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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT : Docket No.

PRE-FILING REVIEW FOR THE ATLANTIC : PF15-12-000

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Abigail Adams Middle School

89 Middle Street East

Weymouth, MD 02189

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

The evening scoping meeting, pursuant to notice,  
convened at 6:38 p.m., Magdalene Suter, moderator.



## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MS. SUTER: Okay everyone has a seat who needs a  
3 seat? Thank you all for coming out tonight. We really  
4 appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules  
5 share your comments with us this evening. This is an  
6 environmental scoping meeting for the Atlantic Bridge  
7 Project proposed by Algonquin Gas Transmission or  
8 "Algonquin" who is a subsidiary of Spectra Energy.

9 Let the record show that the public scoping  
10 meeting in Weymouth, Massachusetts began at 6:38 p.m. on

11 13, 2015. My name is Maggie Suter and I am the  
12 Environmental Project Manager for the Atlantic Bridge  
13 Project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's  
14 Office of Energy Projects.

15 With me tonight at the table here is Larry Brown  
16 who is with Natural Resource Group, an environmental  
17 consulting firm working as a third party consultant to  
18 assist us in preparing the environmental assessment or "EA"  
19 for this project. Also at the sign-in table are Andrew  
20 Thorton and Mike Douglas who are also with NRG.

21 I know a lot of you have signed up to speak  
22 tonight so I am going to try to make my opening remarks as  
23 brief as possible and in doing so there was a handout at  
24 front table, it looks something like this and it had a flow

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25 chart in the back of it and a map of the facilities. That

1 handout has a lot more information about who FERC is and  
how  
2 our process works if you are interested in getting some  
more  
3 information.

4 With regard to the Atlantic Bridge Project, FERC  
5 is the lead federal agency for the National Environmental  
6 Policy Act or NEPA review and the preparation of an  
7 environmental assessment. We are currently engaging other  
8 agencies to determine their NEPA responsibilities and their  
9 potential levels of involvement in the project and whether  
10 any of those interested agencies are interested in becoming  
11 a cooperating agency in the preparation of the  
environmental  
12 assessment.

13 At this time the Environmental Protection Agency  
14 has indicated their intention to be a cooperating agency  
for  
15 this project. The primary purpose of tonight's meeting is  
16 to provide you with an opportunity to comment on the  
project  
17 or on the scope of the issues that you would like to see  
18 covered in the EA for the Atlantic Bridge Project.

19 It will help us the most if your comments are as  
20 specific as possible regarding the potential for  
21 environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives for the  
22 proposed project. These issues generally focus on the  
23 potential for environmental effects but may also address

review 24 construction issues, mitigation and the environmental

25 process.

1           In addition this meeting tonight is designed to  
2 provide you with an opportunity to meet with Algonquin  
3 representatives and get more detailed information about the  
4 facility location and construction plans. So I am going to  
5 give a brief overview of our review process, FERC's role in  
6 this project and the planned facilities. Then we are going  
7 to hear from those of you who have signed up to speak  
8 tonight.

9           If you did not do so and are interested in  
10 speaking tonight, there are tickets at the sign-in table at  
11 the front and you need to have one of those tickets in  
order  
12 to speak this evening.

13           So to illustrate how the environmental review  
14 process works we prepared a flow chart that is in the  
15 handouts that I have identified for you earlier. Currently  
16 we are near the beginning of our environmental review  
17 process in time. That flow chart isn't done based on time  
18 it is just based on getting all of the things all on one  
19 page.

20           Algonquin has chosen to utilize the FERC's  
21 pre-filing process. The purpose of pre-filing is to  
22 encourage the involvement by all interested parties in a  
23 manner that allows for the early identification and  
24 resolution of environmental issues. As of today no formal

25 application has been filed with the FERC. However, the  
FERC

1 and other agencies have begun review of the project.

2           This is an important fact to understand. During  
3 the pre-filing process there is no application for the  
4 Commission to consider or vote on or no mechanism for them  
5 to approve or deny Algonquin's plans. On April 27th, 2015  
6 FERC issued a Notice of Intent, NOI to prepare an  
7 environmental assessment for this project and that  
initiated  
8 a public scoping period.

9           This scoping or comment period will end on June  
10 11th, 2015. We have extra copies of that NOI available at  
11 the sign-in table and it is available electronically on our  
12 website. During our review of the project we will assemble  
13 information from a variety of sources including Algonquin,  
14 the public, other state and local and federal agencies and  
15 our own independent analysis and field work.

16           We will analyze this information and prepare an  
17 issue an EA. Instructions for submitting comments  
18 electronically or by mail can be found in that NOI or at  
the  
19 handout that was at the sign-in table. It is very  
important  
20 that any comments you send in to us include the internal  
21 docket number for this project. That docket number is  
22 PF15-12. Including that number on your comments will  
ensure  
23 that the FERC staff evaluating this project get your

24 comments as soon as possible and that they are filed under  
25 the appropriate docket for this project.

to  
1           Once scoping is finished our next step will be  
2 begin analyzing the project and the issues that have been  
3 identified during the scoping period. This will include an  
4 examination of the planned facility locations as well as  
5 alternative sites. We will assess the project's effects  
on  
6 water bodies and wetlands, vegetation and wildlife,  
7 endangered species, cultural resources, soils, land use,  
8 transportation and socio-economics, air quality, noise and  
9 safety.

10           When complete our analysis of the potential  
11 impacts will be published in an EA with a corresponding  
12 comment period. This EA will be mailed to our entire  
13 mailing list for the project. Because of the size of the  
14 mailing list, the EA that you will find in your mailbox  
will  
15 be on a CD. If you prefer to have a hard copy you must  
16 inform us of that and you can do that at the sign-in table,  
17 there's a form sheet there where you can put on your name,  
18 address and identify that you want a hard copy.

19           To be clear the EA that will be prepared by FERC  
20 environmental staff will describe the project facilities  
and  
21 associated environmental impacts, the alternatives,  
22 mitigation to avoid or reduce impacts and our conclusions  
23 and recommendations. However, the EA is not a decision

24 document and does not constitute approval. It merely  
25 discloses what the impacts were to be constructed and

1 operated.

2           There are up to five Commissioners at FERC who  
3 are responsible for making a determination on whether to  
4 issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity to  
5 the application or to Algonquin for the project. The  
6 Commissioners will consider the environmental information  
7 from the EA along with non-environmental issues such as  
8 engineering, markets and rates in making a decision to  
9 approve or deny Algonquin's request for a certificate.

10           There is no review of FERC's decision by  
11 President or Congress, maintaining FERC's independence as a  
12 regulatory agency and providing for fair and unbiased  
13 decisions. Some of you here tonight may be seeking more  
14 information about what the Atlantic Bridge Project is. The  
15 current project includes 18.1 miles of pipeline and 5  
pieces  
16 throughout New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

17           It also includes the addition of compression at  
2  
18 existing compressor stations in Connecticut and one new  
19 compressor station here in Massachusetts. After the open  
20 house meetings in March, Algonquin significantly reduced  
the  
21 size of their planned project. The project description I  
am  
22 providing you this evening represents the current  
facilities  
23 after this reduction in scope. Specifically for this area

24 the project includes the construction of a new 7,700  
25 horsepower compressor station here in Weymouth,

1 Massachusetts.

2 Algonquin also plans to construct a 3.5 mile  
long  
3 new 30 inch diameter pipeline parallel to their existing  
4 pipelines in Medway, Bellingham and Franklin,  
Massachusetts.

5 Algonquin also plans minor modifications to the existing  
6 meter and regulating station and to rebuild an existing  
7 meter and regulating station in Plymouth and Bristol,  
8 Massachusetts.

9 Because of the reduction in scope, to show you  
10 the difference between what you may have seen earlier, the  
11 current plan is a 6.7 mile reduction in pipeline and is  
12 3,200 horsepower reduction from what was presented in the  
13 open houses.

14 So now we are going to start taking comments  
from  
15 those of you who have signed up to speak. If you would  
16 rather not speak tonight or do not get to say everything  
17 that you wanted, there is a form at the sign-in table that  
18 you can use to write your comments in and mail them to us.

19 Whether you provide your comments verbally or  
20 mail them in, they will be considered equally by FERC. All  
21 comments verbal or written will be placed on the public  
22 record for this project. So for those of you who haven't  
23 seen all the way down up here in the front this meeting  
24 tonight is being recorded by a transcription service. This

25 is being done so that all of your comments and questions

1 will be captured and transcribed and put into the public  
2 record for this project.

3           To help the court reporter produce an accurate  
4 record of this meeting, and to help insure that we get  
5 through everyone who is signed up to speak tonight, we are  
6 going to follow a few basic ground rules. First when it is  
7 your turn to speak there is a podium up here in the front.  
8 You must come up to the podium and use the microphone. I  
9 ask that you please not yell out a comment or question from  
10 the audience and that cannot be accurately captured and  
11 recorded for the public record -- you have to come to the  
12 podium.

13           There are also multiple microphones up at that  
14 podium. One is to project your comments out to the  
audience  
and  
15 and there is another one there, a smaller one to capture  
16 record your comments. So it is important that you face  
17 towards us so that all of the microphones that are up in  
the  
18 front of it can capture what you have to say.

19           For those of you who wanted to speak this  
evening  
20 you received a numbered ticket. We will be going in that  
21 numbered order with the exception of two folks who will be  
22 going first who are some elected officials who are going to  
23 start us off this evening.

24                    In order -- there are quite a few of you who  
have

25    signed up to speak and we only have the room until 10 p.m.

1 so we can and we have been able to do this before and I am  
2 sure that everybody gets to make their comments. To do  
that  
3 first I have reserved three seats up here at the front so  
4 this is just like when you are at the deli. You know what  
5 number you are and you know what number is going. So when  
6 you see that your number is about to be called -- if we  
call  
7 1 when you are number 2, 3, 4 please make your way from the  
8 centers of the aisles and from the centers of the rows here  
9 and come and sit in this front row so that as soon as the  
10 one person is done, the next person can begin speaking and  
11 we don't lose a lot of time waiting for people to get up to  
12 the microphone.

13                   Given the number of speakers tonight we are  
going  
14 to hold strong to that. So when we call your number and  
you  
15 are not prepared to speak we will move on to the next  
16 number. We are allowing one ticket per person and you are  
17 not allowed to allot your time to another speaker and that  
18 is including if you have leftover time.

19                   Because you have a numbered ticket, I ask that  
20 when you come up to the podium it is very important that  
you  
21 identify yourself and spell your name for the court  
reporter  
22 so that it can be accurately transcribed. And I will  
remind

is 23 you to do so if you forget, but as soon as you start that

24 the goal.

25 Due to the length of the number of folks that

1 want to speak tonight there will be a time limit of 3  
2 minutes per person and that will begin after you finish  
3 spelling your name for the record. If you have a lot of  
4 information that you want to cover that would make you  
5 potentially go over that 3 minutes I encourage you to  
6 summarize your points this evening and submit more detailed  
7 comments on the written record.

8           Also as a reminder once a topic has been raised  
9 by any one person we will consider it equally with  
something  
10 that has been raised multiple times. So you can just  
simply  
11 say I support the previous named speaker's comments or  
12 something along that nature and that will help us get  
13 through everybody who is signed up to speak tonight.

14           I have a timer up here. It's very pretty, it's  
15 mostly used for learning and things like that but it is  
very  
16 helpful as a visual cue for you as to how far you are into  
17 your 3 minutes. So you will have approximately 2 minutes  
18 in this green section and then it will transition to yellow  
19 where there is about 20 seconds. That 20 seconds is your  
20 cue when it goes off to start wrapping up your comments,  
21 making your finalized thoughts and then it will be in the  
22 red section for 10 seconds and that is complete your  
23 sentence eventually because then a buzzer will sound and  
24 that's a cue that your time is up and we will ask you to

25 stop and then get to the next speaker.

1                   And this helps us make sure that everybody who  
2 wants to speak tonight has the ability to do so. If any of  
3 you plan on using any acronyms during your comments, please  
4 make sure you identify and spell out or say out what that  
5 acronym stands for. If you forget to do so you can write  
it  
6 down and hand it into us and so that this way we can make  
7 sure that those acronyms gets accurately transcribed.

8                   Most importantly when folks come up to the  
9 microphone they have 3 minutes to speak so we ask even if  
10 you support them or if you oppose what they are saying,  
11 please do not interrupt them. They can lose their train of  
12 thought and get stuck or it just flat out interrupts their  
13 time. Everyone feels their time is valuable while they are  
14 speaking so we ask that you please not interrupt a speaker,  
15 what until they are done to show your support.

16                   I will also be the official timekeeper using  
this  
17 so please don't interrupt a speaker if you feel that their  
18 time has passed, I will do so if that is necessary. Just  
be  
19 respectful of everybody who wants to speak tonight. As  
long  
20 as everyone is respectful, respects the time limits,  
21 respects everybody who is going this evening we will be  
able  
22 to get through everybody without needing to close down or  
23 prevent anybody from being able to speak tonight.

24                               So with that we are going to call our first  
25 speaker Mayor Susan Kaye.

1 MS. KAY: Susan Kay Mayor. That's S-u-s-a-n  
2 K-a-y. Allow me to begin by stating that Representative  
3 Jamie Murphy is represented here this evening with Mary  
Roy.  
4 Mary Roy is in the audience. I want to thank the staff of  
5 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or FERC for  
holding  
6 one of the four public scoping meetings in Weymouth.  
7 Although no pipeline changes are proposed in Weymouth, the  
8 plan to add a compressor station in North Weymouth would  
9 have environmental impact on the community that needs to be  
10 carefully studied.

11 I am certain you will hear tonight from many  
12 residents of the Fore River Basin who have been burdened by  
13 industrial uses that have contributed to the degradation of  
14 the neighborhood environment. I want to state up front  
that  
15 I am opposed to the proposal to site a new gas compressor  
16 station in North Weymouth.

