

1 argue that they have a right to
2 sell water, to dispose of
3 water, to try and treat the
4 water, although I don't believe
5 it can be treated. And as
6 somebody quoted Ben Franklin
7 about the value of water, when
8 you don't have it, when you
9 don't have good drinking water,
10 you realize the value of water.

11 HEARING OFFICER:

12 Thank you, sir.

13 MR. LEYDON:

14 Thank you.

15 HEARING OFFICER:

16 Bill Cozzens will be
17 next. And then Victoria
18 Strange, and Carol
19 Weston-Young. Sir, when you're
20 ready.

21 MR. COZZENS:

22 Good afternoon. My name
23 is Bill Cozzens. I'm a
24 resident of Philadelphia and a
25 member of Germantown Friends

1 Meeting in the Germantown
2 section of Philadelphia. The
3 meeting approved a minute after
4 meeting for business back in
5 the late part of 2017.

6 As such, the statement
7 that I'm going to read
8 represents the feelings of more
9 than 200 members of our Quaker
10 meeting.

11 Germantown monthly
12 meeting at the Religious
13 Society of Friends, Quakers,
14 urges the Delaware River Basin
15 Commission to ban the
16 extraction of gas via hydraulic
17 fracturing, and related water
18 extraction and disposal
19 activities in the Delaware
20 River watershed.

21 Moreover, Germantown
22 Meeting urges Pennsylvania
23 Governor Wolf to instruct his
24 representative on the
25 Commission to vote in favor of

1 permanently banning fracking
2 and fracking-related activities
3 in the watershed.

4 Fracking in the Delaware
5 River Basin would represent a
6 significant threat to the
7 purity and safety of the water
8 supply to millions of residents
9 in Eastern Pennsylvania, New
10 Jersey, New York, and Delaware.

11 Also, the primary
12 product of fracking natural gas
13 or methane is a significant
14 contributor to climate change
15 either at the well or as it's
16 piped to market. Moreover,
17 natural gas when burned, also
18 contributes to asthma,
19 emphysema, and other damaging
20 respiratory illnesses having an
21 especially significant impact
22 on children and the elderly.
23 Opening the Delaware River
24 Basin to fracking would
25 exacerbate these problems.

1 Viable alternatives to
2 burning fossil fuels, for
3 example, solar and wind power,
4 particularly of electricity,
5 are far preferable because they
6 are much less detrimental to
7 the environment. And would
8 create job growth in our
9 region.

10 Friends, Quakers believe
11 that we are called by God to
12 protect the health and
13 wellbeing. We are also called
14 on to protect the environment
15 both now and for future
16 generations. Expansion of
17 fracking directly contradicts
18 these elements. Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Thank you, sir.
21 Victoria Strange will be next.
22 And then Carol Weston-Young.
23 And then Emily Davis. Ma'am,
24 when you're ready. Thank you.

25 MS. STRANGE: