

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:

8 Am I correct?

10 Yes.

11 | HEARING OFFICER:

12 O k a y .

Just one moment, ma'am.

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

16 | All right.

19 M. S. VARCOE:

Welcome to Waymart,  
Wayne County. My name is Jane Varcoe.  
I'm a retired school librarian and a  
municipal police officer. And I'm  
Vice President of the Waymart Borough  
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 Environmental 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.

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.