17 I do not believe that this is the right location  
18 to site a compressor station for two main reasons. First,  
a  
19 compressor station creates environmental issues such as  
20 noise, odors and safety that should not be located in a  
21 densely populated area such as the  
22 Fore River Basin.

23 Secondly the North Weymouth neighborhood and  
Fore

24 River Basin is already the location of problematic  
25 industrial uses and the community does not need to deal  
with

power  
1 another such use. These uses include a power plant, NMWRA  
2 regional sewer pump station in North Weymouth, another  
3 plant, hazardous waste facility and a gasoline/oil depot in  
4 Braintree all contiguous and a chemical plant and sewage  
5 plant in Quincy which neighbors.

6 Allow me to comment brief on the specific  
7 environmental issues that concern me with the proposed gas  
8 compression station. First noise -- a compressor station  
9 would potentially create a nuisance to the surrounding  
10 community due to the large amount of noise that they  
11 produce. Emergency shutdowns and/or blow offs at  
compressor  
12 stations have been described as sounding like a jet engine  
13 or a freight train.

14 These occurrences would create a huge nuisance  
to  
15 the large number of North Weymouth residents.

16 Air pollution -- the area of the proposed  
17 compressor station is already saturated with industry that  
18 pollutes the air. Two adjacent point sources of pollution  
19 include the power plant as well as Twin Rivers which is  
20 located in Quincy. A compressor station would add another  
21 main source of air pollution to that same area.

22 Safety -- first responders would have to deal  
23 with emergencies at the compressor station. News accounts  
24 of people injured or killed at such facilities can be seen

25 with a simple web search. This town will have to train

1 first responders in responding to emergencies at the  
2 compressor.

3           Geographic location -- the geographic location  
of  
4 the facility is concerning as well. It has the site listed  
5 within a hurricane inundation zone. This means the site  
may  
6 become inaccessible during and/or a category 2 hurricane.

7           MS. SUTER: Mayor I have to stop you. I'm  
sorry.

8 But please hand us the rest of your comments and we will  
put  
9 them on the public record for you. Folks if I don't stop  
10 her we will not get through all of you. I'm sorry, I  
can't.

11 The next for the elected officials is Jared Valanzola.

12           MR. VALANZOLA: Thank you my name is Jared  
13 Valanzola. I am here on behalf of Senator Bob Hedlund  
14 (H-e-d-l-u-n-d-). Senator Hedlund is very regretful that  
he  
15 can't be with you this evening. This is an issue that he  
16 knows is very important to the North Weymouth community and  
17 he is certainly grateful for your attendance, everybody out  
18 here in the audience.

19           He prepared this afternoon an official written  
20 statement which I will read in the first person as Senator  
21 Hedlund that is the official statement of Senator Robert  
22 Hedlund regarding this project.

23                   I would like to thank the FERC staff for having  
24    this meeting and for considering the feedback from the  
25    neighbors. I will leave the scientific comments on the

1 specific environmental concerns to the experts I have met  
2 with but please know I support those concerns.

land

3 I last publically spoke about this parcel of  
4 at Weymouth's last town meeting before the charter change.  
5 I led efforts to have Weymouth take control of this parcel  
6 of land as part of the mitigation agreement so it does  
7 frustrate me that 15 years later we are in the position of  
8 not controlling our destiny with this site.

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9 That agreement has vague language in Sections  
10 and 2.11 saying that the town shall work cooperatively with  
11 site to achieve a mutual agreeable plan for future  
12 development or utilization of this parcel. This planned  
13 compressor station is far from mutually agreeable.

Weymouth

14 needs to forcibly exercise this and any other provision of  
15 the agreement having to do with the development of this  
16 parcel to ensure neighbors have a say in how the land is  
17 used.

borne

18 The North Weymouth neighborhood has already  
19 its unfair shares of impacts through the years, whether it  
20 is the Fore River Bridge reconstruction, power plant  
21 reconstruction and the NWA project and the seemingly

ongoing

22 Route 3A road projects knowing that there are many who like  
23 to speak, that is the statement of Senator Hedlund thank

24 you.

25 MS. SUTER: Mayor had been number 1 so we are

1 going to start with ticket number 2. Tickets 3, 4, 5  
please

2 make your way up towards the front.

3 MR. BURNS: My name is Mark Burns, M-a-r-k  
4 B-ru-r-n-s. I'm the business manager of Laborer's Local  
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5 in Quincy, Massachusetts we cover all the way down to  
6 Situate. The New England region is facing a real serious  
7 energy crisis. We as energy consumers are paying the  
8 highest energy costs in the country because of their  
9 region's pipeline constriction.

10 The situation with the New England power grid is  
11 volatile and the solution lies just to the west of us with  
12 the Marcellus and Utica shale place. The Spectra Energy  
13 Atlantic Bridge Transmission Pipeline is an important  
14 component of this and is going to address this issue.

15 On the top of the list of this project will be  
16 all the energy consumers in Massachusetts and other parts  
of

17 New England, other economic benefits to the region are in  
18 the form of good paying construction jobs and other  
economic

19 benefits to business throughout the region. The Atlantic  
20 Bridge Project will have a long lasting positive impact to  
21 the men and women who choose construction as a career and  
22 rely on this project to feed their families and educate  
23 their children. The Atlantic Bridge Project is part of a

24 much larger economic picture that will create hundreds if

25 not thousands of family supporting construction careers

over

1 a 25 years period.

2 The planned repair and maintenance and expansion  
3 of the natural gas distribution network in New England,  
4 because of its increased supply of gas will allow some  
5 workers to start and finish their construction careers in  
6 the energy sector. The thousands of laborers union  
families  
7 in Massachusetts in the region support the positive  
economic  
8 impact this project will have now and for the future  
9 generations.

10 The Laborers Union recognizes the expertise of  
11 Spectra Energy in the mainstream energy and our working  
12 relationship and history with Spectra on other projects  
13 around the country allowing us to submit our vote of  
14 confidence that Spectra will get this important project  
done  
15 with less environmental and landowner impact possible.

16 We request the FERC approves all necessary  
17 permits and environmental impact reviews and thoroughly and  
18 expediently as possible to move this extremely important  
19 project forward, thank you.

20 MS. SUTER: Number 3?

21 MS. HARRINGTON: Hello my name is Charlotte  
22 Harrington, C-h-a-r-l-o-t-t-e H-a-r-r-i-n-g-t-o-n. I am a  
23 resident of North Weymouth and I am afraid of this project.  
24 I do not want something as dangerous as this compressor in

25 my back yard. What I would like is for a full  
environmental

1 impact study to be done before anything is built on that  
2 site like the compressor thank you.

3 MS. SUTER: Number 4? 5, 6, 7 make your way  
4 down.

5 MS. HAUGH: Good evening my name is Becky Haugh.  
6 B-e-c-k-y H-a-u-g-h and I'm the District 1 Town Counselor  
7 the Town of Weymouth.

8 MS. SUTER: Don't interrupt her.

9 MS. HAUGH: I do not oppose the entire Atlantic  
10 Bridge Expansion Project and recognize the need to increase  
11 the supply of gas in New England. However, I oppose the  
12 constructive of a gas compressor station in North Weymouth  
13 and urge Spectra to seek an alternative site between here  
14 and Burillville, Rhode Island, the next compressor station  
15 on the line.

16 We are a densely populated residential area and  
17 already overburdened with a plethora of industry along the  
18 Fore River. I recently took a walking tour of the Oxford,  
19 Connecticut compressor station and driving towards some  
20 others on the line. I have done objective research on  
21 compressor stations, including the 433 page environmental  
22 impact statement of the Algonquin Incremental Market  
23 which includes updates to 6 existing compressor stations on  
24 this line as well as the pipeline expansion in West  
Roxbury.



1                   It boggles my mind that North Weymouth is  
2 proposed for this compressor station as it does not fit the  
3 mold of existing compressor station communities. I would  
4 like to request a full comprehensive environmental report  
on  
5 the true effects a compressor station would have on a  
region  
6 of this type.

7                   Compressor stations typically sit on 60, 70, 100  
8 plus acres of land. They have maybe a couple of dozen  
9 households within the half mile shareholder radius. The  
10 proposed Weymouth site sits on only 10 acres of land and  
has  
11 almost 1,000 households within the half mile radius.

12                   Not only that but this half mile radius houses a  
13 power plant, fuel storage tanks an Oleo chemical plant, a  
14 railroad, a sewer pumping station, a major state road that  
15 transports 33,000 vehicles a day as well as a quarter  
16 billion dollar bridge currently being built, a far cry from  
17 the EIS descriptions of densely wooded open spaced and  
rural  
18 area of towns that currently host compressor station.

19                   And to make matters worse the neighborhoods of  
20 Quincy Point and Germantown and Quincy are within the half  
21 mile radius of this proposed site. Both of these  
22 neighborhoods are recognized as environmental justice  
23 neighborhoods by the Massachusetts executive office of

24 Energy and Environmental Affairs to having a high minority  
25 and/or low income population.

1                   President Clinton signed his environmental  
2 executive justice order in 1993 to protect these citizens  
3 from being over-burdened with potentially environmental  
4 hazards and this proposed compressor site location is a  
5 blatant disregard of this order. It will be stated that  
6 this compressor station will be a low odor and within legal  
7 decibel levels for noise which is fine on paper, but come  
8 out to the proposed site.

9                   Those numbers do not take into consideration the  
10 constant breeze down there that blows certain smells all  
11 over the neighborhood. Those numbers do not take into  
12 consideration the way the sound echoes off the water or all  
13 of the structures currently down there. Those numbers only  
14 work when you are out in the middle of nowhere and your  
15 abutters are trees.

only

16                   Numbers, facts and statistics do not take into  
17 consideration the existing conditions that North Weymouth  
18 has. This is not a case of not in my back yard. We  
19 put up with more than our fair share of excess noise,  
20 smells and potential toxins so the entire region can have  
21 the luxury of modern day conveniences. We can't take this  
22 anymore and an alternative location must be sought for this  
23 compressor station, thank you.

already

excess

24 MS. SUTER: Before we get to 5 I am going to  
give  
25 one more reminder. Do not interrupt the speaker. They  
have

1 3 minutes and that's counting towards being respectful.  
2 Even if you agree and support them, wait until they are  
3 done. They are trying to fit a lot into the 3 minutes, do  
4 not interrupt. If you continue to interrupt I will have to  
5 end the meeting early and those of you who wish to speak  
6 this night will not be able to, number 5?

7 MS. BELLAFIORE: My name is Margaret Bellafiore  
8 B-e-l-l-a-f-i-o-r-e. I live at 49 Caldwell Street, it is a  
9 dead-end street. There's a sea wall at the end. I can  
10 swim  
11 off the sea wall I can put my canoe in. I can canoe off  
12 that  
13 there to the Harbor Islands and I would want it to stay  
14 way. There's a lot of places in North Weymouth that are  
15 literally like that.

16 I am concerned with the water especially because  
17 compressors are known to emit carcinogens and neurotoxins  
18 and I'm concerned with the heat. When I was at the open  
19 house they said it might be about 975 degrees Fahrenheit or  
20 close to that. That's pretty hot. How will it be cooled?  
21 Will they use the water? And if so I know the coastal zone  
22 management would like to know that because the water would  
23 go in and then be changed.

24 My second point is on your Notice of Intent it  
25 says that you are trying to determine whether the project  
26 is  
27 in the public convenience and necessity. Well there's

25 another federal agency called the United States Energy

1 Information Agency and it is an impartial, independent  
2 agency that collects data for public understanding of  
energy  
3 policy.

4 Well this U.S. EIA has some interesting  
5 statistics. In 2013 the six New England states consumed  
889  
6 billion cubic feet of natural gas. The data also showed  
7 that an inflow capacity of 1,709 billion cubic feet. So  
8 even though those numbers are really hard to get your mind  
9 around, it just means that there was twice as much  
available  
10 as the demand so you just take 1709 that's the gas in,  
11 subtract 889 the gas out and you are left with 820 billion  
12 cubic feet. Where is the necessity? New England has  
13 enough. We have enough. You have enough and I have  
enough.

14 MS. SUTER: Number 6? 7, 8, 9 make your way on  
15 down.

16 MS. SEIGNEUR: Hi my name is Eleanor Seigneur.  
17 E-l-e-a-n-o-r last name S-e-i-g-n-e-u-r. Thank you for  
18 giving me this opportunity to speak as a resident of  
19 Weymouth and someone who will be affected by the proposed  
20 expansion of the natural gas pipeline and gas compressor  
21 that Spectra Energy and National Grid wants to place next  
to  
22 a park and the Fore River Bridge in North Weymouth.

23 I live in this tightly packed community and I am

24 fairly close to the proposed site. I was wondering if any  
25 FERC members or Spectra senior management can say the same.

1 I know my neighbors, but I don't know any members of FERC.  
2 When something goes wrong in the community, we all  
3 experience it and help each other out. Just ask the  
4 non-profits that receive donations from the Great Hunk and  
5 Giveaway last October.

6 And something is definitely wrong with fracked  
7 gas expansion and a noisy gas-emitting compressor and we  
8 will all experience it, all except for the folks at FERC  
and  
9 Spectra from Texas. We didn't ask for this and I don't  
want  
10 all the problems it will bring.

11 I read the news articles about compressors like  
12 this one in Ellis County, Texas, a Chevron gas compressor  
13 caused residents in 2013 to be evacuated in a 1.5 mile  
14 radius. The gas explosion caused 150 foot flames in the  
15 air. In this highly packaged community this will cause  
16 chaos, plus the Fore River Bridge will be destroyed.

17 Think of the cost at a time when the bridge has  
18 to be replaced. At a time when tax funds are tight and  
19 cutbacks are common place, you must not agree to side with  
20 the risk that Spectra is willing to take. All we will get  
21 from Spectra if the worst happens is an apology and if we  
22 are lucky a coupon for a free pizza, just like the other  
23 profitable companies do.

24 This project is just about as reckless as you  
can

25 get. It's an environmental hazard from start to finish. I

1 can't think of one person who wants to pay the tariff that  
2 Governor Baker is proposing to help pay for this pipeline  
3 either, I know I don't. Until you live in this  
neighborhood  
4 you don't get to decide if we take the risk. I'm a mom and  
5 I care about all the kids here and I don't want this for  
our  
6 future, thank you.

