

1 harm and undue distress, and I urge
2 the DRBC to amend the plans to install
3 any kind of permeant ban on natural
4 gas development in Wayne County.

5 Thank you.

6 HEARING OFFICER:

7 This is Jane Varcoe.

8 Am I correct?

9 MS. VARCOE:

10 Yes.

11 HEARING OFFICER:

12 Okay.

13 Just one moment, ma'am.

14 So the next three will be Jane Varcoe,
15 Kathleen Nolan, and Susan Meacham.

16 All right.

17 If you would, please,

18 ma'am.

19 MS. VARCOE:

20 Welcome to Waymart,

21 Wayne County. My name is Jane Varcoe.

22 I'm a retired school librarian and a

23 municipal police officer. And I'm

24 Vice President of the Waymart Borough

25 Council, 46 years serving the people

1 of Waymart. I'm proud to say I'm a
2 fourth generation Wayne County
3 resident.

4 My great-grandfather
5 emigrated from Cornwall, England in
6 1865 to preach from the good book
7 arriving as a minister around this
8 county and crossing the Delaware.
9 What has passed through the
10 generations is we are one of this land
11 and its bounty provided to us through
12 His word and hard work.

13 Wayne County citizens
14 love this impossibly sometimes
15 unforgiving rocky land. Daily we read
16 about the Marcellus shale and 11,000
17 gas wells today in Pennsylvania. We
18 ask when will Wayne County be part of
19 this immense find? The largest
20 producer of gas in the Commonwealth is
21 our western border, Susquehanna
22 County, only a half hour drive from
23 where you're sitting today.

24 What's the difference
25 between Wayne and Susquehanna County?

1 Only one geological fact. The
2 watershed is a --- their watershed is
3 the Susquehanna River and ours the
4 Delaware River. For over 200 years,
5 we who live here in Wayne County have
6 protected our land and water.

7 Thanks, but no thanks to
8 all those who feel they must tell us
9 how to protect our environment. We
10 emphatically state we are acutely
11 aware of how to continue our status as
12 a source of high quality water. We
13 have in place the Wayne County
14 Conservation District and the
15 Pennsylvania Department of
16 Enviornmental Resources.

17 If really concerned
18 about water, why doesn't the Delaware
19 River Basin Commission address the
20 pollutants leaching into the Delaware
21 from Berryville, New York? Or why
22 doesn't the Delaware River Basin
23 Commission address the antiquated
24 water delivery system from the
25 reservoirs in upper Delaware to New

1 York City that lose 50 percent or more
2 of the water coming up the Delaware
3 River Watershed.

4 Or is it hands off
5 because it's New York State? Every
6 day our Pennsylvania Governor and
7 Legislators drink, wash and cook with
8 the water of the Susquehanna River
9 Basin with none of the dire results
10 that were forecasted by some
11 self-proclaimed groups.

12 Why does the DRBC think
13 there would be potential pollution in
14 the Delaware River Basin if they drill
15 for gas using the same regulations?
16 Forbidding drilling for gas in a very
17 small part of Pennsylvania reeks of
18 discrimination politics.

19 Wayne County needs
20 decent well-paying jobs. We citizens
21 of the upper Delaware want to be
22 treated equally as guaranteed in the
23 US Constitution for property rights.

24 And this is taxation
25 without representation, thank you.