

10 | HEARING OFFICER:

17 MS. FUR LONG:

18 | Yes.

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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

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.