

1 Commission's proposal represents a compromise with the  
2 oil and gas industry over limiting fracking. That  
3 there were compromises put in to allow the withdrawal,  
4 and the use of fresh water for fracking, and the  
5 disposal of fracking waste in the basin. And simply  
6 put, compromising with the oil and gas industry  
7 compromises our drinking water. And I don't feel that  
8 any elected or appointed official should make  
9 compromises with the oil and gas industry over our  
10 drinking water. The second --- the final point that I  
11 want to make is that single-use of fresh water for  
12 hydraulic fracking is absolutely inhumane. You're  
13 taking a fresh water source, using it once, and then  
14 downgrading the quality of that water so it's no longer  
15 potable for drinking water. The Delaware River  
16 represents one of the largest drinking water, fresh  
17 water sources in South Jersey. And we draw water from  
18 --- thank you very much.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Okay. Thank you very much. Is this  
21 Steven Cickay? How do you say your name, please?

22 MR. CICKAY:

23 Cickay (corrects pronunciation).

24 HEARING OFFICER:

25 Cickay.

1                   MR. CICKAY:

2                   Yes, sir. My name is Steve Cickay. And I  
3 live in Newtown, Pennsylvania near the life-giving  
4 Delaware River. I come today before those who have  
5 been given awesome power to make decisions that will  
6 affect the health of thousands, if not millions of  
7 current and future born generations of living beings.  
8 I represent an organization in the human race. Even  
9 after 63 years on this planet, I strangely have still  
10 within me a shred of idealism that a single individual  
11 in our beloved democracy can have an impact on the good  
12 and welfare of our shared community.

13                  However, the current political climate is  
14 sadly weakening that idealism every day. Yet, I will  
15 persist. The environmental experts have provided you  
16 with their new facts and knowledge to support their  
17 intelligent position. And I applaud their nasty  
18 captions and fact-based intelligence. Therefore, I  
19 have no new facts to offer. So I will offer you rather  
20 a new knowledge of facts. So you can then hopefully  
21 wiser decisions about our only licensing planet in the  
22 solar system.

23                  Leaders are supposed to move their  
24 community forward with better, safer, higher ground.  
25 What perplexes me today is that there are many

1 passionate, intelligent citizens gathered here tonight  
2 to plead for basic protection of our land. That there  
3 is absolutely no one for the people in power. Why are  
4 they do not come before the Board to plead their  
5 desired --- the risky, polluting practices on our  
6 shared water. I frankly am sick of the fact that  
7 environmentalists must always play defense against the  
8 power? If we had wise leader who recognized the  
9 fragility of our only life saving plan and understood  
10 the critical importance of developing clean, renewable  
11 energy technology, which ordinary citizens like me and  
12 other individuals in this room wouldn't have to travel  
13 long-distances to plead their case is obvious. Protect  
14 our environment so that our generation and all future  
15 generations can live in it. All in our community can  
16 be videotaped in the sun and the wind?

17                   But instead, our leaders support the  
18 industries that continue to destroy and sicken our  
19 land, water, and the thousands of living beings each  
20 day. Therefore, I have to. What will you tell your  
21 children when you awake one day in a Flint, Michigan  
22 water crisis? That you sided with the rich, the  
23 powerful? Or are you going to decide to champion the  
24 good health and clean water. Is that the legacy you  
25 would be proud of to give the next generation. Many of

1 us are opposed to the upheaval of the 21st Century, we  
2 feel we have reached the pinnacle of civilization. We  
3 look back at primitive cultures in the past. We call  
4 them barbaric, or uncivilized. Even though some of  
5 these are considered wisely practices to a sustainable  
6 way like economy, preserve air and water preserving.  
7 So I ask you to conduct a scientific thought experiment  
8 today. Pretend that you now live in the year 4545.

9 HEARING OFFICER:

10 Sir, I'm going to have to stop you.

11 MR. CICKAY:

12 And the members of the team.

13 HEARING OFFICER:

14 Thank you.

15 MR. CICKAY:

16 Thank you.

17 HEARING OFFICER:

18 Yes. Just one moment, ma'am. Okay. And  
19 then when you are ready, please.

20 MS. DIXON:

21 Since DRBC has no enforcers and no  
22 monitoring program, it is highly irresponsible to  
23 propose any kind of fracking in the basin. No matter  
24 how strict the perimeter may look on paper. There  
25 should be a complete ban on fracking. And there should