

1 Thank you, ma'am. The
2 next speakers will be Norman
3 Torkelson, Geoffrey Selling,
4 and then William Moore.

5 MR. TORKEELSON:

6 I'm Norman Torkelson,
7 and on behalf of the Lower
8 Delaware Wild and Scenic River
9 Management Council, we offer
10 the following comments.

11 The Wild and Scenic
12 Rivers Act was passed by
13 Congress in 1968 with the goal
14 of protecting the free flowing
15 condition of designated rivers
16 that are to be managed in a way
17 that protects and enhances the
18 values that prompted their
19 initial designation.

20 In 2000, we were
21 designated a wild and scenic
22 river segment. From just below
23 the water gap to just above the
24 tide water, our segment
25 represents numerous and diverse

1 partners, including the states
2 of Pennsylvania and New Jersey,
3 Bucks and Northampton Counties
4 in Pennsylvania, Mercer,
5 Huntingdon and Warren Counties
6 in New Jersey. And this very
7 own Delaware River Basin
8 Commission.

9 The National Park
10 Service, the Delaware River
11 Green Way Partnership, the
12 Delaware and Lehigh Courier
13 Commission, and well over two
14 dozen river communities and
15 organizations who formerly
16 endorsed us who have a
17 memorandum of understanding.

18 Partners agreed to
19 participate in the cooperative
20 implementation of our
21 management planning to protect
22 and enhance those levels that
23 led to our designation. We
24 applaud the DRBC for banning
25 hydraulic fracking in the

1 Delaware River Watershed.

2 However, we insist that
3 allowing any fracking-related
4 activities are inconsistent
5 with the goals and the
6 objectives of our management
7 plan.

8 Disposal of fracking
9 waste within our watershed has
10 the potential to effect the
11 water quality of millions of
12 people who should have a
13 reasonable expectation, and the
14 right to clean water, a clean
15 environment for now and future
16 generations.

17 We also are concerned
18 that exported basin waters
19 could support unwanted,
20 unneeded, and unsafe projects
21 that would only further degrade
22 our beautiful Delaware River.

23 Green amendments are
24 gaining more and more momentum
25 across our nation. Since the

1 early '70s, Pennsylvania has
2 had a constitutional green
3 amendment.

4 Recent litigation won a
5 watershed legal victory that
6 not only protected PA
7 communities from ruthless
8 frackers, but affirmed the
9 constitutional right of people
10 in the state to a clean and
11 healthy environment.

12 New Jersey also has
13 introduced legislation for the
14 same.

15 The tide is turning.
16 Instead of changing rules to
17 allow for additional
18 environmental degradation, we
19 expect the DRBC to be looking
20 to continue its work to protect
21 our watershed for the benefit
22 of all.

23 Therefore, we are
24 supporting expanding the DRBC
25 fracking plan to include a

1 total and complete ban on
2 hydraulic fraction and related
3 activities for extracting
4 natural gas in the Delaware
5 River Basin. Thank you.

6 HEARING OFFICER:

7 Thank you, sir. The
8 next speakers would be Geoffrey
9 Selling, then William Moore,
10 and then Shannon Pendleton.
11 And is this Mr. Selling?

12 MR. SELLING:

13 Yes.

14 HEARING OFFICER:

15 Okay. When you're
16 ready, sir, please.

17 MR. SELLING:

18 Thank you for the
19 opportunity to speak forcefully
20 against hydraulic fracturing in
21 the Delaware River Basin. My
22 name is Geoffrey Selling. I'm
23 a retired science teacher, a
24 volunteer with several of the
25 watershed organizations that