

1 chemicals known to be involved in
2 hydraulic fracturing are listed. And
3 third, we encourage regulations should
4 outline the mechanisms for inspection
5 and monitoring to ensure proper water
6 withdrawal and wastewater treatment
7 within the basin.

8 HEARING OFFICER:

9 Thanks, Mr. Shane.

10 The next three people
11 would be Jeff Skelding and coming
12 forward after him would be Lani
13 Schaffer and then Louis Disimone.

14 Okay.

15 Mr. Skelding when you're
16 ready.

17 MR. SKELDING:

18 Thank you. Yeah. I'm
19 Jeff Skelding. I'm the Director of
20 Friends of the Upper Delaware River.
21 And we are a professional staff
22 conservation and watershed protection
23 organization in the basin. Our office
24 is in Hancock, New York and I'm also a
25 Wayne County property owner.

1 So we are --- we find
2 ourselves in a newly interesting
3 position in this debate. Our local
4 work is primarily focused on water
5 quality, protecting the cold water
6 fishery, working to improve
7 communities, and working to improve
8 the economy. All of that involves
9 diverse partnerships and coalitions.
10 We can't do that all by ourselves.

11 So we have --- we take
12 pride in the coalitions that we've
13 organized, and by their very nature
14 they are diverse and they include many
15 people from all walks of life, from
16 both sides of the aisle in this room
17 or people earlier today. There are
18 people here tonight that we work with
19 that are on the opposite side of this
20 particular issue.

21 We are fortunate enough
22 to be able to do other work in the
23 watershed that we think is really
24 protective to the communities, people,
25 the economy and the environment. And

1 we essentially are able to agree to
2 disagree with these groups. And we
3 feel fortunate that we're able to
4 maintain levels of communication that
5 allow us to be affective in other ways
6 while we wrestle with this particular
7 issue.

8 So in my case, my
9 organization is in support of the
10 draft proposal. One of the key
11 exceptions, and it's been raised a
12 number of times here earlier today and
13 tonight, is this business of water
14 withdrawals. And it's unclear to me
15 whether they were adding protective
16 regulations or inventing something new
17 here.

18 But, if the numbers are
19 correct that I'm hearing in terms of
20 the volumes of allowable water to be
21 withdrawn from the upper Delaware
22 River for purposes of this industry
23 are way out of sync with what is good
24 for this river.

25 Okay?

1 So we spend almost every
2 day of our lives up there in our
3 office at Hancock in conversations
4 with the City of New York and the
5 truth part is about how those
6 reservoirs are managed and how much
7 water is in this river. And most of
8 the time we're asking for more water.

9 In fact, all the time
10 we're asking for more water. So if
11 this proposal is going to somehow
12 allow significant bodies of water to
13 be removed from the river, this is
14 going to have incredible implications
15 for the flexible flow management plan
16 and New York City's operation of the
17 upper Delaware Basin reservoirs.

18 And I'm surprised that
19 we didn't see --- I don't think we saw
20 a representative here today from the
21 city. Maybe we'll see them in the
22 future here. So we do have some
23 concerns about that, keeping an eye on
24 that.

25 And I would close with

1 just saying I've done watershed
2 protection for 30 years and I submit
3 that the way this really should be
4 done is through coalitions and through
5 diverse partnerships.

6 We don't have that here.
7 What we have here is a culture war. I
8 understand why it's happening, but I
9 submit that we have to change our
10 approach is we want to protect the
11 river.

12 HEARING OFFICER:

13 Thanks, Mr. Skelding.

14 Lani Schaffer, please.

15 Lani Schaffer is coming?

16 Okay.

17 And then after Lani
18 Schaffer we'll have Louise Disimone
19 and then Kathryn --- it looks like
20 Rowedder. I'm probably mispronouncing
21 it. So let's see Lani Schaffer.

22 MR. SCHAFFER:

23 Hi, guys, Lani Schaffer.
24 I live in New York State underneath
25 the Cannonsville Reservoir that