7 MS. SUTER: Number 7? No, number 8?

8 MS. ARENA: Alice Arena. A-l-i-c-e A-r-e-n-a.  
9 I'm the 350 mass lead on the Weymouth compressor station  
and  
10 a concerned citizens of Weymouth. I would like to express  
11 my objections to the placement of a high-pressured gas  
12 compressor station at the Fore River Basin in North  
13 Weymouth.

14 I have four concerns -- safety. Spectra  
Energy's  
15 poor safety record puts it at number 7 on the EPA's all-  
time  
16 list of the highest fined entities. The potential for a  
17 disaster in this highly populated and industrialized area  
is  
18 enormous. Spectra has experienced explosions, emergency  
19 blow downs and numerous pipeline bursts and fires.

20 Two -- health, the documented incidences of  
21 anything from rashes to leukemia in areas around compressor  
22 stations are very vast. North Weymouth is already a hot

23 spot for asthma, cancer and immune system disorders. The  
24 compressible released toxic gases at some level 24/7 even  
25 without a blow down event.

1           The gas coming through this is fracked gas which  
2 adds another level of toxicity including massive amounts of  
3 radon. The state Department of Public Health states that  
4 the students at the Snug Harbor School in Quincy have the  
5 highest rates of asthma of any school in Quincy. This  
6 school is .7 miles from the proposed compressor site, it is  
7 highly unlikely that this compressor station will not add  
to  
8 this confirmed health problem.

9           Environmental -- the New England states grossly  
10 underestimated the greenhouse gas effects of methane and  
11 hydrocarbons, excuse me hydrocarbons -- had the estimates  
12 been correct natural gas usage would have been reduced  
13 rather than expanded. Additional pipelines will make it  
14 impossible for Massachusetts to meet greenhouse gas  
emission  
15 standards by 2020.

16           Additionally Quincy Point has already been  
17 established as an environmental justice owned by the  
18 Commonwealth due to its low-income population. A two mile  
19 radius around the compressor also includes Germantown, the  
20 new veteran's housing, 1,007 artery senior housing, 18  
21 schools and daycare facilities. All would be exposed to  
the  
22 above-mentioned health and safety issues due to the  
23 environmental impact of this proposed compressor.

24           Four economic -- property, both residential and

25 commercial would be devalued because of the threats to

1 safety, health and the environment. Commercial and leisure  
2 fisheries will be threatened by new toxins that will be  
3 introduced into the water surrounding the compressor from  
4 the release of hydrocarbons and volatile organic chemicals  
5 into the air.

6 Any accident would put the new Fore River Bridge  
7 in jeopardy, thus affecting the economy of the entire south  
8 shore and keep region as this bridge is the main route from  
9 all towns from Quincy to the Cape. North Weymouth is  
10 considered by the environmental community to be a targeted  
11 area due to its population, its economic status and the  
12 industrialization of the Fore River Basin.

13 I am requesting that FERC deliver a full  
14 environmental impact statement on this compressor, thank  
15 you.

16 MS. SUTER: Number 9? 10, 11 and 12 make your  
17 way down to the front please.

18 MR. POTTER: My name is Geoff Potter. G-e-o-f-f  
19 P-o-t-t-e-r. I am the President of the North Weymouth  
20 Association and I am speaking on their behalf tonight.  
21 North Weymouth Civic Association has very serious concerns  
22 about this project. Objections are based on safety and  
23 economic and health related issues.

24 The location of the proposed compressor station  
25 is in very close proximity to densely populated residential

Civic



1 areas as well as very sensitive industrial operations.  
2 There are over 950 households that live in a half-mile  
3 radius of the proposed site. Some as close as 150 yards,  
4 that's the distance from here to the street. It's very  
5 close.

6           Within an eighth of a mile is a Calpine gas oil  
7 fired electric power plant, directly across the river is  
8 Twin Rivers Chemical Plant which produces fatty acids using  
9 caustic liquids. The site is also directly besides the  
Fore  
10 River Bridge, the only bridge going over the Fore River and  
11 a major commuter route into and out of the City of Boston  
12 with over 32,000 vehicles daily.

13           On the northern side of the site is the NWRA  
14 sewage pumping station which pumps up to 540 million  
gallons  
15 of sewage daily. The proposed site is directly on the Fore  
16 River which is the deep water port Citgo Petroleum  
17 Corporation's terminal. This terminal is the port where  
18 Citgo's oil and gasoline tankers unload with hundreds of  
19 thousands of gallons of highly flammable liquids are  
stored.

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21           Next in the Citgo's terminal is another power  
22 plant owned by the Braintree Electric Light Department and  
23 on the Quincy side of the Fore River is the NWRA sewage  
24 pelletizing plant and the clean harbor's hazardous waste

25 plant. Any kind of a problem at this proposed site could

1 have a devastating effect for the community.

2 Spectra has acknowledged that there are  
3 alternative sites for this compressor station. They should  
4 choose a size less populated and in a less industrial  
5 location where fewer lives would be affected. The pipeline  
6 already runs through rural areas, the compression station  
7 should be located in one of those areas, not here.

8 There is no upside for our community from  
9 Spectra's proposal. The people of North Weymouth have  
10 already endured too much industrialization in our  
community.

11 In the past we have been pretty much been forced to grin  
and  
12 bear it. We are done grinning and ready to fight.

13 MS. SUTER: Number 10?

14 MR. BURKE: My name is Francis Burke,  
15 F-r-a-n-c-i-s B-u-r-k-e. I live at 93 Bluff Road in North  
16 Weymouth inside that half mile circle. My comments this  
17 evening are on a couple of issues. One is safety, I have  
18 read some things about the construction and the materials  
19 used and it goes to great lengths talking about every  
20 electrical box has to be explosive proof. That to me  
21 doesn't sound like a safe building.

22 You will find -- I don't think you will find  
many  
23 speakers this evening who are against the entire project.  
24 They are against the siting of this facility where it is in

25 North Weymouth in a highly populated area of families.

1 There are schools within a mile, a mile and a half, three.  
2 There are daycare facilities around -- all these young  
lungs  
3 will be taking in whatever emissions come out of this  
4 building. What is that going to do to their future health?

5 I was a proud member of two unions during my  
6 working career. I am not against the jobs that this will  
7 bring, even though they are temporary. They will be left  
8 with one job, one 40 hour a week shift for the person  
9 monitoring this station and the rest of the time it will be  
10 done by computer. I also worked in computers and I am not  
11 too pleased with putting my safety in the hands of a  
12 computer long distance.

13 I would urge you to force or suggest a full  
14 environmental impact report that takes into consideration  
15 the health and well-being of the people that are living  
16 there 7/24. Every project that I have lived through and I  
17 have been here 35 years, two bridges, power plants, NWRA,  
18 the pelletizing plant on the other side of the bridge --  
all  
19 of those things have added something that's not healthy,  
20 whether it be noise level, and these -- all say, "well you  
21 can increase the ambient noise level by 10 decibels". Well  
22 if each project increased it by 10 decibels what is the  
23 ambient now and when is enough. I think enough is enough.

24 MS. SUTER: Number 11? 12, 13, 14 make your way

25 on down.

1 MS. CHRISTOFI: Hi, good evening. My name is  
2 Mary Christofi I live in Birch, Mary Christofi  
3 C-h-r-i-s-t-o-f-i. My concern -- I first want to mention I  
4 know we had a previous speaker talking about jobs, well I  
5 did a lot of research the last couple of days and from what  
6 I understand, what I found is that there are only up to 100  
7 people that are needed for the construction of the  
8 compressor station.

9 And there was no guarantee that these workers  
10 will come from the area, that these compressor station, the  
11 pipeline is being built on. I am very concerned about the  
12 environment and the noise. I know the Mayor unfortunately  
13 was cut off and I want to say I agree with her as far as  
14 that is concerned and I also want to mention that more  
15 natural gas is not needed to meet our heating needs nor  
16 electricity needs.

17 In a study projecting out to 2022 ISO New  
England  
18 has projected that we already have enough infrastructure in  
19 place to meet future annual energy needs so I don't think  
20 there's any point in even having the pipeline. But if we  
21 have to have it we certainly don't want to have the  
22 compressor station, that's all, thank you.

23 MS. SUTER: Number 12?

24 MS. MILLER: My name is Claire Miller and I am  
25 the Massachusetts State Director with Toxics Action Center.



1 MS. SUTER: Spell your name.

2 MS. MILLER: C-l-a-i-r-e M-i-l-l-e-r. Toxics  
3 Action Center got its start in 1987 after the cancer  
cluster  
4 in Newburn and our mission is to partner with neighborhoods  
5 organizing together to fight pollution problems. And we  
6 actually have a history of working with residents in the  
7 Fore River neighborhood since, as you have heard, it has  
8 already got more than its fair share.

9 And first I would like to say that New England  
10 already gets 50% of our electricity from natural gas and it  
11 would be dangerous to our stability to become even more  
12 reliant on a single energy source. More so though I would  
13 like to push for robust scrutiny on air quality in  
14 particular -- I am not an environmental health scientist, I  
15 am a community organizer so I would like to really actually  
16 share excerpts from a recent report published just in  
17 February by environmental health scientists from the  
18 Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project which  
is  
19 about the health impacts of compressor stations.

20 Benzene which is documented at compressor  
21 stations by the states of Pennsylvania and Texas is a known  
22 carcinogen. There is growing evidence that benzene is  
23 associated with childhood leukemia. It has been argued in  
24 the literature that there is probably no safe level of

25 exposure to benzine and that all exposures constitute some

1 risk in a linear, if not super linear additive fashion.

2 A peer-reviewed article called Investigating  
3 Links between shale gas development and health impacts  
4 through a community survey project in Pennsylvania  
published  
5 in 2014 is one of the few publications that explicitly  
6 addresses health impacts from compressor stations. So this  
7 study found that distance to industrial sites correlated  
8 with the prevalence of health symptoms. For example, for a  
9 compressor station for folks living 1500 to 4000 feet away,  
10 27% of the population reported throat irritation. This  
11 increased to 63% when you are 500 to 1500 feet to the  
12 station and to 74% of the population at less than 500 feet.

13 At further distance, 37% reported sinus  
problems.

14 This increases as you got closer. Severe headaches were  
15 reported by 30% of respondents and then got to as much as  
16 60% as you got closer. In some there is not enough  
research  
17 to know exactly what the health impacts of what compressor  
18 stations are and this data thus far, does not prove that  
19 living closer to oil and gas facilities cause health  
20 problems, but they do strongly suggest that there is an  
21 association since these symptoms are definitively more  
22 prevalent as you get closer.

23 So I know a lot of folks here tonight are here  
24 because they received a letter which means these are in the

25 zone and so I urge the FERC to put a lot of scrutiny and a

1 really robust fine-tooth comb when it comes to the air  
2 quality, thank you.

3 MS. SUTER: 13?

4 MS. TORREY: My name is Cathy Torrey, C-a-t-h-y  
5 T-o-r-r-e-y and I live in North Weymouth but I would like  
to  
6 speak to the concern of the cultural and historical impacts  
7 that this would have. I am involved with the Abigail Adams  
8 Historical Society as well as other historical  
organizations  
9 in Weymouth and as we begin to celebrate Weymouth's 400th  
in  
10 2022, looking forward to bring more people into the  
11 community -- to the areas where our forefathers and  
12 foremother's first came into this area along the coastline  
13 and to respect the native Americans who were first living  
14 here.

15 These are areas that need to be left open, that  
16 need to be available for people to experience history and  
to  
17 experience the culture of this community and so for those  
18 reasons I am against it as well as the other's that people  
19 have cited before, thank you.

20 MS. SUTER: 14? And 15, 16, 17 please make your  
21 way to the front.

22 MR. BLEDSOE: I'm Turner Bledsoe T-u-r-n-e-r  
23 B-l-e-d-s-o-e. I am a resident of Hingham, Massachusetts

24 and I cross the Fore River Bridge on a daily basis so I  
25 strongly share the concerns expressed by the mayor. I am

1 very concerned with the emissions that will come from the  
2 compressor station. I share very much the concerns  
3 expressed by Alice Arena.

4 I have some references with respect to the toxic  
5 emissions and their impact on health and I will leave those  
6 with you. I am opposed to both the expansion of AIM project  
7 as well as the Atlantic Bridge on the basis that FERC's  
8 approval of either project breaches the federal guidelines  
9 promulgated last December.

10 I call for all federal agencies to consider the  
11 global warming implications of greenhouse gas emissions in  
12 their decisions on all projects. Taking in full the amount  
13 of CO2 and methane emitted and leaked into the atmosphere  
14 associated with the expansion of the Algonquin Pipeline  
15 poses a threat to the whole world given the urgent need to  
16 curtail greenhouse emissions.

17 Expanding this pipeline will prevent  
18 Massachusetts from meeting it's 2050 target for reducing  
19 greenhouse gas emissions and will lock New England into  
20 over-dependence on fossil fuels. We need to transition  
21 rapidly to renewable energy sources. Approving the  
22 expansions of AIM and Atlantic Bridge will significantly  
23 delay this needed transition.

24 I call on FERC to conduct a full environmental  
25 impact statement of the Atlantic Bridge Expansion including



1 related lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions from extraction  
2 pipeline leakage burning as fuel with Spectra's planned  
3 export as natural gas from Canada, studying the full  
4 potential through this pipeline, including residential  
5 exposure of the toxic emissions related to the weighing of  
6 compressor station and including the hazards of fire and  
7 explosions to commuters who cross the Fore River Bridge.

8 I call on FERC to reject the Atlantic Bridge  
9 Project and to reconsider its approval of the AIM project,  
10 thank you.

11 MS. SUTER: Number 15?

12 MS. WENCEK: My name is Rachel Wencek,  
13 R-a-c-h-e-l Wencek W-e-n-c-e-k and I'm a resident of North  
14 Weymouth asking about the location of the proposed  
15 compressor site. On a good day here in Weymouth, all the  
16 way to the beach and the boat ramp you can hear the traffic  
17 from the Fore Bridge on 3A and I know they said that the  
18 compressor station will sound like 3 tractor trailers  
idling  
19 and during blow downs it will sound like a 747 going off.

20 I know at the other compressor station in  
Oxford,  
21 Connecticut there is a population of over 12,000 people  
22 while here in Weymouth there is a population of almost  
23 54,000 with Quincy over 93,000 people here and that the  
24 noise will travel further here and considering Oxford,

25 Connecticut the land is on a rural site of 100 acres while

1 here in Weymouth it is only on a 10 acre site, surrounded  
by  
2 a densely populated more people here -- over 1,000  
3 households just in Weymouth alone.

4 And along with that less than 2 miles away is  
the  
5 new Fore River Bridge. The energy power plant, Twin  
Rivers,  
6 the pumping station, the hazardous waste facility of Citgo  
7 and a bunch of small businesses and residents that are  
going  
8 to be affected not just by the noise but also by the  
natural  
9 gas, thank you.

10 MS. SUTER: 16?

11 MR. WILKINS: Brian Wilkins. Brian B-r-i-a-n  
12 W-i-l-k-i-n-s. I live relatively close to the plant. I  
13 hear the power plant going all the time, they are always  
14 doing -- they are pumping gas, the tank farms are nearby,  
we  
15 have enough pollution, we have enough stuff going on in  
that  
16 area, we don't need any more.

17 My kids are in that neighborhood. I don't want  
18 to take a chance at losing myself or anybody else. We  
don't  
19 need it this close, there's no reason for us to be the  
20 guinea pig to see if it is okay to live you know, within a  
21 mile or two of these places. If it goes down and something

22 happens someone is going to say sorry, well that's great,  
23 but you know what we are all dead.

24                   Okay so what happens is if there is a problem  
and

25 it is out in the middle of the field, granted we can plant

1 more trees. I can't bring my kids back that's enough for  
2 me, thank you.

3 MS. SUTER: 17? 18, 19, 20 please make your way  
4 to the front.

5 MS. SAVOIE: Hi, I'm Terry Savoie, T-e-r-r-y  
6 S-a-v-o-i-e. I live on Fore River Route and I have for 65  
7 years. When I was a kid my biggest problem was worrying  
8 about hanging the laundry outside in the backyard from the  
9 Edison as the coal dust floated through the air, I would  
10 hang it out on the porch. Then there was the noise, all  
the  
11 bells and whistles from the shipyard and the polluted  
water.

12 Of course then there was Proctor and Gamble and  
13 the lovely odors that came from there. That was then.  
This  
14 is now. Now Spectra wants to revert the progress that we  
15 have made in this town and how far we have come. They want  
16 to spew their chemicals over the land now, they want to  
blow  
17 off their noises, they want to disturb our peace -- and  
good  
18 old Proctor and Gamble they had at least a fresh scent.

19 The only thing Spectra wants to give us is  
rotten  
20 eggs.

21 MS. SUTER: 18?

22 MS. BRENNAN: My name is Rachael Brennan,

23 R-a-c-h-a-e-l

24 B-r-e-n-n-a-n. I think you will hear from the other

25 residents of Weymouth about the environmental impact and  
the

house  
1 like so I think I will set that aside. I want to address  
2 the fact that Spectra is liars. I attended their open  
3 and they advised me that nothing had ever blown up, there  
4 was never an explosion. I can find at least 25 explosions  
5 since 1994, at least 13 in the last 8 years at various  
6 compressor sites and gas lines.

7           They advised the email that there's really no  
8 record of these chemicals ever causing any health problems  
9 with people and I can find more than 16,000 reports of  
10 leukemia and asthma and other horrible, horrible side  
11 effects of this including still births, loss of pets, loss  
12 of just incredible, incredible damage -- but they tell you  
13 it's fine.

14           They have been cited as violating the law 2  
15 times a day for every project that they do. This was  
16 recently in the New York Times in fact. If I cannot trust  
17 them to be honest with me about the work that they want to  
18 do, how can I trust them with the life of my child, the  
19 health of my family, the value of my property, the  
20 livability of my community.

21           They have no place here and I would encourage  
22 FERC to please do a full environmental impact report and  
23 find another place for their compressor, thank you.

24           MS. SUTER: 19?

25           MR. LANG: My name is Michael Lang, I am the



1 environmental coordinator for the East Braintree Civic  
2 Association.

3 MS. SUTER: Spell your name please.

4 MS. LANG: M-i-c-h-a-e-l L-a-n-g. We have been  
5 addressing issues in the Fore River Basin for 50 years now  
6 and I am familiar to all of these. The mayor and the  
7 council addressed some of the facilities are down there and  
8 I am very familiar with all of them. What they didn't say  
9 is that all of these -- most of them are regional  
10 facilities, should they have an explosion down there as I  
11 project they will, this will take out all the facilities,  
12 you will find that the whole region will be without sewage,  
13 power, hazardous waste place to dump all their crap, they  
14 will be without the Citgo facilities, the Citgo facility is  
15 a regional gas/oil facility for the area.

and

16 What the mayor didn't say was that the Quincy  
17 Quincy House Neck, Quincy Point and Germantown areas are  
18 environmental justice areas and recently I just found out  
19 that Weymouth is actually an environmental justice area  
20 also. I am going to go on to explain how I see this  
21 explosion happening.

22 Like other coastal communities Weymouth  
23 experiences a number of ocean related environmental events.  
24 Most significant is the event called coastal zone  
inversion.

25 In California it is called the bell effect. The compressor

a 1 station is totally located beside the new bridge. As such  
2 worst case scenario exists.

3 What happens is that the ocean environment  
4 overrides the local environment and it keeps the gas from  
5 dissipating into the air. Now you have the people sitting  
6 in an open bridge over there, the commuter traffic. The  
gas 7 is going to form around these cars and they are a little  
8 long and people with a cigarette or even with a hot  
9 catalytic converter which runs at 1800 degrees Fahrenheit  
10 will set off this explosion.

11 Now at the same time if the bridge is open, the  
12 new bridge has been expanded to allow for 1200 foot gas  
tank 13 -- gas supertankers to come through there. The compressor  
14 station is so close that actually the flack from an  
15 explosion would take out this tanker which in turn would  
16 take out the Twin Rivers facility, the NWRA pump station,  
17 the power plants and then it would just work its way down  
18 the line.

19 So I would say that they have to take a better  
20 and closer look at this environmental justice issue and  
also 21 the coastal zone inversion. I have some questions too, you  
22 are talking about the FERC Commission being unbiased, there  
23 is actually one the head of it sits on five different

24 bullets for power plants. The other member of the board  
25 actually used to work -- he was a director for the people

1 that run the power plant up the street. I have a question  
2 here, you have in April 16, 2015 document from FERC and it  
3 says FERC implements new policy on cost recovery for  
4 national gas facilities modernization.

mean  
5 Let me just finish this statement, does this  
6 that the taxpayers are going to pay for this? That's what  
7 it sounds like.

8 MS. SUTER: Number 20? 21? 22, 23, 24 please  
9 come on down.

10 MS. HACKETT: Good evening, I am Jane Hackett,  
11 H-a-c-k-e-t-t and I am a counselor at large here in  
12 Weymouth. I am here to voice my opposition to the proposed  
13 compressor station at the Fore River. The nearly 1,000  
14 residents within a half mile radius have done enough for  
the  
15 local and regional industrialization with the bridges, the  
16 NWRA and Algonquin.

17 Compared to sites of similar compressors, this  
18 densely populated area poses unique environmental and  
safety  
19 hazards that have been well documented here tonight. I  
urge  
20 that alternative sites be explored, an EIR be completed and  
21 the compressor station be placed somewhere else, thank you.

22 MS. SUTER: 22?

23 MR. MCGUIRE: Hi, my name is Stephen McGuire.

24 S-t-e-p-h-e-n McGuire is M-c-g-u-i-r-e, a resident of North  
25 Weymouth and I would just like to say it's rather peculiar

1 on my agreeing with our mayor this evening sorry. I also  
2 want to say that I support entirely what Miss Haugh has  
said  
3 in its entirety and I would like to say that I completely  
4 oppose the site location in North Weymouth for this project  
5 mainly due to all the prior mentioned concerns, so you  
could  
6 say ditto for everyone else, that's pretty much it so thank  
7 you for your time.

8 MS. SUTER: 23? 24, 25, 26 please come on down.

9 MR. RAZSA: My name is James Razsa. I am  
10 campaign coordinator for 350 Massachusetts. We are a grass  
11 roots organization that fights for climate change. Against  
12 climate change I should say right. So I am just going to  
13 say that I am not going to say anything about Weymouth  
14 because you guys are amazing and I just thank you so much.  
15 I'm a little scared to go up after because frankly  
16 everything that has been said tonight is true.

17 It is as dirty and dangerous as people are  
saying  
18 and I want to also say that it is unnecessary. These  
19 pipelines both in western Mass. And here are completely  
20 unnecessary. They are only necessary if we stop bringing  
on  
21 renewable energy like solar, like wind and if we are going  
22 to stop doing that and you say who would be against  
bringing  
23 on solar and wind, it's the utility companies -- the ones

24 that just hiked up our rates like crazy during one of the  
25 coldest winters.

1                   And the reason why is because they don't make as  
2 much money off of them, it's just that simple. They spend  
3 \$250,000 in 2014 fighting renewable energy and trying to  
4 bring these unnecessary pipelines on to protect their  
5 outdated, dirty and dangerous monopoly.

6                   And so I am going to speak on behalf of jobs and  
7 say right now we have 88,000 new jobs that have been  
created  
8 in Massachusetts from solar alone. Now it's nice that are  
9 going to have maybe 100 jobs brought on by this pipeline  
and  
10 compressor station here and I'm sorry but I don't think  
that  
11 that is enough. I am not willing to spend billions and  
12 billions of Massachusetts' dollars to undermine 88,000 of  
my  
13 brothers who are working in this industry and the small  
14 businesses that support them on behalf of outdated  
15 monopolies.

16                   So I just say thank you so much to the people of  
17 Weymouth for standing up and fighting and if you are  
18 successful and I really truly hope that you are and I will  
19 stand with you to make sure that you are successful, but I  
20 will also say that if you are they are going to try to  
shove  
21 this down another community's throats. They are going to  
22 try to put those children at risk, I hope you stand with  
23 them at that time too, thank you.

24 MS. SUTER: 24?

25 MS. HAYDEN: Yes, Lori Hayden. L-o-r-i

1 H-a-y-d-e-n. My husband and I live in Germantown with our  
2 two young children who are 3 and 5. Like every other  
family  
3 the health and safety of our kids are of primary importance  
4 to us. Given this I have three major concerns in regards  
to  
5 the proposed compressor station -- health and safety,  
6 inadequacy of testing and the possibility of a nuisance.

7 The recent study published in the journal  
8 Environmental Health in October, 2014 supports that air  
9 concentrations of potentially dangerous compounds and  
10 chemical mixtures are frequently present in oil and gas  
11 production sites including compressor stations. In this  
12 purview of study titled "Air Concentrations of Volatile  
13 Compounds Near Oil and Gas Production," a community-based  
14 exploratory study of concentrations of formaldehyde that  
15 exceeded the EPA, IRIS cancer risk were found as far as  
16 2,591 feet from compressor stations -- about a half of a  
17 mile.

18 In Arkansas, levels of formaldehyde that  
exceeded  
19 the EPA, IRIS cancer risk were found in the air at  
distances  
20 ranging from 98 feet to 1,164 feet from 7 compressor  
21 stations and levels of 1,3 butadiene that exceeded the EPA,  
22 IRIS cancer risk were found in the air 137 feet from one  
23 compressor station.

24                    In Pennsylvania levels of formaldehyde that  
25   exceeded the EPA, IRIS cancer risk were found in the air at

1 distances ranges from 754 to 2,591 feet from 6 compressor  
2 stations. This study notes several concerning  
3 characteristics about formaldehyde, specifically that it is  
4 a human carcinogen. It can affect nearly every tissue in  
5 the human body, leading to acute dermal allergies, asthma  
6 and chronic neuro-reproductive, genetic and pulmonary  
7 toxicity health effects.

8           Our results -- the same states, our results  
9 exceed those guidelines. Symptoms reported by community  
10 members mirror the effects of acute formaldehyde exposure  
11 which causes irritation of the eyes, nose, throat and skin.  
12 The study -- formaldehyde is a product of incomplete  
13 combustion emitted by natural gas-fired reciprocating  
14 engines at compressor stations.

15           Formaldehyde is also formed from methane in the  
16 presence of sunlight which may be an important source given  
17 significant amounts of methane that are known to escape  
18 sites.

19           According to our local newspaper, there are 960  
20 homes within a half of a mile of this proposed compressor  
21 station. The study of those homes could possibly be at  
22 for formaldehyde exposure -- that's a lot of people. I am  
23 also concern about the current testing procedures. As far  
24 as the national ambient air quality standards, they are

from

risk

25 measured in tons per year and the study indicates that this

1 type of monitoring appears to miss peak concentrations and  
2 toxic substances in the air that can cause health problems  
3 even if inhaled for short periods and it also indicates  
that  
4 targeting compressor stations for passive sampling may be  
an  
5 accurate measure of determining the amount of formaldehyde  
6 in the air close to a compressor station.

7 I'm sorry --

8 MS. SUTER: You can just submit the rest on the  
9 record.

10 MS. HAYDEN: Okay.

11 MS. SUTER: 25? 26, 27, 28 come on down.

12 MR. HAYDEN: Good evening, Michael Hayden.

13 M-i-c-h-a-e-l H-a-y-d-e-n. Thank you to FERC for allowing  
14 us to voice our concerns this evening. I would be remiss

if  
15 I didn't start by saying I fully support everything my wife  
16 just said so eloquently. I have some different concerns  
17 that I would like to raise. First it has been stated  
18 several times tonight that this particular urban densely  
19 populated site does not appear to fit the profile for  
20 construction of new compressor stations.

