

1 it's Kate Sykes Bowers and Ken
2 Collins. All right.

3 And this is Robert
4 Rutledge?

5 MR. RUTLEDGE:

6 Yes, sir.

7 HEARING OFFICER:

8 Yes, sir.

9 MR. RUTLEDGE:

10 I'm Robert Rutledge. I
11 am a lifetime resident of Wayne County
12 and my family has been on the same
13 land for nearly 200 years now.

14 Why is Wayne County
15 being denied our right to develop our
16 natural resources? You, the DRBC,
17 would have us believe you protected
18 our river basin from the devastation
19 that should result from natural gas
20 development. Actually, I believe it's
21 much simpler than that. The reason
22 here is money and politics.

23 Money for you, the DRBC
24 and wealthy so-called environmental
25 group such as the William Penn

1 Foundation who oppose natural gas
2 development. And on the political
3 side, votes for our Governor from the
4 misinformed folks down the river who
5 have been led to believe that natural
6 gas development upriver would surely
7 destroy their drinking water supply.

8 If this were not the
9 case, how can you possibly explain the
10 fact that natural gas development has
11 been occurring in the SRB for a decade
12 now with well over 3,000 wells drilled
13 and successfully hydro-fracked, all
14 while being monitored by the SRBC who
15 reports under a very similar compact
16 as the DRBC?

17 They have adapted to
18 this new activity by regulating water
19 usage and disposals. They've also
20 been monitoring water quality. The
21 SRBC's remote water monitoring system
22 has detected no discernable impacts on
23 the basin's water resources as a
24 result of natural gas development.

25 Both river basins

1 contain special protection waters and
2 they both supply drinking water to
3 millions. So how is it that the
4 voting majority uphold the DRBC and
5 the SRBC who just happen to be the
6 very same people both one way in the
7 SRB, and the exact opposite in the
8 DRB? And surely it can be done in an
9 environmentally safe manner as it is
10 in the SRB.

11 Like I said in the
12 beginning, money is politics.
13 Governor Wolf knows Wayne County is
14 not going to vote for him, and he
15 doesn't care since we are few in
16 numbers. So why not just throw us to
17 the wolves?

18 Meanwhile, he became a
19 hero down in Philadelphia for saving
20 their water, all the while he's
21 pushing hard for a severance tax to
22 save the failing schools. If this
23 were not the case, why is it okay for
24 people in Harrisburg to be downriver
25 from thousands of fracked wells and

1 it's not okay for the people in
2 Philadelphia?

3 The bottom line here is
4 --- bottom line here is that Wayne ---
5 bottom line here is if the Wayne land
6 mineral group did not bring a lawsuit
7 against you, you would not be here
8 today. Why else, after nearly a
9 decade of inaction, you decide to
10 bring forth these proposed regulations
11 now? We're all well aware that
12 science and facts have nothing to do
13 with your actions or proposed
14 regulations, as science and facts show
15 that fracking can is being done safely
16 just on the other side of the economic
17 iron curtain in Susquehanna County.

18 The DRB is still within
19 the boundary --- the DRB is still in
20 the boundaries of the United States of
21 American which is governed by our
22 Constitution, the Fifth Amendment that
23 affords landowners certain rights, and
24 developing our resources is one of
25 these rights.

1 Stop treating us as
2 second class citizens.

3 HEARING OFFICER:

4 Thank you very much.

5 The next three would be
6 Kate Sykes Bowers, Ken Collins, and
7 Jan London. Is Ms. Sykes Bowers
8 present? Sykes Bowers? Is not
9 present. Is Ken Collins present? Jan
10 London, is Jan London present?

11 The next three would be
12 Sandra Davis, Trevor Walczak, and John
13 Hahn. And is this Ms. Davis?

14 MS. DAVIS:

15 Yes.

16 HEARING OFFICER:

17 Right. Okay.

18 If you'd please begin
19 when you are ready.

20 MS. DAVIS:

21 Yes, sir. My name is
22 Sandra Davis. I'm a New Yorker, a
23 native of Delaware County. I'm active
24 in my community, church, and other
25 organizations including the UDRBC, the