

1 the video. So this should work well for you. All
2 right. And in fairness to everybody, for the three
3 people that came in, we will hold you to the three
4 minute time period as we did to everybody over the last
5 hour. Katherine Harrelson, could you come forward
6 here, please?

7 MS. HARRELSON:

8 Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank
9 you. I want to thank the members of the Commission. I
10 want the thank you for holding the public hearing. And
11 thank you for the work that you do to protect the
12 Delaware River.

13 I am here tonight because I want to show
14 support for the complete and total ban for fracking in
15 the Delaware River Basin. However, I strongly oppose
16 the loophole that would allow the exportation of water
17 from the Delaware River Basin to be used for the
18 purposes of hydraulic fracking. I also strongly oppose
19 the smuggle of fracking waste in the Delaware River
20 Basin.

21 The reason that I oppose these two
22 loopholes is that I am a resident of New Jersey. I
23 live Pine Mill, New Jersey. I've lived in Pine Mill
24 for ten years. Pine Mill is not considered part of the
25 pine barren, but it does help clean its ecosystem.

1 When I first moved in to Pine Mill, we got 100 percent
2 of our water from five wells in the borough. These
3 wells are into the aquifers in pine barrens. Most of
4 the aquifers, but also it goes to two deeper aquifers
5 as well. And I was very proud of that fact.

6 But the fact of the matter is that all of
7 South Jersey is mismanaging the water resources in
8 South Jersey. We are mismanaging the water ecosystem.
9 We are overdrawing. We are putting in infrastructure
10 that threatens our drinking water. And we are taking
11 more water out of the aquifer. Now, ten years later, I
12 get part of my water from the aquifers on Pine Mill.
13 And part of my water is purchased from New Jersey
14 Water. Which as you know, it draws water from the
15 Delaware River. The fact of the matter is, is that the
16 Delaware River is the back-up plan for drinking water
17 for South Jersey. More and more towns are moving and
18 putting proposals into, withdrawing water from the
19 Delaware River to get our drinking water needs. If we
20 take fresh water away from the Delaware River, we are
21 directly threatening the back-up source of water for
22 most of South Jersey. The reality for this Commission
23 is more and more townships are looking to purchase
24 water for New Jersey American Water.

25 I feel as though the loophole in this

1 Commission's proposal represents a compromise with the
2 oil and gas industry over limiting fracking. That
3 there were compromises put in to allow the withdrawal,
4 and the use of fresh water for fracking, and the
5 disposal of fracking waste in the basin. And simply
6 put, compromising with the oil and gas industry
7 compromises our drinking water. And I don't feel that
8 any elected or appointed official should make
9 compromises with the oil and gas industry over our
10 drinking water. The second --- the final point that I
11 want to make is that single-use of fresh water for
12 hydraulic fracking is absolutely inhumane. You're
13 taking a fresh water source, using it once, and then
14 downgrading the quality of that water so it's no longer
15 potable for drinking water. The Delaware River
16 represents one of the largest drinking water, fresh
17 water sources in South Jersey. And we draw water from
18 --- thank you very much.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Okay. Thank you very much. Is this
21 Steven Cickay? How do you say your name, please?

22 MR. CICKAY:

23 Cickay (corrects pronunciation).

24 HEARING OFFICER:

25 Cickay.