

1 exploded that went to the last organic
2 farmer that was there.

3 I had a problem with my
4 water. I have tumors. I found only
5 one doctor in Long Island that was
6 curing of the waste. I had to
7 literally use up all of my credit
8 cards just to pay for that surgery.
9 It took me nine years to use my water.

10 I ask for a complete
11 ban, and my ancestors ask for it. Ban
12 fracking now. I yield the rest of my
13 time.

14 HEARING OFFICER:

15 Thank you.

16 Kathryn ---.

17 MS. ROWEDDER:

18 It's Rowedder (corrects
19 pronunciation.)

20 HEARING OFFICER:

21 I'm sorry. Did I
22 mispronounce your name? I can't quite
23 read it.

24 MS. ROWEDDER:

25 Hello. My name is

1 Kathryn Rowedder. Thank you for the
2 opportunity to be here tonight to
3 speak. And I'm a landowner for
4 generations. My family has had a
5 place on the Delaware River. We
6 originally were on the New Jersey
7 side. That went way back in my
8 family.

9 My grandma moved, my
10 grandparents were there. We all spent
11 land to the Tocks Island Dam Project.
12 So I know well the sting of eminent
13 domain. My family was never the same
14 after that. I've had an aunt and
15 uncle die because of the heartbreak of
16 it.

17 So I know what it is for
18 that, and I have a great deal of
19 compassion for all of the families and
20 parents that I've heard speak about
21 their caring about their land and
22 their children, and also people who
23 have been here in Wayne County who
24 have talked about stewardship.

25 Because that was part of

1 my family as well. We came up into
2 Wayne County after we lost that place
3 in the '70s. And we started to be
4 solicited by the gas companies almost
5 20 years ago. My dad thought it might
6 be a good idea because, you know,
7 money coming in is always a good idea.

8 And he left that
9 decision to me. At the time, the
10 Sierra Club thought it was a good
11 intermediate fuel between complete
12 renewables and getting off of nuclear
13 and oil. So it was a very hard time
14 to navigate.

15 After great
16 consideration, my instincts said no,
17 we didn't know then. We didn't know.
18 We were told it was safe. We only had
19 conversations with the gas company ---
20 which by the way, I thought it was
21 interesting that they would always
22 would hire people that were local in
23 our community to talk to us.

24 And it really, for me,
25 came down to are you going to

1 guarantee that my water will be safe?
2 Is it going to be in writing in the
3 contract? And it took several back
4 and forths and when it finally came
5 back, no, they weren't putting that in
6 writing. That was my red flag.

7 And I said, then we're
8 not doing it. We're not going to go
9 that way. Well, that was back in
10 1990-whatever, and now so many years
11 later, 2017, we know. We know. We
12 have enough evidence. We know what
13 happened in Dimmick, where I know
14 people had to bring water to the
15 people there when their water went
16 bad.

17 We know about all the
18 gag orders being put on people that
19 get sick in Colorado and all the
20 different states. We know about the
21 seismic activity in Oklahoma. Please
22 do not allow any fracking in the
23 Delaware River Basin or any other
24 fracking activities as a landowner.

25 HEARING OFFICER: