

1 Because there is no way
2 to regulate water transfers or
3 the treatment of fracking
4 wastewater within the Delaware
5 River Basin, while sufficiently
6 protecting the Delaware River's
7 resources, the DRBC must not
8 allow these activities to take
9 place. Thank you.

10 HEARING OFFICER:

11 Thank you. The last two
12 people, each one has two
13 minutes because we are almost
14 at 4:30. And these people have
15 spoken previously. Sharon
16 Furlong. Is she here?

17 MS. FURLONG:

18 Yes.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Okay. Well,
21 unfortunately, you're only
22 getting two minutes, ma'am.

23 MS. FURLONG:

24 Sharon Furlong with
25 Environmental Action, Sierra

1 Club. We seem to take water
2 for granted here in the wet
3 Northeast of the country. But
4 I've walked where there is no
5 water. Places where water can
6 kill you if there is a sudden
7 storm. Where suddenly, it
8 disappears into the ground,
9 only to reappear a short
10 distance away.

11 Where water looks
12 pristine, but it is dangerous
13 to drink because it has been
14 fouled. And weird, strange,
15 unnatural colors because of
16 acid leeching coming from
17 long-abandoned mines where
18 companies were allowed to just
19 walk away from their
20 responsibilities. And our
21 government let them. Just let
22 them walk. Water is magical
23 because water is life.

24 You, the DRBC, are
25 protectors of water. And in

1 doing so, you are protectors of
2 lands, and plants, and
3 everything around it.

4 Therefore, how can there
5 even be a hint of a proposal to
6 abandon your significant role
7 of protector, and open up this
8 intricate system that so mimics
9 the arteries, veins, and
10 capillaries of our own bodies,
11 to the possibility of being the
12 catch-all of polluting
13 contaminating frack water.

14 How can this Commission
15 even consider allowing such a
16 toxic brew to come close when
17 most of the components of this
18 ugly water are unknown? We
19 don't even know their names.

20 And why are you willing
21 to take this risk? You and
22 only you stand between an
23 industry devoted to profits,
24 and shareholder happiness. And
25 all of us. Companies come and

1 go, but water remains. And so
2 does our need of it because
3 without it, we all die.

4 So will you be true to
5 your heritage and be the first
6 of Commissions of this nature,
7 and stand against a Goliath and
8 what it wants? Because what it
9 wants is to do what it pleases
10 with our water, our lands, and
11 our lives. Who do you stand
12 for? Who do you stand with?
13 What do you want your legacy to
14 be?

15 HEARING OFFICER:

16 Wesley Coolingham.

17 MR. COOLINGHAM:

18 Thank you for this
19 second opportunity to speak. I
20 want to address, as I did at
21 the other hearing, we were told
22 there was a special interest to
23 protest this. And someone from
24 the industry again today said I
25 want to know what you're for.