-mail or through Postal Service **all** carry the same  
8 weight. One does not outweigh the other.

9                   And at this time, I'd turn things over to  
10 Scott Williamson, the Waterways and Wetlands Program  
11 Manager, for a brief overview of the permitting process  
12 of the applications which DEP is currently reviewing.

13                   MR. WILLIAMSON:

14                   Thank you, John. Again, my name is Scott  
15 Williamson. I'm the Program Manager for Pennsylvania  
16 DEP's Southeastern Regional Office Waterways and  
17 Wetlands Program.

18                   Sunoco Pipeline, L.P. submitted  
19 Pennsylvania Water Obstruction and Encroachment  
20 Applications, also known as Chapter 105 Applications,  
21 as required by 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 105, Pennsylvania  
22 Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, Pennsylvania Clean  
23 Streams Law, to the Department of Environmental  
24 Protection, also known as DEP, for activities  
25 associated with construction of their proposed

1 Pennsylvania Pipeline , also known as the Mariner East  
 2 II Pipeline System. The permits are required for  
 3 proposed activities located in , along , across or  
 4 projecting into a watercourse, floodway or body of  
 5 water, including wetlands. These Chapter 105  
 6 Applications are currently under technical review by  
 7 DEP.

8                               The PA Pipeline, a/k/a Mariner East II  
 9 Project, is a proposed expansion of the existing Sunoco  
 10 Mariner East Pipeline System. The overall pipeline  
 11 project involves construction of two new, larger  
 12 pipelines to convey natural gas liquids. The two new  
 13 proposed pipelines will extend more than 300 miles and  
 14 255 miles, respectively, in Pennsylvania between  
 15 Houston Borough, Washington County, PA and Marcus Hook  
 16 ~~Bo. t. Sffgh; DeTaware-ccsTri-t-y; -PA. -----Tn-e--t:10r ew- :p-roposed~~  
 17 pipelines cross three regions of the DEP, five counties  
 18 in the Southwest Region, ten counties in the  
 19 Southcentral Regional, two counties in the Southeast  
 20 Region.

21                               Notice of the Chapter 105 permit  
 22 Applications was published by DEP in the Pennsylvania  
 23 Bulletin on Saturday, June 25th, 2016. Notice of a  
 24 public hearing was published in the Pennsylvania  
 25 Bulletin on Saturday, July 11th, 2016, and also the

1 Altoona Mirror and Huntingdon Daily News on July 28th ,  
2 2016, as well as several other Pennsylvania media  
3 publications.

4 DEP will accept written comments on the  
5 Sunoco Pipeline , L.P. , Chapter 105 Applications through  
6 Wednesday, August 24th. Thank you.

7 CHAIR:

8 Thank you, Scott. The public comments and  
9 the Department 's response will be made part of the  
10 administrative record , which is available for review at  
11 DEP 's Southcentral Regional Office Building in  
12 Harrisburg. Arrangements can be made to review the  
13 administrative record by calling 717-705-4732 during  
14 regular business hours, which are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00  
15 p.m. Monday through Friday . The record can also be  
16 ~~viewed online by clicking on DEP's website or clicking off~~  
17 the pipeline portal and then clicking the Southcentral  
18 Regional tab.

19 We will now begin the public hearing  
20 portion of this presentation --- of this proceeding.  
21 Registration for this hearing is now officially closed.  
22 I will call those who have preregistered to come  
23 forward. They will be called in the order in which I  
24 received their registration request.

25 We ask you to start by stating your name

1 and your address. And please say it clearly, so the  
 2 stenographer here can understand it. You will have  
 3 three minutes to provide your testimony. When you have  
 4 one minute left, I will hold up a sign for one minute.  
 5 And then when you've reached your limit, I will ask you  
 6 to stop. After you are done, if you have prepared  
 7 comments, you can drop them in the box up here at the  
 8 table at which the stenographer is seated.

9 So with that, we will call our first  
 10 person to give testimony tonight. And that is David  
 11 Taylor.

12 MR. TAYLOR:

13 Thank you. My name's David Taylor,

14 TAYLOR, David, 225 State Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

15 David Taylor, T-A-Y-L-O-R, 225 State Street,

16 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. My name is David Taylor.

17 I'm the President of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers'  
 18 Association. We are the statewide nonprofit trade  
 19 organization that represents the people who make things  
 20 here in our Commonwealth, generating over \$82 billion  
 21 annually in state gross product, employing 570,000 hard  
 22 working Pennsylvanians on the plant floor and  
 23 supporting millions of additional Pennsylvania jobs in  
 24 supply chains, distribution networks and industrial  
 25 vendors. As a native of neighboring Huntingdon County,



1 I am grateful to the Pennsylvania Department of  
2 Environmental Protection for this opportunity to  
3 testify in favor of Sunoco Logistics Mariner East II  
4 Project.

5           The shale effect on manufacturing is  
6 underway, making the United States, and more  
7 specifically Pennsylvania, a more attractive place for  
8 business investment. According to a new analysis by  
9 PricewaterhouseCoopers, shale gas development could  
10 have the following total impacts on U.S. manufacturing.  
11 First, annual cost savings of \$22.3 billion in the year  
12 2030 and \$34.1 billion in 2040. Also, 930,000 shale  
13 gas-driven manufacturing jobs created by the year 2030  
14 and 1,410,000 jobs by 2040.

15           To remain globally competitive,  
16 Pennsylvania manufacturers depend on access to  
17 affordable, clean-burning natural gas and natural gas  
18 byproducts, like butane, propane, ethane and natural  
19 gasoline, which are manufacturing feedstocks. Total  
20 natural gas demand is poised to increase by 40 percent  
21 over the next decade. And researchers at the National  
22 Association of Manufacturers found the key drivers of  
23 this demand will be manufacturing and power generation.

24           However, Pennsylvania's existing pipeline  
25 infrastructure does not meet the needs of gas producers

1 or industrial, commercial and residential end users.  
2 That is why projects such as Mariner East II are so  
3 vital for Pennsylvania's economy. This project is  
4 particularly important, because the pipeline will be  
5 used to transport butane, propane and ethane.