21 What I would request from FERC is a report that  
22 details the safeguards and precautions that have been taken  
23 in the design of this particular compressor station that  
24 distinguishes from other compressor stations that have been

25 built in more rural and remote areas. I would also request

would  
1 that FERC disclose the limits of its insurance that it  
2 take out to cover and respond to a mass event that resulted  
3 from this compressor station, whether that was an  
explosion,  
4 dissemination of chemicals into the air or sickness and  
5 symptoms that were reported by the local community.

6 My concern is that the insurance that FERC has  
7 obtained for rural locations with smaller communities would  
8 not be sufficient to insure the risk that the hundreds of  
9 families living in this community would be exposed to as a  
10 result of the construction of this new compressor station.

11 Finally, I would request that FERC establish a  
12 new and clear complaint resolution process for the initial  
13 stages now of proposed construction of this compressor  
14 station but if it is built and there are emergencies that  
15 the local community needs immediate response and reaction  
16 to, I would want an established procedure and protocol in  
17 place so that there was an immediate response available and  
18 there was no delay in any investigation whether that  
19 resulted from again an explosion event or something down to  
20 mothers concerned that their children's noses are running  
21 and throats are sore and coughing has increased.

22 Zero complaints should fall on deaf ears in a  
23 situation as serious as this to a community as large and as  
24 close knit as this, thank you very much.

25

MS. SUTER: 26?

1 MR. MONTANEZ: Good evening, my name is Angel  
2 Montanez. I am a 50 year resident of the North Weymouth  
3 area there.

4 MS. SUTER: Spell your name.

5 MR. MONTANEZ: Angel Montanez spelled A-n-g-e-l  
6 M-o-n-t-a-n-e-z. My profession is I am a captain in the  
7 Merchant Marines in the subject in the Merchant Marine. I  
8 currently serve on several committees out of Boston of the  
9 United States Coast Guard. One of them happens to be the  
10 Massachusetts Bay Harbor Safety Committee.

11 I sent a letter to -- well the committee sent a  
12 letter to Miss Maggie Suter. I will read that in just a  
13 second but let me tell you more about our background and  
our  
14 history and our professionalism. I also served as Incident  
15 Commander in case an incident happens on the water front.  
16 In case any large fire was to take place and the first  
17 responders couldn't communicate the effort that would  
18 command a type of individual and help them put out the  
fire.

19 I also sailed on the ships that were built in  
the  
20 Quincy shipyards for several years so a little bit of a  
21 background. I also serve on a committee that helped the  
22 Coast Guard in the port, educate the public on bringing the  
23 LNG's into deep down into Boston where the gas is and talk

24 about the safety and the precautions and take those  
measures

25 to make it a viable how do you say, effort you know where

1 everybody is okay and everything has been all right so far.

2 But getting back to the Mass. Bay Safety Harbor  
3 Committee, it's again it's an advisory board to the Coast  
4 Guard and the committee is comprised of a bunch of  
5 representatives in the marine industry, recreational bowl  
6 associations, harbor masters, mariners, boat yards, master  
7 mariners like myself, marine safety specialists, marine  
8 fighters and marine security specialists. I am also on the  
9 Civic Association and a District 1 councilor Becky who gave  
10 a great speech up there I'm so proud of her for that,  
11 brought this to our attention.

fire

12 And my profession is safety and security and  
13 I heard about this particular project here I said to myself  
14 Oh my God, do they have the proper knowledge to put a  
15 facility in. I'm not against it, not for it but are they  
16 opening up their eyes, do they have the right scope. As  
17 said in your statement here, this is about a scope and when  
18 I read the semantics of what this whole process was about,  
19 this scope, you are picking subjects that probably brings  
20 and you are going to feed off of that instead of bringing a  
21 whole comprehensive report in, you will just pick what you  
22 hear and answer to the public instead of doing a full  
23 comprehensive report.

when

you

up

24                   It brings up another -- talk about semantics. I

25    have heard the expression of a comprehensive report, an

here 1 environmental impact statement, an assessment, this one  
2 is labeled an assessment. I don't know what it is but we  
3 want the full assessment, the full report of the full gamut  
4 covering everything from safety, security, environmental,  
5 whatever.

something 6 Because from a maritime perspective, if  
7 happens over there you have to attack it from the water,  
8 people have to be prepared, the whole port, the whole  
9 facility, everybody has to understand what kind of  
to 10 facilities, what kind of apparatus they are going to need  
11 combat this issue if there ever is a problem, thank you.

12 MS. SUTER: 27?

13 MS. PETERS: Good evening, my name is Rebecca  
in 14 Peters. R-e-b-e-c-c-a P-e-t-e-r-s. I am a resident here  
15 Weymouth and I live within a quarter mile of the proposed  
16 site. I am also a mother and a small business owner here  
in 17 Weymouth. And although I regretfully respect those who  
18 choose to see this pipeline expansion and new compressor  
19 station as a positive for our community, I disagree.

20 The true impact would be only negative and  
21 potentially catastrophic for us and the environment. The  
22 immediate complaints bring to our attention construction  
23 equipment noise and congestion but also the destruction of

24 land and habitats for wildlife.

25 What we also need to consider is the long-term,

1 out to be fast passing job ploy which would just only  
2 provide immediate gratification. You need to consider the  
3 health impacts on humans from natural gas and the chemicals  
4 used to extract it from our earth.

5 If you take an emergency situation and consider  
6 the worst case scenario that could happen at the new  
7 compressor, we could experience an explosion killing  
8 thousands of innocent civilians and wildlife and there is  
no  
9 remedy to that. And although I oppose building the  
10 compressor here in Weymouth I also oppose it being placed  
11 anywhere else.

12 There is no need for expansion or additional  
13 pipelines to be built and there is no need for compressor  
14 stations and other implements needed to transport natural  
15 gas. The demand has been met and people are requesting and  
16 desire new methods for obtaining their energies. That's  
17 all.

18 MS. SUTER: 28?

19 MS. REMINGTON: Hi, my name is Carol Remington,  
20 that's C-a-r-o-l R-e-m-i-n-g-t-o-n and I will be brief. I  
21 have been a resident of North Weymouth for 47 years and I  
22 just want to say that North Weymouth has already over the  
23 years had more than their fair share of companies that have  
24 seriously blew off and caused illnesses that have resulted  
25 in deaths of very young people and very old. Please find



1 another less populated area for your site, thank you.

2 MS. SUTER: 29, 30, 31, 32, make your way down.

3 MS. HARDEN: My name is Susan Harden. S-u-s-a-n

4 H-a-r-d-e-n. I feel like we are -- I'm a resident of

5 Quincy, near enough though to this, however it really

in

6 wouldn't matter where I lived. I feel like we are living

7 a schizophrenic time period. We have as was mentioned the

8 dictates of our government to say you know we have to take

9 into account global warming.

craziest

10 We in the Northeast have experienced the

11 weather along with the rest of the country. Read what is

12 happening to our planet. So therefore I agree that nowhere

13 is a place for another compressor station. We cannot be

14 investing billions of dollars and increasing the use of

15 fossil fuel. We have to decrease the use of fossil fuel.

called

16 In Quincy we have a great program going on

Solarize

17 Solarize Quincy and how can I spend time working on

18 Quincy and then turn around and say it is okay to put in a

19 compressor station. If any natural gas is needed anywhere,

20 but specifically in this area, first make the pipeline

21 companies pay to have all of the leaks fixed in all of the

22 existing pipeline structures then we will see how much we

23 need more than that -- beyond that.

24 I happened to read that the Chairwoman stated  
25 that there were 5 levels of people who disagreed with  
having

1 something like this done and the highest level is those  
2 people who see the big picture. Well with 350.org, with  
the  
3 kind of people that you hear from Weymouth, we get the big  
4 picture. The big picture is global warming, it is climate  
5 change and any step -- any compression station, anything  
6 like that that is not in line with protecting our planet  
and  
7 making it livable not just for the kids of Weymouth, we  
8 don't all here care only about the kids in Weymouth.

9 I care about my grandchildren that live in  
10 Maryland just as much as I do about the ones that live here  
11 and the entire planet. So let's start making our decisions  
12 according to climate change and not the deep pockets. One  
13 last thing, I was called a liar in the hallway by somebody  
14 from Spectra. I told him what I had read and he said no.

I  
15 will not be called a liar, thank you.

16 MS. SUTER: 30?

17 MR. TANDY: David Tandy, Vice-President of Fore  
18 River Watershed Association.

19 MS. SUTER: Please spell your name.

20 MR. TANDY: T-a-n-d-y. I would like to  
21 compliment everybody who has come out tonight. It scared  
me  
22 more than I thought I could be scared. Let me tell you I  
23 have been fighting these things for years. When they built

24 the power plant there was 3 residents there and 50 union

25 people. I'm telling you, you are in for a fight. We never

1 win these things. We never win them.

2           Make no mistake, all of these arguments that you  
3 have said today, compelling -- obviously frightening, you  
4 think how could they possibly build this thing. They will.  
5 You have got to fight like mad. You will not be able to  
6 stop this, there are forces in play that will just decimate  
7 you.

8           The lady talked about being called a liar. You  
9 have heard nothing yet. Be aware. You have got to fight.  
10 And as Vice-President of the Fore River Watershed  
11 Association I want to compliment everybody who has come out  
12 today and I also live in Quincy, right opposite this and I  
13 think I can clearly say now this nightmare across the river  
14 from me.

15           By the way, when they build the NWRA plant, the  
16 blasting which wasn't supposed to occur brought down my  
17 kitchen ceiling and when their insurance company came in  
18 they said it was my fault. Be aware, you have got a big  
19 fight, thank you very much.

20           MS. SUTER: 31?

21           MR. MCCLOSKEY: Hi my name is Steve McCloskey.  
22 M-c-C-l-o-s-k-e-y. I live at 38 Saunders Street, a couple  
23 of thousand feet from the proposed compression station.  
24 Basically going late in the night has allowed me to let  
25 everybody else speak for me. I agree with just about



1 everybody, the mayor, especially Becky Haugh who summed it  
2 up nicely.

3           There are so many health and environmental  
4 reasons that this doesn't fit, the demographics and the  
5 geographic area, the proximity to neighbors and homes and  
6 families, the denseness of the location, the fact that  
7 Spectra isn't even going by its own guidelines of where to  
8 build this project, it just -- all this seems to be very  
9 plain to see that this is a bad location for this type of a  
10 station.

11           I specifically want to address the safety  
aspects  
12 of this which several people have spoken to as well but  
13 specifically we have just seen in the last 10-15 years from  
14 9/11 to Hurricane Katrina to Hurricane Sandy, communities,  
15 neighborhoods just devastated and in some cases a lot of  
16 this could have been prevented by better planning or at  
17 least having a plan to deal with the disaster.

18           I anecdotally can remember watching the waves  
19 crash on 3A during Hurricane Sandy right next to this  
20 proposed location. With rising sea levels that some people  
21 have elluded to tonight that problem is most likely going  
to  
22 increase. Has this been taken into account?

23           I think in addition to any sort of environmental  
24 assessment or impact plan that is produced we need a

25 disaster plan. We need to know how much of our

1 infrastructure, how many of our homes could be destroyed,  
2 how many lives of people in this room could be lost if this  
3 compressor station explodes or any other disaster happens.

4 I also want to follow-up with what the last  
5 person who just said he is right and these projects that  
6 keep coming to town in the form of a bridge to the power  
7 plant, we need community participation. I'm glad that our  
8 elected leaders were here tonight. I think we need people  
9 like this in the room because they are the big powers here,  
10 so we are the little guys.

11 So they are trying to plant a time bomb in our  
12 neighborhood. We really all need to keep fighting and work  
13 together to diffuse it, thank you.

14 MS. SUTER: 32? 33, 34, 35 come on down.

15 MR. MACKEN: My name is Jerry Macken, 44 Road  
16 North Weymouth.

17 MS. SUTER: Spell your name please. Sir I need  
18 you to spell your name for the record and you have to face  
19 forward because there is more than one microphone. You  
20 to face us, sir.

21 MR. MACKEN: We can beat this, don't listen to  
22 anyone else, stick together you heard new wisdom from the  
23 prior speakers than you would hear from a group of  
24 professors or experts. This is a terrible site, these

25 projects only have to be every 70 or 80 miles. There is  
one

1 in Rhode Island, one up at the shipyard, in Elliot, it is  
2 not coming from here, stick together and beat it.

3 MS. SUTER: 33?

4 MS. CICCHESE: Rosella Cicchese. R-o-s-e-l-l-a  
5 C-i-c-c-h-e-s-e. Initially I was not aware of the  
existence  
6 of this Commission and its extensive responsibilities. But  
7 because Spectra Energy is proposing to locate a compressor  
8 station on the Fore River and I am a resident of Weymouth,  
I  
9 felt compelled to gather pertinent information and  
10 background relating to FERC which is the Federal Energy  
11 Regulatory Commission which is an independent agency.

12 Among the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's  
13 numerous responsibilities connected to its regulation of  
14 interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas and  
oil,  
15 FERC approves the sitings of interstate natural gas  
16 pipelines and storage facilities and oversees their  
17 construction.

18 Surprisingly however, I understand that FERC is  
19 not responsible for the safety of these endeavors. Because  
20 the consequences of this project good or bad will directly  
21 affect the population living in the vicinity and a large,  
22 vulnerable population living beyond this compressor station  
23 will be built on a 10 acre parcel of land, it is imperative  
24 that FERC perform a full environmental impact report.

25

Such a report is required to study and document

1 all repercussions this project would have on the  
environment

2 in the area of endangered species, community beauty, human  
3 activity, including health factors.

4 And I was going to include safety factors but  
5 then I think I remembered that FERC is not responsible for  
6 the safety aspect of a project under its auspices.  
7 Therefore I call upon FERC to prepare an submit to the  
8 citizens of Weymouth, including the appropriate government  
9 officials, an environmental impact report and in a timely  
10 manner, thank you.

