

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

1 Deposit Gas Group, and the JLCNY and
2 it doesn't end there.

3 At home I have three
4 children under eight that are my
5 world. My husband travels hundreds of
6 miles to --- hundreds of miles a week
7 in order to support us. I was born
8 and raised on a dairy farm in Delaware
9 County. I love New York, its
10 mountains, rivers, fields, and
11 sometimes the changing seasons.

12 At a young age, I
13 started to help on the farm. My
14 upbringing taught me morals, good work
15 ethics, and an appreciation for land
16 and animals. I am a steward of the
17 land. Work builds character and
18 appreciation, and I want that kind of
19 life for my boys. I'm not sure they
20 will experience it, though, at least
21 not in New York.

22 The key word is work.
23 The work isn't here. It's elsewhere,
24 usually 60 to 180 miles away. My
25 husband is a union carpenter.

1 Currently, he is traveling over three
2 hours each way. We're lucky. He has
3 the skills, he has the drive, and
4 we're steady for now, but not always.

5 Sometimes it's how do we stretch the
6 paycheck?

7 But he's always up no
8 later than 4:30 in the morning to
9 drive to work. Gas brings jobs, some
10 temporary, some permanent, like the
11 job my husband is currently working
12 on, a compressor station. It's not a
13 permanent jobsite, but isn't that what
14 construction jobs are based on?

15 Work hard, complete a
16 job, move on to the next. Opening up
17 HVHF will not only reduce unemployment
18 rates, it will ease the burden on
19 landowners which in turn will increase
20 the local economy. Since the last
21 census in New York, over a million
22 people have left New York for other
23 states.

24 That's the most people
25 leaving numerically and as a

1 percentage of residents. If you're
2 not careful, you will see the same
3 effects in Pennsylvania and that's the
4 question today. Whether or not to
5 take a swath of Pennsylvania and put
6 it into the economic coffin that New
7 York is in?

8 People in upstate New
9 York have little to no opportunities
10 for jobs and if you have a college
11 education, most employers can't hire
12 you because they can't afford to pay
13 you what you're worth.

14 DRBC, please stick to
15 what you were set up to do. Don't
16 steal landowner mineral rights like
17 Cuomo has done to New York.

18 The decision to ban HVHF
19 is not up to you. Besides the fact
20 that it is not up to you how land is
21 to be used, please take the data from
22 the SRBC and get the facts on water
23 quality in the shale zone.

24 Don't listen to
25 ideological --- ideologically driven

1 anti's who dream nightmarish
2 dangerous. Choose data, choose
3 science, and do the right thing.
4 Thank you.

5 HEARING OFFICER:

6 Thank you ma'am.

7 MS. DAVIS:

8 I know you don't answer
9 questions. I'm sorry. Why were there
10 no hearings in New York, only
11 Pennsylvania? This involves New York,
12 New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and
13 Delaware? And there's only hearings
14 in Pennsylvania. I had to travel
15 hours to get here and that's
16 ridiculous.

17 HEARING OFFICER:

18 I'll give you my answer.
19 I have no idea.

20 MS. DAVIS:

21 I know, thank you.
22 That's my question because that's not
23 right.

24 HEARING OFFICER:

25 That was not a statement