6 Besides being an excellent, clean-burning  
7 affordable fuel source, natural gas is the feedstock of  
8 all modern manufacturing, ethane becoming ethylene,  
9 butane becoming butene and propane becoming  
10 propylene. These products, which are manufactured  
11 goods themselves, excuse me, become products such as  
12 polyethylene, arguably the most important input in  
13 modern manufacturing. Companies will locate where the  
14 ~~materials are readily available and most affordable~~  
15 Pennsylvania's abundant, reliable and cost-effective  
16 ~~energy market~~ will be coupled with the logistical ease  
17 of accessing these manufacturing building products,  
18 making Pennsylvania more economically competitive. New  
19 west to-east pipeline infrastructure in Pennsylvania  
20 can make us a global energy leader by allowing the  
21 value added petrochemical manufacturing to happen here  
22 instead of Texas and Louisiana.

23 Successfully deploying the new energy  
24 infrastructure Pennsylvania needs is our organization's  
25 top priority. Therefore, we at the Pennsylvania

1 Manufacturers' Association emphatically support the  
2 Mariner East II product. And respectfully request  
3 Pennsylvania DEP to do the same. Thank you.

4 CHAIR:

5 Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Speaker number two  
6 is Ellen Gerhart.

7 MS. ELLEN GERHART:

8 My name is Ellen Gerhart, G-E-R H-A R-T,  
9 15357 Trough Creek Valley Pike, Huntingdon,  
10 Pennsylvania, 16652. And unlike the previous speaker,  
11 I will limit my comments to strictly the Chapter 102  
12 a 105 permitting process. I'm a landowner in  
13 Huntingdon County. I've had 3 out of my 27 acres of my  
14 ~~property seized by Sunoco Logistics through eminent~~  
15 ~~domain. Three acres may not seem like much, but these~~  
16 ~~three acres contain a pond, streams and wetlands~~

17 We were never contacted by Sunoco  
18 Logistics regarding any sort of environmental  
19 evaluation of the impact of their pipeline and  
20 temporary workspace would have on these waters. In  
21 fact, the first piece of information we received was a  
22 copy of Tetra Tech's aerial map with an overlay of the  
23 proposed pipeline and workspace. Immediately, we  
24 noticed several discrepancies between the map and the  
25 reality on the ground. Known streams and wetlands,

1 which can clearly be seen on Google Maps, were missing.  
 2 We made numerous attempts to contact DEP, the  
 3 Huntingdon County Conservation District, Fish and  
 4 Wildlife, Army Corps of Engineers and Fish and Boat to  
 5 make them aware of these issues, but to no avail. None  
 6 of these agencies, which are supposedly in place to  
 7 protect the environment, showed any interest in looking  
 8 at our situation. When Sunoco Logistics surveyors came  
 9 to delineate the streams and wetlands, they placed  
 10 markers without checking the area for hydrologic soil.  
 11 They did not survey any of the flora or fauna for  
 12 indicator species for wetlands or stream quality.

13                                We were finally forced to hire our own  
 14                                environmental consulting firm, an expense which many  
 15 landowners along the 350 mile length of Mariner East  
 16 are unable to afford. This is a copy, I have referred,  
 17 of Schmid & Companies findings. Seventy-two (72) pages  
 18 of findings. They found that Tetra Tech owned a  
 19 reported one-half of our streams and only one-seventh  
 20 of our wetlands. In addition, Tetra Tech  
 21 misrepresented the largest wetland area as emergent  
 22 wetland, not forested wetland. Our consulting expert  
 23 in aquatic flora and fauna identified crayfish,  
 24 salamanders and various insects that are indicator  
 25 species of good stream quality. None of this appeared

1 in any of Tetra Tech's findings. I shudder to think  
2 about how many other errors and omissions may have been  
3 made on the other 350 miles of proposed pipeline, if  
4 this many mistakes can be found on three acres.

5           When Sunoco came and clearcut the  
6 right-of-way and temporary workspace, the 45 to 90-foot  
7 trees that they cut on the steep slope next to our pond  
8 were simply left lying on the ground. Because with no  
9 permits, Sunoco cannot move those trees. This  
10 clearcutting has left our streams, pond and wetlands  
11 exposed to erosion. Sunoco's Erosion Control Plan  
12 consists of throwing mesh on the dirt and sowing some  
13 grass seeds on it. This is supposed to take the place  
14 of the trees that existed. The wetland and a old

15 stream will be forever impacted, since Sunoco will be  
16 permitted to return to maintain the right-of-way.

17           Ironically, DCNR is currently encouraging  
18 landowners to plant trees along streams. Sunoco  
19 Logistics and DEP made absolutely no attempt to do any  
20 onsite environmental evaluation until after the  
21 right-of-way and temporary workspace had already been  
22 clearcut at the end of March and beginning of April.  
23 We have now sent all the information to the Army Corps  
24 of Engineers and requested a jurisdictional  
25 determination of our property.

1                   We 've been reaching out for help to  
2 government agencies such as DEP, since the spring of  
3 2015. Please fight for and support the environmental  
4 rights of Pennsylvania citizens against the corporate  
5 pillaging of pipeline companies such as Sunoco  
6 Logistics. Thank you.

7                   CHAIR:

8                   Thank you, Ellen. Next speaker is Vince  
9 Matteo. Is Vince present? Okay. Moving on. Next  
10 speaking is Elise Gerhart.

11                   MS. ELISE GERHART:

12                   This past March I watched helplessly as  
13 Sunoco crews entered my families property and laid  
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15 hundred-year-old forest that my family had stewarded  
16 since before I was born. I watched my parents, having  
17 been betrayed by the agencies who are supposed to  
18 protect them, grieve for the loss of their land and  
19 their rights.

20                   I felt the undue hatred of men employed by  
21 Sunoco, as they tramped around our home with chainsaws  
22 and a callous disregard, making jokes about doing  
23 things that would kill me. I felt the disorienting  
24 feeling of having a landscape I have known all my life,  
25 changed in a few hours of work. This experience has

1 forever altered my life, my viewpoint and my future.

2 I am here now to urge the Department of  
3 Environmental Protection to deny all permits for  
4 Sunoco's Mariner East Pipeline Project. I could go on  
5 and on about the environmental impacts that would  
6 result from Sunoco's construction. There is much more  
7 that can be said --- that can be said in three short  
8 minutes.