11 MS. SUTER: 34?

12 MS. ANDERSON: Nice to meet you, hi my name is  
13 Dianne Rello Anderson. D-i-a-n -n-e R-e-l-l-o  
14 A-n-d-e-r-s-o-n in respect for my mom who is dead pick your  
15 poison, beware, pick your poison. This is an explosive  
16 poison. My father delivered coal. My father delivered  
oil.

17 My father worked and went to every home and business in New  
18 England and put oil burners in there with his team,  
19 Teamsters 25.

20 My father came home poisoned. My mother is  
dead.

21 My lungs are damaged. Right now this week I have a sea bed  
22 in front of my home that is dead, completely dead. I went  
23 on that beach today. Poisoned. Poisoned in North Weymouth  
24 Fore River Basin. I'm tired of poison and I can vouch for

I'm 25 everybody in this room that they are tired of poison and

1 sure if any of you have poison in your system right now and  
2 you go to a doctor and they tell you you have that cancer  
3 word, I can guarantee you you will wake up.

4 Now I love solar, wind, water, children on  
5 bicycles and schools for energy, gymnasiums with energy  
6 coming out. We have plenty of energy. 1622 is Weymouth.  
7 Those people that left Plymouth in 1620 and settled here  
8 would be appalled at the poisoned land that we have  
created.

9 I am a citizen of the United States of America,  
10 but I am a union and I come from one home called the world  
11 and if we don't all wake up and we don't start changing,  
and  
12 we don't listen to educated, knowledgeable people we will  
13 continue, continue to bring the word evil, which means harm  
14 to the human race, to the animals that I don't see. I have  
15 birds gone, I have a bay that could be contaminated right  
16 now with the gas line pipe that is running through water,  
17 the water that gives us life.

18 Food and oxygen, wake up. I would love Spectra  
19 to sit down with me and take their millions of dollars and  
20 bring Weymouth products and everybody in this fricking  
21 United States and give us solar, wind, water, we will buy  
22 it. We will shut our stoves off. We will walk. We will  
23 come and we will shut down gas like it is never tomorrow.  
24 It's called boycott.

25  
ridiculous

This has got to stop. This meeting is

1 and we need to get on target to keep a healthy, safe and  
2 secure neighborhood which is our world, not Weymouth but  
3 every place in the whole world, every child, every person,  
4 please help me.

5 MS. SUTER: 35?

6 MR. CUSHING: Robert Cushing. C-u-s-h-i-n-g. I  
7 would first like to start by saying that I completely  
8 support what Mayor Kaye and Rebecca Haugh had to say, I  
9 completely support the idea of a complete environmental  
10 impact study.

11 I live at 91 King Beach Road. I am representing  
12 the folks that live on that road. We will be directly  
13 looking at this plant over a very small amount of water.  
14 There is a newborn baby on the street, we have one of our  
15 neighbors that is pregnant, we have the neighbors that are  
16 trying and the neighbors getting married. We are a  
17 cross-section of North Weymouth. We are all a big family  
18 and I think that Spectra will find that we are all related.

19 I did not realize the entire scope of this until  
20 Becky Haugh brought it to my attention yesterday at a  
21 meeting that's why I am here speaking. So to get 12 people  
22 here in just a short amount of time, but I am going to  
23 this. I am going to fight it all the way. I am going to  
24 involve the news, I am going to involve the powers that be,  
25 everybody here needs to stand together, we need to join

fight



1 together, we can beat this, we will fight this and we will  
2 win.

3 MS. SUTER: 36?

4 MS. WHITE: I'm Christine White.

5 C-h-r-i-s-t-i-n-e White W-h-i-t-e. I object on the basis  
of  
6 being a mother, a resident, on the basis of environmental  
7 concerns, cancer, asthma, the bridge proximity, beaches,  
8 resident's health, the toxic gas being by ocean air in any  
9 weather but especially in storms.

10 I object as a mother, an asthmatic, a North  
11 Weymouth resident in a social justice area. I object  
12 because of the dense population, the schools, the noise,  
the  
13 odor, kids swimming in the ocean. I object because of the  
14 environmental concerns, the marine life, boating. I have  
15 questions about gas compressors near any neighborhood this  
16 densely populated by a bridge, but this compressor is near  
17 homes, schools, chemical plants in a flood zone. What if  
18 there is an accident, a nor'easter with the wind's, the  
19 water, the residents' ability to get away, the access to  
the  
20 roads, the emergency response team ability to reach us.

21 I object -- I don't know what we can do to  
22 prevent this, I hope we will hear more from the mayor about  
23 things that we can do. I think there's already a facebook  
24 page for people lobbying. I don't understand why an

25 environmental report is actually still needed. It is not

1 clear to me how this is seriously being considered. I  
don't  
2 want this in Weymouth but I also don't want there to be a  
3 precedent for there to be a gas compressor in any area this  
4 densely populated.

5 The final thing that I will say is I am a 16  
year  
6 resident of North Weymouth but I am actually not from the  
7 south shore originally and the last time that we had a  
flood  
8 in January my home flooded, there was water in my basement  
9 for a day, there was oil on top of that water, it was a  
fire  
10 hazard.

11 The fire department came to the house, they had  
a  
12 problem getting there because we were flooded. We were in  
13 an area where there was 3 feet of water surrounding the  
14 house. The fact that we are in a coastal community and we  
15 have horrible winter weather is an issue that has to be  
16 factored in.

17 If you are not from around this area I don't  
know  
18 if people are understanding the magnitude of that, that's  
19 all.

20 MS. SUTER: 37?

21 MS. PENDERGAST CAMERON: My name is Nancy  
22 Pendergast Cameron. N-a-n-c-y P-e-n-d-e-r-g-a-s-t

Kaye 23 C-a-m-e-r-o-n. Number one I totally support what Mayor  
24 and Becky Haugh had to say.  
I 25 Second I'm on the Historic Commission in town.

1 support what Cathy Torrey had to say. Our 400th is coming  
2 up and that's pretty scary when you look at what has  
3 happened to our waterfront and were the Pilgrims came from  
4 to here.

5 B -- the health, the maintenance on the lines.

I

6 have family members who work on these lines. Every single  
7 time they have to do maintenance the lines have to be  
8 purged. Where does the purge go? The gas goes into the  
9 environment that we are breathing.

10 Next, environmental -- there was an oil spill on  
11 the Fore River years and years ago. It has only been

within

12 the last 10 to 15 years that the oyster beds, the fishing  
13 and the log stirring have come back.

14 And finally noise, for those of us who live on  
15 the north side of Route 3A, we also get noise from Logan  
16 Airport, that hasn't even been taken into consideration.

It

17 just wafts over the water, so this is just one more area  
18 that we are concerned with.

19 I ask that it not be built, thank you.

20 MS. SUTER: Yes I just wanted to make clear, are  
21 you 37?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No I just have a point.

23 MS. SUTER: We have to go in order. I'm really  
24 sorry, but I know that we are going in order to make sure

25 that everyone can speak, you have to wait until your number

1 is called, 37?

2 MS. PETERS: I want to take this opportunity  
3 sorry -- Sandra Peters. S-a-n-d-r-a P-e-t-e-r-s, 16th  
4 Street, Weymouth. I want to take this opportunity to thank  
5 FERC for holding this scoping meeting and especially Maggie  
6 for enduring my many questions at the beginning of this  
7 event. I will respect your rules and I would love to yield  
8 my time to the mayor but I will respect your rules.

9 I live directly downwind from the prevailing  
10 winds of the shipyard where this Spectra compressor is  
11 composed. Most of the winds that people know come from  
many  
12 directions but they are predominantly west/southwest so  
13 anything in that shipyard no matter where it is will impact  
14 our neighborhood.

15 I currently hear what's going on there now, I  
16 smell first hand and I breathe everything that is already  
17 there and I can attest to that. Currently there is a core  
18 -- a history of core enforcement in current environmental  
19 violations of the Clean Air Act right now. I have been  
20 fighting this for 6 years and I have strong concerns that  
21 this will be exacerbated when Spectra comes in.

22 I would hope that the people that are directly  
23 downwind from this plant would have -- sorry, this is a  
24 tough night. Our concerns would have greater weight than  
25 those who are perhaps upwind and other areas such as where



here 1 the Quincy laborers union is. They don't have to smell  
2 or breathe like we do.

3 I have concerns about the fact that this is in a  
4 waterfront area. I think several people brought this point  
5 up. Sound is amplified as it goes across the water. I can  
6 attest to that. This area is unique, North Weymouth is  
7 unique, the residences -- most of the residences are  
8 originally build as summer cottages -- there are thin walls  
9 and lots of windows so we hear things more than another  
home 10 residential area might.

a 11 The houses are also close together. This is in  
12 flood zone, there are hurricanes, nor'easters I think those  
13 things have been covered and there are wetland species on  
14 this site contrary to what the Spectra people told me  
15 earlier, there are wetlands, there have been sightings of  
16 piping clovers at this site, I would hope that you would  
17 consider threatened species as well as endangered species.

18 There are other things here. I am concerned  
19 about property values going down and why is the burden of  
20 proof on us as public citizens to identify the reasonable  
21 alternatives when Spectra has not been forthcoming with  
22 maps, thank you.

23 MS. SUTER: 38? 39, 40, 41 make your way down.

24 MR. CARRAN: My name is John Carran. J-o-h-n

25 C-a-r-r-a-n. I live on Bridge Street and pretty much

do 1 everything I was going to say has already been said but I  
2 want to say maybe you should start by putting in some of  
3 those decibel meter things with the sound because right now  
4 I go from heating season to air conditioning season. I  
5 don't have a spring or a fall because of the noise already,  
6 right.

7 And the other thing if this thing should be shut  
8 down I think that Algonquin or whoever owns this should pay  
9 for at least a dozen fire fighters, a dozen police officers  
10 for perpetuity and a couple of advanced life supporters.  
11 That's all I have got to say.

12 MS. SUTER: 39?

13 MR. TRAINOR: David Trainor. D-a-v-i-d  
14 T-r-a-i-n-o-r, 20 Rosemont Road, North Weymouth. Many  
15 elegant and well thought out objections have been stated  
16 already so I will allow time for those who would like to  
17 speak after me but I would like to state for the record  
that 18 I strongly oppose this project and I agree with all of the  
19 previously stated objections and strongly support all  
20 opposition.

21 I would like to express my complete agreement  
22 with the previously made statements tonight and Mary Kaye  
23 and Councilor Haugh. Many other comments included. To the  
24 union representative that spoke earlier. Union construction

25 jobs at this site would be temporary. Temporary jobs are

1 not worth the risk, not worth the risks that come with the  
2 compressor station in such a densely populated  
neighborhood.

3 A transcript is being recorded tonight so to  
4 anyone at Spectra reading the transcript here is my  
5 statement to you. We have a strong community turnout  
6 tonight and Spectra's only in the early state of this  
7 proposal. The movement to stop Spectra will only grow and  
8 it will grow quickly. I can promise you that this station  
9 will not be built in Weymouth.

10 North Weymouth is a strong community that will  
11 fight you all the way on this ridiculous proposal and  
12 ultimately defeat you, so stop wasting your time.

13 MS. SUTER: 40?

14 MR. PRIMIANO: Chris Primiano. C-h-r-i-s  
15 P-r-i-m-i-a-n-o. Before I begin I'm very disappointed that  
16 our town's chief executive officer was not allowed to  
17 conclude her statement tonight and I would like to thank  
18 Councilor Haugh for all of her advocacy in this effort.

19 That said, this is just not the right place for  
a  
20 compressor station due to the population density  
surrounding  
21 the area. It's appalling that it has even come this far.  
22 This location is a consideration, considering that  
23 population density it does not fit into Spectra's own  
24 criteria. I understand the need for compressor stations

25 throughout the United States, but not in an area that has

1 over 1,000 households, a traffic pattern that has 100,000  
2 cars per week within 300 yards and a primary school located  
3 less than a mile and a half away.

4 Weymouth has struggled over the last 10 years  
5 with regards to home values. This would be a devastating  
6 blow to our values throughout the town. To sum up because  
7 38 other people before me spoke so eloquently about the  
8 negative aspects of this project, there are just too many  
9 downsides, there are too many safety concerns and there are  
10 too many families that will be affected by the declining  
11 home values, not to mention more importantly too many  
12 potential children being infected by the venting of off  
13 gases.

14 I urge you to reject this proposal outright, thank you.

15 MS. SUTER: 41? 42, 43, 44 come on down.

16 MS. BERESNITZKY: Marianne Beteznitsky.

17 M-a-r-i-a-n-n-e B-e-r-e-s-n-i-t-z-k-y. I'm here with my  
18 baby past her bedtime to say that we are opposed to this  
19 project. We are new residents to North Weymouth and we  
love  
20 this neighborhood and we don't want to go anywhere, we have  
21 wonderful neighbors who live here the past 30 years and  
they  
22 have kids too and we are concerned about the kids health  
and  
23 the environment and we will pick this fight with this  
24 neighborhood.

25

MS. SUTER: 42?

1 MR. SHEA: Thank you. My name is Robert Shea.  
2 R-o-b-e-r-t Shea S-h-e-a and I am attorney with the  
3 Massachusetts Energy Facility Siting Board. With me  
tonight  
4 in the audience are Andy Greene, the Siting Board Director  
5 and Ashley Ferrer, an analyst with the Siting Board and I  
6 would like to just take a moment to explain what the Siting  
7 Board does and its role in this proceeding.

8 The Siting Board is an administrative agency of  
9 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and one of our principal  
10 function is to renew proposal -- review excuse me,  
proposals  
11 for the construction of new energy facilities in  
12 Massachusetts including large power plants, electric  
13 transmission lines, natural gas pipelines that lie entirely  
14 within the Commonwealth and natural gas storage tanks.

15 The Siting Board does not however, have the  
16 authority to approve or disapprove interstate natural gas  
17 pipeline facilities such as the one proposed by Algonquin  
in  
18 this proceeding. Instead such authority rests with FERC in  
19 Washington. The Siting Board is not a part of FERC, FERC  
is  
20 an agency of the federal government, the Siting Board is a  
21 state agency.

