

1 and destructive climate changes to the
2 region and climate. Fracking in
3 neighboring states will eventually
4 poison the air we breathe, the water we
5 drink and the food we eat.

6 We need to ban fracking,
7 not support fracking in our region.
8 I'm not against businesses making money
9 and people being able to earn a living,
10 but it cannot be at the expense of our
11 water, food and climate. Thank you.

12 HEARING OFFICER:

13 Okay. Thank you, ma'am.
14 Bruce Rosen, please, and then Faith
15 Zerbe and then Ned Fink. Okay, Mr.
16 Rosen.

17 MR. ROSEN:

18 Hi. My name is Bruce
19 Rosen. I'm a retired city planner from
20 New York City and a product of its
21 public schools from kindergarten
22 through my Baccalaureate. I mention
23 that because when I was in junior high
24 school, one of our classes was earth
25 science.

1 And we, of course, got to
2 use what created the area, which is
3 constant glaciers, so both the
4 landscape and the hydrology. One of
5 the things that we were told --- I was
6 in a part of Queens that draws water
7 from the aquifer as opposed to most of
8 the rest of the city drawing from
9 upstate --- was that because of the
10 salinity balance, eventually, we, too,
11 were going to be drawing from that same
12 water source.

13 Well, in the same way
14 that Brooklyn was taken out of the
15 aquifer in the beginning of the 20th
16 century, a million people in southern
17 Queens ended their --- at the close of
18 the 20th century.

19 So all 8.6 million people
20 in New York City are now drawing water
21 from the Delaware basin, and coming
22 behind them, as you were told, the 2.8
23 million people in Nassau and Suffolk
24 Counties.

25 Now, despite a million

1 people exiting in Queens, there's a
2 salinity problem that Nassau is facing.
3 And all the coastal area, which is very
4 largely New York and New Jersey has the
5 same balance problem. So we're now
6 talking about 17 million people being
7 dependent upon keeping this
8 extraordinary resource of fresh water.
9 Double that.

10 That's the number of
11 people that are all over New Jersey,
12 lower New York, southeastern
13 Pennsylvania and all of Delaware, 33
14 million people. So we cannot touch
15 that water. By the way, as --- as you
16 may know, our Attorney General is suing
17 the firm that was based in our state
18 that lied about what to do about
19 climate change.

20 The family that got
21 wealthy over that firm, their
22 foundation is now withdrawing from that
23 industry. That industry, as you know,
24 was born in the State of Pennsylvania
25 in the mid 19th century.

1 So we've had a lot of
2 illusions and delusions that have
3 profoundly affected the way public and
4 private investments have been made, and
5 we cannot continue to do this. We have
6 as much fresh water on the planet,
7 actually less than when human beings
8 appeared, and we have to properly
9 protect the water that we have.

10 So in no way should the
11 water resources of the Delaware River
12 basin be used for resources like this.
13 Thank you very much.

14 HEARING OFFICER:

15 Faith Zerbe, please. And
16 then it would be Nick Fink and then
17 Lois Ann Oleska. Okay. Ms. Zerbe,
18 when you're ready.

19 MS. ZERBE:

20 Good afternoon. Thank
21 you to the DRBC for holding the
22 hearings, but as many of our folks have
23 talked about, there certainly are not
24 hearings in the other basin states
25 where 17 million people get their