9 However, to focus on the codes themselves,  
10 I will simply bring to your attention that Sunoco has  
11 not fulfilled its obligations. The company has not  
12 secured all easements along the 350-mile long route.  
13 There are ongoing disputes over land rights in multiple

14 I will continue to fight eminent domain abuse.

15 You are probably aware that this question  
16 of whether or not a private company can take your  
17 property for their own profit will wind up in the state  
18 Supreme Court. So I will remind you, that it will be a  
19 long time until all easements are secured.

20 Secondly, the Department is well aware  
21 that Sunoco is and will continue to be a chronic  
22 violator. They have failed to be honest with you.  
23 They have been fined by you, not only for accidents  
24 which polluted Pennsylvania's waters, but for failing

1 to support such accidents to you. Two years ago,  
2 Sunoco moved ahead with construction activities on  
3 Mariner I without seeking the Department's approval at  
4 all. This pattern also gives the Department the right  
5 to deny any permits.

6 Thirdly, no alternatives have been  
7 explored. Sunoco decided it would simply be cheaper to  
8 go through more of our ground than to involve other  
9 landowners near us. Most importantly, the  
10 construction of the Mariner East II is at complete odds  
11 with Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania  
12 Constitution, as is the using of eminent domain to  
13 seize land that individual property owners have decided  
14 to set aside for conservation. The Department is

15 every right to deny these permits. Pennsylvanians will  
16 not be forced to allow your agency to allow you  
17 knowing allow Sunoco to move forward with activities that  
18 will violate Pennsylvania law.

19 And to the Labor folks here, I just want  
20 to ask you to stop treating people like me and my  
21 family like the enemy, because it is not us versus you.  
22 It is not our rights versus your right. It is not our  
23 right to protect our property versus your job. Okay?  
24 That's not what this is about. There are jobs to be  
25 had in pipelining in Pennsylvania, repairing and



1 maintaining existing infrastructure. There are jobs  
 2 there. There are things that need to be done that  
 3 aren't being done. There's safety protocols that need  
 4 to be implemented, that aren't being implemented, you  
 5 know. And it doesn't have to be like this. You don't  
 6 have to come out here and force against us. Okay? We  
 7 are not against you. And I am asking you right here,  
 8 right now to please not come to my family's home and  
 9 further destroy it. I am begging you. Okay? We don't  
 10 deserve that. My mother was a public school teacher  
 11 for 32 years, a special education teacher. My father  
 12 is 85 years old, and he has been through more in his  
 13 life than I could tell you in hours. Okay?

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 15 Americans. And we just want to be secure in our lives  
 16 and our livelihoods JUST like you do. And you don't  
 17 have to come and hurt us in order to do that. So  
 18 please don't.

19 CHAIR:

20 Thank you, Elise. Next is Dave Weber.

21 MR. WEBER:

22 Thank you. David Weber, 604 West Lloyd  
 23 Street, Ebensburg, PA. I'm a Special International Rep  
 24 with the Laborers International Union of North America  
 25 and a lifelong resident of Cambria County.

1 I'm here in support of the Sunoco  
2 Logistics Mariner II Project Chapter 105 Water  
3 Obstructions & Encroachment permit application. The  
4 proposed Mariner East II Pipeline will move natural gas  
5 liquids from western PA to the Marcus Hook Industrial  
6 Complex in southeast Pennsylvania for processing ,  
7 storage and transport to consumers.

8 This project will create around 30,000 new  
9 jobs during construction, and as many as 400 permanent  
10 jobs once the pipeline is operational. These are jobs  
11 that would employ local construction workers and  
12 laborers. These are good paying jobs for workers to  
13 support their families.

14 ~~Additionally, this pipeline could generate~~  
15 \$4.2 billion for the Pennsylvania economy and \$62  
16 million in tax revenues. The project is committed to  
17 use local union laborers, workers who have received the  
18 most advanced pipeline , safety training and other  
19 operational excellence protocols to prevent negative  
20 impacts on property and environment .

21 We live here, work here, hunt , fish, shop,  
22 raise our families here. We must be respectful of our  
23 land and our neighbors' lands. But we must also ensure  
24 that pipeline infrastructure is developed for the safe ,  
25 efficient transportation of those resources as well .

1                   According to the United States Department  
 2 of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials  
 3 Safety Administration, pipelines are the safest mode to  
 4 transport energy resources. Far safer than  
 5 transporting by rail or over roadways by truck. These  
 6 resources are critical for countless consumer needs,  
 7 like winter heating, vehicle fuel and a variety of uses  
 8 in manufacturing. Domestic energy, production is also  
 9 critical to national security.

10                   Mariner East II will be built and  
 11 maintained with the highest standards for environmental  
 12 safety, create jobs that provide a living wage, and  
 13 provide homegrown necessary resources for Pennsylvania  
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15 reasons, please join me in supporting Sunoco Logistics  
 16 **application for Chapter 105, Water 06-struct'OilS-M&**  
 17 Encroachment permits. Thank you.

18                   CHAIR :

19                   Thank you, Dave. Next is Melody Fleck.

20                   MS. FLECK:

21                   Melody Fleck. And my address is P.O.  
 22 Box 182, Pine Grove Mills, Pennsylvania. First, I'd  
 23 like to thank the --- thank you for the opportunity to  
 24 speak. But three minutes per person at a few hearings  
 25 across the state is not sufficient in light of the

1 enormity of the project and what is at stake for  
 2 Pennsylvanians. Changing the name of the project  
 3 midstream and failing to adequately advertise the  
 4 issues in affected communities, and these hearings, is  
 5 improper.

6 Sunoco's Mariner East II Pipeline crosses  
 7 17 counties and affects 2,700 property owners, and  
 8 would permanently impact over 35 acres of wetland and  
 9 8.6 acres of streams. The enormous quantity of 700,000  
 10 barrels of gas will be transported each day under  
 11 extreme pressure through our communities, beautiful  
 12 natural areas, irreplaceable historic sites and fragile  
 13 wetland environments.

14  
 15 should be stopped. The catastrophic Greensburg,  
 16 Pennsylvania explosion that occurred in April, with its  
 17 moonscape-type devastation that follows a major gas  
 18 line explosion is sobering. A resident escaped barely  
 19 with his life and has, it is rumored, had part of an  
 20 ear and two appendages amputated due to excessive  
 21 burns.

22 Two, the lives of fellow Pennsylvanians  
 23 are being risked all along the pipeline route. And  
 24 most don't want it, except for jobs. The only way it  
 25 is proceeding is that the corrupting influence of

1 campaign and lobbying money has led to unbelievable ,  
2 unconstitutional taking of private property by eminent  
3 domain for a corporate purpose. As a retired real  
4 estate attorney, I can assure you that this land grab  
5 is not only --- undermines --- that it's not an  
6 undermines basic tenets of real estate law. It  
7 negligently exposes families, farms and businesses to  
8 extreme risk without their consent.

9           Three, Sunoco Logistics' track record is  
10 not clean or indicative of a high concern for safety  
11 and compliance. Four, we have a big problem called  
12 global warming. Ninety-five (95) percent of scientists  
13 are urging the end of fossil fuel use so that  
14 catastrophic destruction of life on the planet may be  
15 averted. Build-out gas infrastructure will assure  
16 increase in fossil fuel use and we will get --- we will  
17 not get control of this runaway train. Undeniable  
18 natural phenomena proves global warming is current,  
19 such as the alarming increase in atmospheric carbon  
20 dioxide readings , glacial ice melt , ocean salinization,  
21 and mass species extinction and migration to northern  
22 parts of the U.S. And exploded methane craters due to  
23 permafrost melt in Siberia.

24           Five, it is obvious from the path and size  
25 of the Mariner East II pipeline, that the purpose is

1 not to serve the local public. The gas is intended for  
2 export and sale to the highest bidder worldwide. This  
3 is a purely profit-driven motivation. Increasing the  
4 market for gas will increase drilling, exorbitant waste  
5 of Pennsylvania's drinking water due to fracking, risk  
6 of toxic and radioactive contamination of our land and  
7 air, serious health issues for infants and children and  
8 piles of drilling waste that have no responsible means  
9 of disposal.

10                   Dumping frack waste in landfills or  
11 pumping it underground via injection wells is  
12 irresponsible. DEP knows that there are uncharted,  
13 abandon wells all over Pennsylvania from which the pump  
14 liquids can rise and contaminate ecosystems. USGS has  
15 established that injection wells lubricate fault lines,  
16 causing earthquakes. And dilution is not the solution  
17 for landfills.

18                   We are the people of Pennsylvania who you  
19 are supposed to be representing and protecting. We  
20 have lives here, homes, families, businesses and pay  
21 taxes, work hard, eat foods grown here and recreate  
22 here. Our rights can no longer be given first right.  
23 They are paramount.

24                   Under the Environmental Rights Amendment  
25 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, which is the highest

1 law of the Commonwealth, we have the right to clean  
 2 air, pure water. And you and other state agencies are  
 3 trustees of Pennsylvania. You have the duty to protect  
 4 us and the rights not only of us but future generations  
 5 of Pennsylvanians. Please look at the big picture and  
 6 don't issue these permits. Thank you.

7 CHAIR:

8 Thank you, Melody. Jody Wallace.

9 MS. WALLACE:

10 My name is Jody Wallace. My address is  
 11 143 Snare Drive, Tyrone, Pennsylvania. I'm an  
 12 environmental educator here in Blair County, but today  
 13 I speak as a concerned citizen. I am concerned that

14 the Pennsylvania Pipeline Project so known as the  
 15 Mariner II, will impact water quality in Pennsylvania.

16 I understand that the pipeline will go through 5,800

17 wetlands. Since wetlands provide filtration of

18 pollutants and recharge groundwater, as a citizen I

19 require that Pennsylvania Department of Environmental

20 Protection hold the PPP Chapters 102 and 105 permits

21 accountable to the standards of the Clean Water Act.

22 Wetlands are crucial habitat for specially

23 adapted animal and plant species. I require that the

24 Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

25 hold the proposed permits to the standards of the

1 Endangered Species Act .

2 I am concerned about groundwater . Not  
3 only will this pipeline directly endanger groundwater,  
4 it will encourage the growth of the tracking  
5 industries. Studies have shown, and I cite this in the  
6 paper, that water injected into tracking sites contain  
7 carcinogens and mutagens. I appeal to the Pennsylvania  
8 Department of Environmental Protection to hold the  
9 Sunoco company and other tracking and pipeline  
10 companies to the standards of law that protects the  
11 people of the Commonwealth, many of whom have wells,  
12 from groundwater contamination afforded by the Safe  
13 Drinking Water Act and the Resource Conservation and

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15 but Pennsylvania DEP keep us from turning an entire

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17 I'm concerned about birds. With over  
18 300 miles of pipeline and a 50-foot right-of-way,  
19 that's lots of trees cut down and habitat disturbance,  
20 making way for invasive species. PA DEP must hold the  
21 permit to the highest standards of the Migratory Bird  
22 Act.

23 Finally, I am concerned about humans.  
24 Other speakers will address safety and global climate  
25 change issues. But I want to address environmental



1 justice. I see some pumping stations and the pipeline  
2 and the refinery are located near towns with minority  
3 and low income populations. Please also address  
4 sensitive populations, including children and the  
5 unborn fetuses. Pennsylvania Department of  
6 Environmental Protection must give full considerations  
7 to these populations under Executive Order 12898 issued  
8 February 16th, 1994.

9 I implore the Pennsylvania Department  
10 Mental --- PA DEP to do its job, protect our land, our  
11 water, our wildlife and the people of the Commonwealth  
12 of Pennsylvania under the fullest extent of the law.

13 CHAIR:

14 Thanku-Ody. Next is Ti

15 MR . DUNLEAVY:

16 My name a Tim Dunleavy. I live at 537  
17 Cricklewood Drive in State College Pennsylvania. Thank  
18 you for this opportunity and thank you, everybody, for  
19 showing up. The worldwide hydrocarbon markets are  
20 currently glutted. While this lowers prices, it  
21 discourages the modernization of our energy policies.  
22 Unfortunately, the bounty of the present discourages  
23 long-term solutions.

24 120 years ago, a coal-based energy sector  
25 fought hard against oil and gas. 200 years before

1 that , coal was being fought by the whale oil industry,  
2 the fuel of choice throughout Europe . Whale oil gave  
3 way to coal, which yielded to oil and gas. At each  
4 point , vested interest warned that economic ruin ---  
5 about economic ruin should the old be replaced by the  
6 new. Had we heeded these calls, there would 'be no  
7 whales , no trees or no coal in the ground . We would  
8 lack the energy infrastructure to move to the next  
9 energy innovation. This is a decision that we face.  
10 Do we adopt the 21st Century energy policy or do we  
11 defend antiquated technology? Is it in our best  
12 interest to double down on the 21st Century equivalent  
13 of whale oil?