22 The Siting Board will hold a public comment  
23 hearing here at the auditorium of the Abigail Adams Middle

24 School in Weymouth during the evening of May 27th, exactly  
25 two weeks from tonight. The meeting will begin at 7 P.M.

1 We hold our meeting separately from FERC because the Siting  
2 Board is completely independent of FERC.

3 A legal notice of this public hearing will be  
4 published in the Weymouth News and it will also be posted  
at  
5 the Weymouth town clerk's office. After the conclusion of  
6 the Siting Board's public hearings and an additional  
comment  
7 period, the Siting Board will file written comments  
8 regarding the proposed project with FERC.

9 The Siting Board's comments are intended to  
10 identify difficulties and problems with the project  
11 associated with environmental issues. In addition the  
12 Siting Board may advocate for the imposition of conditions  
13 on Algonquin in order to mitigate impacts that the pipeline  
14 would impose on abutters and on the local community.

15 The Siting Board's comments to FERC will be  
based  
16 in part on a review of the Pre-filing documents that  
17 Algonquin has already submitted to FERC, a site visit by  
the  
18 Siting Board staff along the proposed pipeline route and  
19 upon the public comments that local residents will make at  
20 the public comment hearing that will be held as I mentioned  
21 two weeks from tonight exactly right here.

22 And the comment hearings are going to be held  
23 both in Weymouth and in Franklin. If you have any  
questions

24 for me I will be here after the meeting is concluded and I

25 will be glad to speak with you and give you my business

card

1 so that you may contact me, thank you.

2 MS. SUTER: 43?

3 MS. GAGNON: Good evening my name is Roseanne  
4 Gagnon. R-o-s-e-a-n-n-e Gagnon G-a-g-n-o-n and I want to  
5 thank everyone that has come forward with all of their  
6 comments just because we really need to stick together.

7 But what upset me was I had gone to the first  
8 meeting and I had done a little research and I had met --  
9 when you walked in you were introduced with a Spectra  
10 representative and as I asked more questions, I started out  
11 with one and I was starting to get four people around me.  
12 And I spoke with a Jerry Trudo and a John Heinz and they  
13 said to me, I said well do these compressors run 24/7 and  
14 they said no.

15 They said they run intermittently depending upon  
16 the demand which is a lie. They also said they were not  
17 going to add any new piping and they were going to use the  
18 existing pipes. It upsets me that they would really turn  
19 the truth around about something so small when what were  
20 they hiding from us.

21 They also said that there would be no effect on  
22 our house valuations because I have lived next door to the  
23 world's most toxic dump, W.R Grace. I lived in Stoneham

when

24 that was moving and I really wanted to settle into a  
25 neighborhood that had good scruples, morals, that the



1 neighbors, everything was a perfect neighborhood to raise  
2 children.

3           But when I asked them about what happens on a  
4 blow down, how would we know this would happen if they had  
5 to shut down the compressor and start it up, they said that  
6 somebody would come to every house in the neighborhood and  
7 let us know and I said you are going to come to every house  
8 in our neighborhood and they said yes. And I said that  
9 doesn't mean -- how does that be in a safe environment then  
10 if this is what you are telling us and I said if there is a  
11 fire within the plant I heard that you train our fire  
12 fighters, yes that is true but we rather than not touch the  
13 environment we like our men to service this.

14           And I said "oh all right" well that means that  
15 when the gas tanks and the power plant and everything to  
16 catch on fire that we will be all fine and we can just  
17 gather the body bags. But on one of their handouts they  
18 given us it says what to do if there is a pipeline leak and  
19 it says "avoid introducing any sources of ignition to the  
20 area such as cell phones, pagers, and two-way radios. It  
21 also says do not start or turn off motor vehicles on  
22 electrical equipment.

23           So are we going to tell all the people on the  
24 Fore River Bridge that you need to turn off your radio, how  
25 are we going to notify them? Call them on a cell phone? I

had



1 mean it's just -- I mean I really don't want this pipeline  
2 it's a health risk. I'm very nervous because this is where  
3 I wanted to raise my children and I just find that I also  
4 asked them if there was another compressor station in a  
5 heavily populated area and they said "no".

6                   There was one that they had opened up in New  
7 Jersey -- Jersey City which is not true. So it's what  
they  
8 are not saying that really scares me more than what they  
are  
9 saying so I hope you will consider when you do your report  
10 that you have a neighborhood of many, many thousands of  
11 people, thank you.

12                   MS. SUTER: 44? 45? Is 45 coming down? All  
13 right, 46, 47, 48 please come down to the front.

14                   MR. CROALL: Good evening members of FERC. For  
15 the record my name is Brad Croall. B-r-a-d C-r-o-a-l-l.  
16 I'm the city council that represents Quincy Point on the  
17 other side of the bridge and I am also standing in this  
18 evening for Margaret LaForest who represents Ward 1 and is  
19 currently at a Planning Board meeting.

20                   It's always challenging to you know, to go 45  
21 because you know as many speakers have said to me before a  
22 lie has been shared here this evening. It's been quite an  
23 extensive knowledge that they have shared and a lot of  
24 research done up until this point. I just want to make it

25 clear for the record that I am in total accordance with the

1 prior elected officials that have spoken. I know that the  
2 appetite is nil to non-existent from the Quincy Point side  
3 of the bridge.

has

4 We believe that you know that section of down  
5 been dealing with industrialized saturation for quite some  
6 time. It's -- for lack of a better word, sticky the  
7 compressor station across the Fore River Basin we are  
8 struggling to find what community benefit will be for us.  
9 You know there has been many emails, many conversations  
10 leading up to this night and my observation sitting out

back

11 is that we are dealing with a community who is very  
12 passionate, very proud and who is willing to take a stand  
13 against this project.

14 You know, my other observations, you are in a  
15 great position to help us. You know and I guess I am  
16 standing here before you this evening pleading that number  
17 one you scrutinize that environmental assessment to the  
18 fullest you know, asking the questions about what do these  
19 blow downs actually mean in terms of the environmental  
20 integrity of the Fore River Basin.

sign

noise

21 I also representing the other side of the co-  
22 would urge you to you know ask the questions about the  
23 decibels. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out

those 24 that those reverberations are going to go right out to

a 25 constituents that I represent and that's a major -- that's

1 major you know, down side for us that we are not willing to  
2 accommodate.

3 The other side of that too is as we go forward  
4 you know, community involvement is absolutely crucial.

5 Finding the research and doing the research up to this  
point

6 has been a little more challenging than I think it probably  
7 should have been. And when you think about density and you  
8 think about the location in this particular area, you know

I

9 looked at the one in Burrillville, Rhode Island and I would  
10 have to say that there was probably about half a mile

egress

11 until you even hit the gas compressor station surrounded by  
12 trees. We don't have that luxury here in the Fore River  
13 Basin, we just don't have it.

14 You know again so I stand in opposition to this  
15 proposal. I would ask you to scrutinize all of those  
16 documents that are furnished and to just work out to find

an

17 alternate location because this just doesn't work for us,  
18 thank you.

19 MS. SUTER: 46?

20 MR. BOYLE: My name is Andrew Boyle. I am the  
21 trustee of a property located at River Ave. in North  
22 Weymouth. I am proud to have grown up in North Weymouth,  
23 especially after this meeting. I am an insurance agent by

24 trade. The good news about this project and any potential  
25 explosion is that it would likely be covered under your

1 homeowner's policy.

2           The bad news is insurance companies know this.  
3 There is nothing to stop homeowner insurance companies from  
4 raising the rates in our neighborhood because of the  
5 increased exposure that they face. For any proposed  
6 project, we as a town must evaluate it on a cost-benefit  
7 analysis. Everyone has made passionate arguments against  
8 this plant but I have yet to hear a persuasive argument for  
9 it.

10           Even at zero pollution level, there is no  
11 material benefit to having this compression station located  
12 here. To say that the compressor station does not need to  
13 be located in North Weymouth doesn't mean the gas gets shut  
14 off or gets more expensive. We are going to get cheaper  
15 gas? Let's get that in writing, legal team to enforce it.  
16 If it is jobs you want let's mandate that if those jobs are  
17 outsourced that the company must agree to pay hefty fines  
18 directly to the families affected.

19           I urge FERC to fully study this proposed plan  
but  
20 more than that I urge all of North Weymouth to stand  
21 together in defiance of this project. I think it's time  
22 that we tell Spectra to go FERC themselves, thank you.

23           MS. SUTER: 47? 48? -- oh 47? 48, 49, 50  
please  
24 come down to the front.

25

MS. DIANGELO: Good evening. My name is Linda

1 Diangelo. L-i-n-d-a Diangelo D-i-a-n-g-e-l-o. I have been  
2 a proud resident of this town Weymouth for 55 years. I  
have  
3 remained in the town, my family still lives in the area and  
4 my children have grown here. I am also the President of  
the  
5 Back River Watershed Association. The Back River and the  
6 Fore River Watershed are linked by just the proximity of  
7 just the proximity of maybe a mile or so.

8 We have a beautiful waterfront in this area. We  
9 have fought hard to keep our waterfront a beautiful  
integral  
10 part of our historic value and the residents in this town  
11 are very proud and very strong intelligent people that know  
12 what is best for them. The price of Spectra proposing  
their  
13 compressor station in our community on our shore is too  
high  
14 of a price for our residents. We are also concerned with  
15 people in Quincy, the idea is beyond shocking that this is  
a  
16 proposed site. Why?

17 Why have they decided that we in Weymouth are  
18 going to accept such a thing? They're not. I know by my  
19 past experience in education, in environmentalism what can  
20 happen to an area when there is an outright explosive fire  
21 because of this type of activity that we already have going  
22 on in this industrialize Fore River Basin.

23                   We look right to the Weymouth Neck area where  
24   there was explosions of two great fires down at the Old  
25   plant that leveled the ground and resulted in a tier 1A

us

1 hazardous waste site. I urge FERC to please do a full and  
2 intense environmental study on this area and please respect  
3 the idea that human health, wildlife marine health are  
4 things that we value and nobody is going to come and help  
5 out when it is too late. Thank you.

6 MS. SUTER: 48? 49? 50? 51? 52, 53, 54 please  
7 come on down. All right, 51 is right here and like I said  
8 52, 53, 54 and 55 come on down.

9 MR. CHURCHILL: Hello everyone my name is  
10 Churchill. C-h-u-r-c-h-i-l-l. I have been a resident of  
11 Weymouth since 1988, bought a home in North Weymouth in  
12 1997. I have always enjoyed swimming in the Fore River  
13 that's right I can't say that I like what I have seen  
14 happening.

15 When I first started back in the 90's there was  
16 lots of sea grass and waterfall and lots of fish. It's  
17 almost depleted now, it's kind of sad. I don't need to  
18 renumerate all of the many noxious industrial and municipal  
19 facilities which your honor, the mayor, already listed to  
20 remind everybody that the Fore River -- it seems like it  
21 should be considered the Follow River.

22 It's treated like the butthole of Boston,  
23 anything goes. You know you have got sewage send it here.  
24 Whatever -- you want to put in a gas line, send it here. I

25 have a good friend who has been a gas man for 40 years and

I

1 have seen these experiences on the news and he has assured  
2 me that a 42 inch gas main if it cracks or blows it's such  
3 pressure that you don't need a match or ignition source,  
4 just the pressure alone will create enough heat for  
5 spontaneous combustion and that would give rise to a  
6 fireball so intense you don't need to have your house near  
7 it, the radiant heat like the sun or a nuclear explosion  
8 travels at the speed of light can go a great distance.

9           Such an explosion occurred a number of years  
ago.

10 I remember there was some -- excuse me, fisherman, maybe  
300

11 yards away they were fried like bacon. That could happen.  
12 I have been walking in that park -- at the end everybody  
13 remembers all the promises and platitudes and went along  
14 with you know, getting that park in the first place.

15           I always kind of wondered what are they going to  
16 do with that middle area. I didn't know that they had a  
17 pernicious idea there for its future. Evidently they did,  
18 okay. Now if that gas station -- compressor station is put  
19 there it will just really ruin that park for starters.

20           And I just think that enough is enough. North  
21 Weymouth has put up with enough and we don't need any more,  
22 thank you very much.

23           MS. SUTER: 52? 53? 54 or 53?

24           MS. WATSON: There have been several people here

25 who said --

for 1 MS. SUTER: Please say your name and spell it  
2 the record.

3 MS. WATSON: Oh I'm sorry, Pat Watson.  
4 W-a-t-s-o-n. There have been several people here who  
5 mentioned that we already have enough gas, fracked gas  
6 coming into the state of Massachusetts why do we need more?  
7 We need more fracked gas because our government wants to  
8 export the fracked gas okay to make money for the energy  
9 corporations.

10 If you don't believe me ask the Secretary of  
11 Energy. He stated just the other day that in Houston --  
12 where else would he be but Houston, Texas, energy capital  
of 13 the United States, that we are going to be surpassing the  
14 middle east country of Qatar in exporting gas. This is our  
15 future, we want to pump baby pump, that's what this is all  
16 about.

17 It is not about bringing energy to your home, it  
18 is about exporting to other countries to fill the pockets  
of 19 the corporations, energy corporations, that is what it is  
20 all about.

21 And the last thing that I would like to say is  
22 for people to remember that this is hydraulic fracked gas  
we 23 are talking about okay and I don't want it to come, I don't

24 live far from here, I live in East 124 place, it's not that  
25 far, I don't want it to come here but you have to remember

1 by having it go someplace else is not the answer either.

2 We are talking today about our kids,  
3 environmental impact, leukemia, cancer, et cetera and it  
4 could happen okay, asthma, whatever. That is already  
5 happening in Texas and Pennsylvania, in Ohio. Those  
6 families, their children have bloody noses, they are having  
7 foam come out of their mouth because they live near where  
8 this fracked gas is occurring, we can't let those children  
9 suffer either. We are all in this together and we have to  
10 stop it everywhere, thank you.

11 MS. SUTER: 55? Are you 55? No, okay 56? All  
12 right, 57, 58, 59, 60 we are starting to skip some numbers  
13 in here so come on down.

14 MS. BORTH: Hi my name is Laura Borth, it's  
15 L-a-u-r-a B-o-r-t-h. I just want to say that I don't  
16 understand why we are going backwards in regards to energy  
17 but maybe that's because companies like Spectra want to  
18 maximize their profits off of the destruction of our  
planet.

19 There is absolutely no reason that we can't have more  
20 renewable energy.

21 It has continued to grow more affordable and  
more  
22 accessible and people are eager to use it. I don't want  
23 this compressor station in my town and I don't want it  
24 anywhere else. The environmental health and safety impacts

25 are very concerning and have been well expressed by the

1 people who have spoken before me.

2 I am inspired by the community around me and I  
3 will continue to fight with them and if you think that you  
4 can just bring this to a different town, well news to you  
we  
5 are going to follow you and continue to fight, so thank  
you.

6 MS. SUTER: 57?

7 MS. BURGA: Hi my name is Pascale Burga, it's  
8 P-a-s-c-a-l-e and the last name is Burga B-u-r-g-a. I come  
9 today to you unscripted as a resident. I am a mother, a  
10 wife, a military wife, a small business owner and like I  
11 said I am totally unscripted. I came into this not knowing  
12 anything about this type of project and I remained  
objective  
13 throughout.

14 I went to Spectra's open house and I have to say  
15 that I agree with some other people that I felt kind of  
16 tricked. Initially they told me that it was at a different  
17 site and that it would be kind of hidden away from the main  
18 road and down a tree-lined path and now I understand that  
it  
19 is being moved pretty much directly under the bridge, maybe  
20 300 yards or so.

21 That's a little bit concerning to me because of  
22 the traffic that passes through that area. I don't claim  
to  
23 be an expert on this but cars stopped with an open bridge

24 passing seemed to be exposed to a large amount of chemicals

25 and noise and people that commute frequently I would think

1 would have more exposure.

2 Also I live also -- probably I should tell you  
3 that I live right outside of that so probably steps away  
4 from that zone and today, that zone a quarter of a mile --

a

5 half a mile, today I smell and hear stuff from that area.

I

6 also hear noise and you have to, other people have  
commented

7 that the water echoes the sound a lot and the wind blows  
8 down in different directions so one day it might affect my  
9 neighborhood and another day, another.

10 I also want to say for the record that I  
11 completely support and agree with what Mayor Kaye and said  
12 and what district councilor Becky Haugh has said as well.

I

13 want to make sure that I hit upon all of my points. So I  
14 also worry about the safety as far as the bridge being up  
15 and then worry about the safety in the event of a  
hurricane.

16 They say that the new location is outside of the flood  
17 plain, it is very hard for me to believe that it is just  
18 steps away from the water.

19 I have lived on the water in North Weymouth and  
20 have seen water coming over walls so the hundred year storm  
21 will happen, it does happen and I'm not a fool to believe  
22 that it won't happen in our neighborhood. I also worry you  
23 know, about the catastrophic events such as terrorism. I

24 would think that because it is a gas facility that it could  
25 be a potential -- a spot for terrorism and being in a

it 1 residential area, if it were ever a fire or attacked that  
2 would impact a lot of people.

3 I also have read briefly in the Journal of  
4 Medicine that the constant humming has a lot of health  
5 effects on people and I can't comment on all of them but it  
6 is in the Journal of Medicine. That's all I wanted to say  
7 and I totally hope you don't as a person standing before  
you 8 on this report, do not support this project. I raised my  
9 kids in North Weymouth and I'm for open parks and spaces,  
10 thank you.

11 MS. SUTER: 58?

12 MR. MATHEWS: Good evening, I'm Ray Mathews.  
13 M-a-t-h-e-w-s and I'm President of the East Weymouth  
14 Disabled Association. I want you to know that we stand  
15 together with our neighbors in North Weymouth in opposing  
16 this project. Honestly there is not much more that I can  
17 say that the 57 people before me have already said.

18 The negatives far outweigh the benefits of this  
19 project. In fact I don't see any benefits whatsoever. The  
20 Weymouth Disabled Association urges you to reconsider this  
21 project. On a side note the mayor of Weymouth, the head of  
22 our town, deserves a little bit more respect, thank you.

23 MS. SUTER: 59?

24 MS. DOREMUS: Hi my name is Andrea Doremus  
that's

25 A-n-d-r-e-a D-o-r-e-m-u-s and I live at 48 Linden Road. I

1 have been so moved tonight to hear the articulate and  
2 well-reasoned statements of so many people coming up and  
3 speaking passionately and before saying anything else I  
want  
4 to support the earlier speaker who made it really clear  
that  
5 even though all the news media and the governors and people  
6 are saying that we need this gas, because to keep the  
prices  
7 down, that it is becoming very, very clear that a good  
chunk  
8 of it -- and now with this new Atlantic Bridge map that  
this  
9 gas is destined for export harbors in Nova Scotia that  
carry  
10 the energy and has already put in their application.

11 16 senators, U.S. senators have written to  
12 Secretary Munez I believe that's her name to say -- express  
13 their concerns that this is moving too quickly, that  
sending  
14 this gas off to Canada will actually raise the prices  
15 locally and hurt the businesses in the New England region  
16 and yet the governors are coming together to try and  
17 actually take -- change the way it is being structured  
18 because the local companies don't want to contract for  
these  
19 pipelines so they are saying it is too risky and so they  
are  
20 changing the DPU order I think it's called 1537 docket and  
21 they are actually trying to put the price that the rate

22 payers are going to have to pay for it, so this is  
23 complicated stuff.

24                   But you need to look into it and I'm here but  
25 just on the map it is the first time it is showing that it

1 is going straight up -- they are showing arrows so I  
2 probably don't have that much more time but I just wanted  
to  
3 say that I come to you from West Roxbury, Massachusetts and  
4 they are so willing to put their profits above our risk  
that  
5 on March 3rd FERC approved -- we made a passion please --  
we  
6 found out about it much, much later than you are finding so  
7 you are really ahead of it.

8 FERC approved to put a 750 psi metering and  
9 regulating station across from an actively blasting quarry  
10 that shakes the entire neighborhood and it's just craziness  
11 and they say it is going to be safe but if you look at  
12 Spectra's record around the country, there has definitely  
13 been accidents all over the place, apparently not in  
14 Massachusetts because when we went to a hearing in Denham  
15 the other night but if you know, could you say well if

Exxon

16 -- Exxon hasn't had an accident in Massachusetts, BP hasn't  
17 had an accident in Massachusetts, right so accidents happen  
18 and there is human error and is that my time?

19 Oh, okay so there's much more to say that you --  
20 the main thing is that they are going to say that you can't  
21 win and you are not going win. FERC has never met a  
22 pipeline they didn't like even though out front I was told  
23 that there have been pipelines that have not been approved,

24 that's not my understanding so I have to do research about  
25 that.

1                   But they are going to say it is approved and you  
2 just have to fight and fight and fight and somebody from  
the  
3 Constitution Pipeline taught me that and we just have to  
4 keep going. And we stand together but don't leave it.

5                   MS. SUTER: Number 60? 61? You're 60? 61, 62,  
6 come on down, okay.

7                   MR. MCDONALD: Good evening, thank you for the  
8 opportunity. Mayor Kaye thank you Councilor Haugh thank  
9 you. My name is Brian McDonald, Counselor at large for the  
10 town of Weymouth. I have lived in Weymouth for 61 years, I  
11 know I don't look it.

12                   Every time you hear a utility type tell you that  
13 prices are going to go down because they are installing  
14 something don't believe it. De-regulation of the  
15 electricity industry was supposed to result in lower  
prices,  
16 how is that working out for you. Cable TV was supposed to  
17 get rid of commercials and everything is supposed to  
18 moderately priced, how is that working out for you?

19                   So we fought a number of battles in the Fore  
20 River Basin about things that were proposed, we win some we  
21 lose some. I think we are going to win this one. The last  
22 big one with Weymouth, and Quincy got together was the  
Clean  
23 Harbor's Bill, that went on I believe 4 years, the  
company

24 spent millions of dollars, their stock became a penny stock  
25 because of the battle. We dragged it out and this one will

1 get dragged out as well.

2 I believe we are going to win this one. It may  
3 be needed and necessary somewhere, it is not needed here.

4 There is enough industrial impact in the Fore River Basin.

5 We don't need any more. This shouldn't be put in a  
facility

6 like this -- should not be put in a densely populated area.

7 The shipyard was put there because it was part of the war  
8 effort and need to build ships on the water and in the old  
9 days you needed water to cool power stations and that sort  
10 of thing.

11 This could be put somewhere else, it just defies  
12 logic why a company would come in and try to put it in a  
13 densely populated area. It may be needed somewhere but it  
14 is not needed here and I can assure you that the main, the  
15 town council and our legislative delegation and the city  
16 council in Quincy, the town council in Braintree I'm sure  
17 will get on board and we will fight this tooth and nail.

18 We highly recommend that you reject this on its  
19 merits, thank you very much.

20 MS. SUTER: 61?

21 MR. DOWNEY: Hi Martin Downey. D-o-w-n-e-y. Hi  
22 I live in North Weymouth. I grew up here. I have a unique  
23 perspective here simply because I was on the siting  
24 committee for the power plant and then as a pipe fitter I  
25 actually worked the power plant for 3 years as it was



1 being built, up until the point where it was actually being  
2 started up and commissioned.

3 Well during that commissioning we had some  
4 interesting things because when the power plant was first  
5 originally proposed, we actually have compressors, gas  
6 compressors right there on that site right now and the  
7 reason for that is because the Algonquin line that came all  
8 the way from Canton, at that time didn't have or couldn't  
9 guarantee that they would have enough high pressure to be  
10 able to run the power plant.

11 So they decided that they would put in  
12 compressors to do that. In the 2 years -- 3 years interim  
13 as the power plant was being build, what happened was they  
14 brought in a high pressure line from Salem and brought it  
in  
15 to North Weymouth and they have a metering station right  
16 there on the Fore River side.

17 Now that high pressure line comes from Canada  
and  
18 the reason I say the perspective was was because I was  
19 actually an INC technician which is an instrumentation and  
20 control technician and we had to actually witness and  
verify  
21 that the gas pressure coming from there and all of the  
other  
22 parameters that it needed to fill were able to do that.

23 So I thought to myself having worked down in

24 Texas that we actually and here in North Weymouth we  
25 connected Houston, Texas to near gas line and that whole

1 system all the way to Canada and we did it right here in  
2 North Weymouth through that metering station and that  
exists  
3 today.

4 So I know it's like okay, oh they are bringing  
in  
5 a high pressure line. The one exists right now, all right  
6 and that metering station that exists is there. We can go  
7 back and forth about what the explosiveness of a compressor  
8 station is any more than we can do of the actual  
powerhouse,  
9 the gas-fired powerhouse, especially yet engines, you know,  
10 we have all heard it about the noise and everything else.

11 I don't like the idea that they want to put a  
12 compressor station where they want to have it proposed.  
The

13 only thing that I would say is that don't fool yourself to  
14 think that if we don't put that compressor station right  
15 there that that pressure, the high-pressure lines that have  
16 to exist because that's our power plant --

17 MS. SUTER: Sir, I have to stop you -- you are  
18 out of time, but any other comments please submit them on  
19 the record.

20 MR. DOWNEY: Okay so --

21 MS. SUTER: Nope, not verbally you have to write  
22 them in.

23 MR. DOWNEY: Okay, I'm not for this.

24 MS. SUTER: 62? Are you 62 walking towards me?

25 62?

1 MS. QUINLAN: Jodi with an "I" Purdy P-u-r-d-y  
2 (hyphen) Quinlan, am I on? Q-u-i-n-l-a-n, Executive  
3 Director of the Fore River Watershed Association for 16  
4 years, during my 16 years with the Fore River Watershed  
5 Association we have battled the NWRA's pumping station, we  
6 were the ones that were responsible for getting the NWRA  
7 interceptor pipe built to prevent sewage overflows in the  
8 Fore River.

9 We fought the power plant. We worked with their  
10 new power plant, the NBTA and Green Bush. Our people were  
11 involved in Clean Harbors, we are here -- there's only a  
12 of us if anyone wants to join up give me a call, but there  
13 only has to be a few of us because we have been watching  
14 this, we have been doing this, we have all the watersheds  
15 across the south shore in Boston Harbor on our side and we  
16 will fight this tooth and nail.

17 We will not allow you -- it's bad enough that we  
18 have a huge pipeline coming through our town. I tried to  
19 get support back then to make sure that we got mitigation.  
20 I don't claim to be psychic but I knew we were going to be  
21 dealing with this eventually and my concerns fell on deaf  
22 ears but I'm not going away, I'm still here raising my  
23 children and that site is filled land.

24 It was originally water. It was the historic  
25 site, as was the power plant site, Level's Grove. We have

few



1 been dealing with what you call basically social injustice  
2 against the people that live in the East Braintree, Quincy  
3 Point, North Weymouth, Weymouth Landing, Idle Well.

4                   So many of my friend's parents have died from  
one  
5 form of cancer or another. My friends are dying of cancer.  
6 I'm 53 years old, I shouldn't be burying my friends. We  
7 have had enough, we can't take any more. We will be  
putting  
8 this in writing, thank you.

9                   MS. SUTER: Thank you. Is there a number 63?  
Or

10 64? I think that was the last speaker that we had signed  
11 up.

12                   With that the formal part of this meeting is  
13 going to conclude now but FERC staff and our consultants  
14 will be available to answer any process questions that we  
15 can while we are still here. Thank you all for coming  
16 tonight. Let the record show that the Atlantic Bridge  
17 Project's scoping meeting in Weymouth, Massachusetts  
18 concluded at 9:03 p.m.,

19                   (Whereupon at 9:03 p.m., the meeting was  
20 adjourned.)

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