14 ~~The Pennsylvania Constitution guarantees~~  
15 the maintenance of , quote, natural, scenic, historic  
16 and aesthetic values of the environment , unquote. This  
17 is our birthright . What insurance is there that our  
18 rights will be honored when we lose so many miles of  
19 our birthright to the transmission and ultimately the  
20 increased production of this 21st Century version of  
21 whale oil?

22 A review of Sunoco Logistics Safety  
23 Records raises some concerns. Over the last decade ,  
24 the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials and Safety  
25 Administration has filed 262 incidence reports against

1 Sunoco Logistics. In 2015, Sunoco Logistics garnered  
2 an impressive 42 violations from the PA Department of  
3 Environmental Protection, on the very pipeline project  
4 we now discuss.

5 So for these reasons, I humbly request  
6 that the PA DEP fulfill its obligations with respect to  
7 the constitutionally guaranteed rights of the citizens  
8 of our Commonwealth. Specifically, I ask the following  
9 items be seriously considered. One, extend the  
10 Chapter 105 permitting comment period and hold hearings  
11 in the other 13 affected counties. Two, given Sunoco  
12 Logistics' recent history of violations and incident  
13 reports, place the request for Chapter 102 and 105

14 permits under the highest level of scrutiny;

15 Three, honor the rights, needs and wishes

16 of the 2700 plus landowners whose properties will

17 permanently be impacted by this and other pipeline  
18 projects. Four, quit taking land from uncooperative  
19 property owners. No one should have this project  
20 forced upon them. Please don't use the coercive force  
21 of government to benefit a very few at the expense of  
22 the very many.

23 And five, strictly enforce maintenance  
24 standards on all pipelines in the Commonwealth.

25 Methane leaks are becoming more, not less common. Six,

1 provide concrete reasons why all of this is necessary.  
2 The ultimate purpose of this pipeline is to transmit  
3 Marcellus Shale gas to plants where it will be  
4 liquified and sold overseas. Most of this gas is owned  
5 by foreign companies, does not benefit Pennsylvania or  
6 the U.S.

7                   We can't meet modern energy challenges  
8 with 19th Century energy technologies, we must move  
9 past oil and gas or lose our global dominance. We need  
10 to put our resource into renewable and sustainable  
11 energy solutions, not the needs of the vested interest.  
12 However, if we end up doubling down on the past, we  
13 indeed want to continue relying on an updated version  
14 ~~of whale oil technology, let's at least do it right.~~

15                   Please conduct full and thorough reviews  
16 of Sunoco Logistics Mariner East II, Chapter 105 and  
17 102 Permits. And please respect the wishes of  
18 Pennsylvania property owners, the quality of our land  
19 and water. It is your duty as government officials and  
20 our right as citizens of this great Commonwealth.  
21 Thank you.

22                   CHAIR:

23                   Thank you, Tim. Next is Etta Albright .

24                   MS. ALBRIGHT:

25                   My name Etta Albright . And I live in

1 Cresson. A-L-B-R-I-G -H-T. Gas pipelines across  
 2 Pennsylvania are not a single issue. They are part of  
 3 the fossil fuel industry's effort to increase  
 4 acquisition, processing, transporting and promoting  
 5 unhealthy dependency on fossil fuels contradictory to  
 6 science-based facts that methane is many times worse as  
 7 a greenhouse gas in climate change that is threatening  
 8 sustainability of our planet. There is no such thing  
 9 as clean fossil fuel.

10 The following is text representative of  
 11 the intent of the Paris Climate Talks held to embrace  
 12 climate change. The goal of 1.5 centimeter is a big  
 13 leap below the 2C, agreed six years ago in Copenhagen.

----- —1-L1 The intent is to decrease the temperature of the earth. Here is

15 what the agreement means for global emissions in the  
 16 future of the planet.

17 Governments have signaled an end to the  
 18 fossil fuel era, committing for the first time through  
 19 universal agreement to cut greenhouse gas emissions and  
 20 to avoid the most dangerous effects of climate change.  
 21 After 20 years of fraught meetings, including the past  
 22 two weeks spent in an exhibition hall on the outskirts  
 23 of Paris, negotiators from nearly 200 countries signed  
 24 onto a legal agreement that set ambitious goals to  
 25 limit temperature rises and to hold governments to

1 account for reaching those targets.

2           Government and business leaders set the  
3 agreement which set a new goal to reach net zero  
4 emissions in the second half of the century, sent a  
5 powerful signal to global markets, hastening the  
6 transition away from fossil fuels and to clean energy  
7 economy.

8           The deal was carefully constructed to  
9 carry legal force, but without requiring approval by  
10 the U.S. Congress, which have --- would have almost  
11 certainly rejected it. Let 's not let the immoral  
12 behavior or influence of fossil fuel industr es control  
13 or speak for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its  
14 ~~people.~~

15           A ban on fracking is needed to allow  
16 science and legislation to catch up to an  
17 industry-rooted in exemptions from Safe Drinking Water  
18 laws, Clean Air laws, Public's Right to Know laws and  
19 freedom from responsibilities, including a gag order on  
20 physicians about health issues.

21           Because Pennsylvania is known as an  
22 extraction state have fownshi.ps and borough supervisors  
23 even thought of asking about decommissioning of  
24 pipelines, compressor stations, power plants and alike.  
25 And when there's a drought, will residents receive

1 water before gas-powered electricity generating  
 2 stations. We need to think about these things. And as  
 3 the previous speaker pointed out, it's not about us  
 4 against you, America --- Pennsylvania's workers are the  
 5 best in the county. We show that by how many families  
 6 were raised with workers in dress factories, shirt  
 7 factories, shoe factories, all these industries. And  
 8 so Pennsylvania can do it right. But I'm troubled by  
 9 this treatment in this --- announcing this meeting  
 10 tonight. And it says here, the DEP officials  
 11 anticipate numerous job openings associated with  
 12 construction and upkeep on the project, Mariner East.  
 13 I have your number. The Mariner East man who's going  
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 14 to take the oil to the coast. But he's going to  
 15 They changed it to the Pennsylvania Pipeline Project to

16 kind of make it look nicer.

17 But that statement about DEP officials  
 18 commenting about the economics of this is very  
 19 inappropriate. And when I ask these gentlemen that  
 20 were standing out in front the of Convention Center if  
 21 they were offered any jobs with sustainable renewable  
 22 energy, they had not. So let's take a look at this.  
 23 There are jobs. The League of Women Voters, a very  
 24 respectable organization, has done a study on the  
 25 economics of this. And there are jobs that are

1 associated with renewable energy. So don't let this  
2 fossil fuel industry threaten you or intimidate or use  
3 you, exploit you. Because that's been the history of  
4 fossil fuels in this state, exploiting the workers.  
5 The workers had to fight for everything to be treated  
6 with decency and with safety in line, too. And let's  
7 not forget that. And let's not forget about our  
8 children and our grandchildren.

9           As a registered nurse, I took care of  
10 people in a residential facility, and some of their  
11 diagnosis was unknown prenatal influences. Now,  
12 they'll tell you, oh, gas is cleaner. They won't tell  
13 you about the volatile organic compounds that threaten  
14 life, and one of our speakers spoke to already. So  
15 let's think about this. It is not about us against  
16 you. We are proud Pennsylvania workers.

17           Every time that fire whistle goes off in  
18 our community and these people are running, and going  
19 to things that they didn't start but they're expected  
20 to take care of, I think of this pipeline. I think of  
21 this fossil fuel industry. So please don't sell  
22 yourself short. You deserve good working envTronmerit  
23 and good wages. Thank you.

24           CHAIR :

25           Next is Joe Lundy.



1                   MR. LUNG:

2                   My name a Joe Lundy, 216 Grandview Drive,  
3 North, Pittsburgh, PA. Good evening. My name is Joe  
4 Lundy, and I'm here to speak in support of the Mariner  
5 East ■■ Project. I am the Chief Financial Officer of  
6 Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company, the Caterpillar  
7 dealer in 27 locations here in Pennsylvania. We are a  
8 family-owned company founded in 1948. And we employ  
9 over 1,200 employees, both union and nonunion. We  
10 sell, rent and service construction equipment and  
11 engines made by Caterpillar and other manufacturers to  
12 pipeline contractors throughout Pennsylvania.

13                   The Marcellus and Utica Shale natural gas  
14 opportunity has allowed our company to hire over 350  
15 employees over the last five years. Our equipment is  
16 usea----i:o Builia roads, arilling pads, retention ponds and  
17 pipeline infrastructure. We also service Caterpillar  
18 engines used in all phases.

19                   Our company has a close and longstanding  
20 supply relationship with pipeline contractors operating  
21 throughout Pennsylvania, including many of those that  
22 will be involved in this project.. We prov Cle.them with-  
23 the best equipment available with respect to  
24 productivity and reliability, emissions control, low  
25 operating footprint and minimal land disturbance.

1                   The five pipeline companies that will be  
 2 doing work on this project are known for employing best  
 3 practices in construction, including earth moving,  
 4 material handing and land restoration. We provide 24/7  
 5 equipment support to ensure that projects are not  
 6 delayed due to equipment downtime.

7                   We have already earmarked and allocated  
 8 equipment assets along the path of the Mariner East II  
 9 construction, so the project can be completed without  
 10 delays related to equipment availability.

11                  This project will support hundreds of jobs  
 12 at Cleveland Brothers at a time when the ongoing  
 13 downturn in Pennsylvania's energy production is  
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15 of their families , along with those of the contractors  
 16 we suppose..

17                  Also at stake in this project's approval  
 18 are the jobs of many thousands of workers that support  
 19 the production of natural gas and the natural gas  
 20 liquids in the shale formation across the state. They  
 21 cannot produce what cannot be transported to market  
 22 because **Of** Tack of the pipeline capacity. - J ' v f a r : C r i e r - E a s t  
 23 II will go a long way to help alleviate these  
 24 constraints.

25                  Because of all the construction and energy

1 production activities, this pipeline will enable,  
2 communities throughout Pennsylvania will benefit from  
3 worker incomes earned. Much of it is spent locally.  
4 The resulting state and local taxes paid by them and  
5 their employers will support public education,  
6 environmental programs, infrastructure, public safety  
7 and other state/local government operations.

8           Pennsylvania's economy as a whole will  
9 benefit greatly. And from an energy independent  
10 standpoint, projects like Mariner II will enable this  
11 abundant, clean and domestic fuel to be provided across  
12 our state in a safe manner and reducing our dependence  
13 on OPEC and other foreign governments.

14 ~~We as a state need to spend more time~~  
15 embracing this opportunity that Shale gas has given us  
16 ana what it can mean for Pennsylvania. This should be  
17 about clean energy production, cooperation, teamwork  
18 and jobs, jobs for our children and jobs for our  
19 grandchildren.

20           Thank you for this opportunity to offer my  
21 view about why this project is important to our  
22 company, ennsy van a an iir-grea country. Thank  
23 you.

24           CHAIR :

25           Thank you, Joe. Next is Bob Kut z.

1                   MR. KUTZ:

2                   Good evening. My name is Bob Kutz. And  
3 that's K-U-T-Z, 1304 Walton Avenue, Altoona, PA. And I  
4 want to say I am here in support of the Mariner East  
5 project. And I would like to say that this room is  
6 full of union members tonight, I think. Is that about  
7 right? Are they here? The reason they're here tonight  
8 is, because they too want to make a better living and  
9 continue to work with people.

10                  I can tell you firsthand, when I was 12  
11 years old, the bulldozer pulled up to our house.  
12 That's how lovesick my father was with eminent domain.  
13 Route 220 took our home and split the property in half,  
14 which forced us basically to sell it all off. So I'm  
15 not a stranger to it.

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16                  And JUST recently with property I had in  
17 Canoe Creek, once again the state had to take some  
18 eminent domain action and take a piece of my property.  
19 So we're not strangers to that. I want to say that the  
20 environmental impact of this, I can see that it has  
21 affected some people already. And I assure you, that  
22 ~~the~~ ~~company~~ has committed to working with the highest standard  
23 of safety and with the DEP on this.

24                  And I would have to implore everyone to  
25 try and believe that, because they will do the best

1 they can to create the jobs and to try to appease the  
2 owners of the property that they need to encroach upon.  
3 This isn't easy. I know it's not. I lost a home this  
4 way. Not just property, but a home. And it can  
5 happen. But this can benefit a lot of Pennsylvanians  
6 down the road, and I mean a lot. We've talked about  
7 the numbers tonight.

8                   The amount of natural gas and liquid gas  
9 that needs to be moved across our country has  
10 increased, because we moved away from coal and we're  
11 moving towards the natural gas. There are going to be  
12 two new generation stations built here within 50 miles,  
13 generating natural gas as its power source.

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15 favorably upon this project . But I would also caution

16 you to make sure that Sunoco's held to the highest  
17 standards for safety and supports the people t:l-ia,t Cire  
18 affected by it. Thank you.

19                   CHAIR:

20                   Thank you, Bob. Next is Robert Wilds.

21                   MR. WILDS:

----- 22                   My name is Robert Wilds , 1339 Oak Road ,  
23 Leechburg , PA. I'm a representative of the  
24 International Union of Operating Engineers. I'm here  
25 speaking on behalf of the pipeline. I heard a few

1 things spoken here this evening about environment.  
 2 Well, pipelines are the most environmentally friendly  
 3 way to transport any kind of product. I can only speak  
 4 about what I know. I've been in the pipeline industry  
 5 for 30 years. The wetlands --- I've seen evolution in  
 6 the pipeline industry in 1986, when I started. You go  
 7 through wetlands, it separates the soil. We keep the  
 8 soil in the wetlands so everything goes back in so ---  
 9 to maintain that wetland.

10 And as far as endangered species. We work  
 11 around endangered species. We work around  
 12 rattlesnakes. We have to leave them be, work around  
 13 the tortoises in the Midwest. Okay? Safety, I heard  
 14 ~~IS~~ --- It's; ; -e- rth; ice ~~GI-d-Ok~~ - -a  
 15 you can do it. You can keep putting bandages on, keep

16 repairing. Go to the school bus your children are  
 17 riding in. Let's not buy a safer bus, let's just  
 18 keep repairing them old ones. What happens after a  
 19 while? You still got that same old bus. It's not up  
 20 to safety standards.

21 Putting a new pipeline in, you got new  
 22 materials; Dew TecEDoIOgy; --safer- fo i fte -pubTIC:--- -Okay7  
 23 I heard talk about export of products. So what .  
 24 Export it. What made the United States of America  
 25 great after World War II? We exported more goods than

1 we imported. The world looked at us. We were an  
2 economic leader. They reacted to us, not us to them.

3 We talked renewables. Renewables, yeah,  
4 they're a good thing. They're not here yet. I have a  
5 10 (K) solar system on my house, very expensive.  
6 Increased cost of my house by one-fourth. Not feasible  
7 for the average person.

8 Now, I'm going the talk on the other side  
9 of my mouth. We're talking about the environment. To  
10 make the solar panels that I got, many rare earth  
11 minerals. Mother Earth was raped to get those rare  
12 earth minerals out. That's a lot of destruction. Go  
13 to a windmill farm. Just go there and sit, and listen

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15 In closing, I can see my time is running

16 snort, Enere are over O,-Ou0 proaucts maae from  
17 petroleum J?roduct -. Petroleum. J:\_ggt\_a:fe"7..?:f\_ hem  
18 here, ain't elastin. Anybody know what elastin is?

19 That 's what is Under Armour. That 's what makes Under  
20 Armour work. Heart valves are made from petroleum  
21 products, toothbrushes, dentures, lifejackets,

22 --vapoITZ.ers- artificiaT Timbs, aspirin, rub0Thg aTC:Ohol;  
23 petroleum jelly, antihistamines, the insulation for  
24 wire. So even if we did have renewable energies for  
25 electric, we still need petroleum products to make

1 insulation for the wiring. Bandages.

2 In closing, if you want to stop the  
3 pipeline, I'll tell you how to do it, it's not hard.  
4 Stop using the products. It's very easy, people. I'm  
5 in the support of the pipeline. Thank you.

6 CHAIR:

7 Thank you, Robert. Next is Jerry  
8 Stalnaker.

9 MR. STALNAKER:

10 My name is Jerry Stalnaker from Altoona.  
11 I'm a little bit at a disadvantage tonight because  
12 of a hearing problem, so I can't react emotionally, but  
13 appropriately maybe. This is my first time to appear  
14 before a hearing like this. And I consider it a real  
15 privilege to do so --- to do that. And I just want to

J\_O express appreciation. We live in a great Iowa----where we  
17 can express our opinions and disagree; we're not here to be  
18 and not get shot or get our head cut off or whatever.  
19 So that's a great privilege.

20 I'm here tonight because I read an article  
21 in today's newspapers by Anthony Sewell, here tonight.  
22 Maybe he was here and left. But at any rate, he wrote  
23 an article entitled Sensible Environmentalism at Work.  
24 And we all as Americans, have something to gain or lose  
25 by laws that are passed by our government. And it's



1 about time that I, Jerry, take some interest in what's  
 2 going on in our country today. I look at these men. ■  
 3 don't know how many there are here in orange shirts.  
 4 But you're here because you want to work. You want to  
 5 do your jobs and support your families, and have a  
 6 decent lifestyle. And I recogniz that there are  
 7 problems that need to be worked out. But surely, we  
 8 can cooperate with each other and do what is best for  
 9 our country.

10 My comments are taken from Mr. Sewell's  
 11 article. He supports common sense approach to  
 12 developing natural gas infrastructure. And I hope I  
 13 can read my writing. It's not too good. Everyone here  
 14 ~~should favor that. Some major points he makes are~~  
 15 this. Number one, tap the resources we have at our  
 16 feet. Good stewardship and rising demand----aictate this.  
 17 Therefore, seize the opportunity presented by Marcellus  
 18 Shale formations to do this.

19 Number two, create opportunities, present  
 20 themselves by having the rich resources of natural gas  
 21 right at our fingertips. Opportunities like jobs,  
 22 cfieapef and ffioie plentiful gas is no fhe --rTg.ht.time  
 23 for the clean power plant to place unrealistic and  
 24 harmful --- harmless, our clean and plentiful fuel  
 25 assets by cutting emissions of 23 percent of CO2 by

1 2030 years if harmful and unrealistic.

2                   It seems appropriate to assure a clean  
3 environment by sensible laws like those proposed by  
4 Mariner East II. Why spend valuable resources on  
5 windmills, which are not only unsightly and  
6 inefficient, but expensive and unnecessary if and when  
7 sensible laws are promoted.

8                   If we are projecting a 22 percent  
9 shortfall of natural gas by 2030, why in the world  
10 would we promote windmills and solar farms, requiring  
11 space twice the size of Philadelphia and costing \$103  
12 billion. That's a \$1 billion. Even that's a big  
13 number today.

14 ~~And we can also create 17,000 new jobs.~~

15 And at the same time, further clean up the pollution by

16 ~~J.O~~ sensible laws as he suggests. I Believe that we should  
17 ~~all\_get\_aboard~~. I believe it's a win/win situation for  
18 everybody. Thank you very much.

19                   CHAIR :

20                   Thank you, Jerry. Next is John Hudson.

21                   MR. HUDSON:

22 ~~ZZ--~~ John Hudson, H-U-D-S-O-N. I represent  
23 Teamsters Local 110 from here in Altoona. A couple of  
24 people spoke before me, but I'd like to say this. I  
25 don't know how many pipelines we have passed coming

1 here. When we go turn on that thermostat and we get  
 2 this, it's probably because the pipeline have brought  
 3 natural gas to that. When we go get a drink of water  
 4 out here, it's probably because the pipeline has  
 5 brought us that water to here. Without pipelines in  
 6 our infrastructure, we couldn't do anything.

7 I read an article one time. I think it  
 8 said that Pennsylvania had close to 200,000 miles of  
 9 pipe in the ground already. I don't know how many of  
 10 these I drove by, and we're talking about the wetlands  
 11 and these pipelines for many years. Well, the wetlands  
 12 are still there, just as good or better than they ever  
 13 was.

14 ~~get sick we want the very best~~  
 15 doctor that we can get. If we get cancer, we go to a

16 specialist. These guys are specialists. They take air--  
 17 the train: i11\_g l j\_us :t J\_i, l- -?:\_clQC:to:L\_0\_ ---ct\_ J9v:l\_ye, :r\_g() --! Q\_g(C  
 18 out and build these pipelines that are environmentally  
 19 safe. We go under rivers, we don't go across them. We  
 20 dig under them. The pipe is two and three times as  
 21 thick as it is normal. So you won't have accidents and  
 22 things on rivers and the wetlands.

23 I also read somewhere, that if we use  
 24 natural gas and replace the coal and the fuel oil we're  
 25 using, we cut out 30 times our pollution that we're

1 polluting the planet with. We're all water-based here,  
2 guys and girls. Every one of us, we're 98 percent  
3 water. So we all know how important our water is to  
4 everybody here.

5                   And these companies specialize in doing  
6 pipelines and keeping our water safe and things. We  
7 all drink the same water. We don't want something  
8 getting polluted. None of us do. That's way the  
9 laborers, our operators, ourselves put on all of these  
10 extra classes so we can make not double sure but triple  
11 sure that everything is completed and did right and did  
12 in a safe, environmentally safe, matter.

13                   I'm going to close by saying this. I went  
14 to another hearing, and there was a gentleman. I spoke  
15 to this gentleman here when we were coming in. I'm 68.  
16 But the gentleman got up and he said, you know, back in  
17 the 'j\_Q ;:;\_'!\_bE;Tl\_I\_vj\_s\_s\_i\_g\_h!\_Q!'\_\_llirlE;\_years old the \_\_\_\_\_  
18 wanted to put electric lines through here. And  
19 everybody jumps up and said, oh, don't do that, it's  
20 going to kill your cows. You won't be able to plant  
21 underneath the electric lines and everything. Don't do  
22 it, be opposed to it. Because it's the worst thing  
23 that ever happened.

24                   Well, here it is, it's about 75 years  
25 later. And thank God for the electric lines or we all

1 wouldn't be here. I'm going to say what he said and  
 2 what this gentleman said. There's a way that we can  
 3 all work together on this. We're all after the same  
 4 goal. That 's economic security and having a safe  
 5 environment . And there is a way to work it all out .  
 6 And we're not enemies, we love you all, and appreciate  
 7 what everybody had to say here. And having said that ,  
 8 I think we ought to pass this project . You've got to  
 9 most qualified people in the world working on it . You  
 10 have a set of regulations in place that there is  
 11 nowhere in the world that they can build it and be  
 12 environmentally safe. Thank you.

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CHAIR:

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~~Thank you, John . Thank you .~~

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MR. PAUL:

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~~Good evening, everyone. My name is John~~

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Paul. Nobody needs to know my address. I think the

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most dangerous thing that has ever been said is, we've

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always done things this way. Yeah, there's so many

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pipelines in Pennsylvania. But I have witnessed

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firsthand, the destruction of the Gerhart 's property

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when Mariner East II came through. Sunoco didn't have

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their permits to destroy the wetlands they destroyed,

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and they should have.

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And so for that reason, I'm opposed to

1 them gaining their permits I mean, they've already  
 2 violated --- you know, they have numerous violations.  
 3 And I'm not sure what's going to stop them from making  
 4 more violations in the past --- or in the future. It  
 5 could be their big bank account or it could be their  
 6 lack of knowledge about what they're really doing. But  
 7 I strongly urge you to not grant them their permits.  
 8 If you care at all about the environment, if you are  
 9 actually going to do the job as the Department of  
 10 Environmental Protection, I strongly urge you to not  
 11 grant them their permits because of violations in the  
 12 past and just irresponsible behavior. That's all I  
 13 have to say.

14 CHAIR:

15 Thank you, John Paul. Okay. Let's circle  
 16 **wck** around. one---Iasr-c-nance for Vince WVal::'.teo. Is  
 17 Vince present. Okay. Well, that concludes the list of  
 18 speakers who have registered - for tonight. So this will  
 19 conclude this public hearing. We will note for the  
 20 record, the representatives from the Pennsylvania  
 21 Department of Environmental Protection were present to  
 22 **hold this hearing:**

23 As a reminder, the public comment period  
 24 will close Wednesday, August 24th. If you wish to  
 25 submit questions or comments between now and then,

1 please feel free to use the resources and information  
2 found on the information sheet , which was made  
3 available to you at the door and also leave contact  
4 information, which was made.

5                   And with that , we want to thank you for  
6 begin here tonight . We appreciate your interest in  
7 this project . Have a safe trip home and good night .  
8 Thank you.

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Lindsey Deann Powell

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