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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIR:

Good afternoon, everyone. My name is John Quigley, I'm the Secretary of Environmental Protection. Welcome to the final meeting of Governor Wolf's Pipeline Infrastructure Task Force. Before we do the introductions, go around the room and introduce ourselves, we will do the usual. This is probably the sixth or seventh time you've heard this, so feel free to sing along.

Just some points for your safety and comfort, if we need to evacuate the building, the fire alarm will go off. Please take your car keys and valuables and leave the building the same way you came in, out the doors in the back of the room, into the lobby and left out the building's main entrance, go up the stairs and continue to the top of the parking lot. Our assembly area is the left half of the top row. And Karen Yordy of my staff will lead you there. If you need assistance or are unable to go up the steps, remain in the room until others have left and Heather of my staff will help you either to the side parking lot or inform safety personnel that you're here and we'll return to wait with you.

1 They ask everyone not to operate cellular
2 phones or other electronic devices during the meeting.
3 Following the instructions given by building safety
4 personnel, they will have the orange ballcaps marked
5 safety. And then remain at the assembly area until
6 building safety personal give the all clear. Please
7 don't leave get in your car and leave, the entrance to
8 the parking lot needs to be kept clear for incoming
9 emergency vehicles.

10 And now turning to your personal comfort,
11 the restrooms are located off the lobby, go out the
12 back conference room door, the one you came in, turn to
13 your right. The ladies' room is on the left and men's
14 room is on the right. A water fountain is past the
15 restrooms on the other side of the security doors, and
16 we'll have a staff member available in the lobby to let
17 you in and out of those buildings. So with that
18 housekeeping completed, let's go around the room and
19 introduce ourselves.

20 BRIEF INTERRUPTION

21 CHAIR:

22 We'll start again. We'll try again and
23 we'll make sure that everyone's personal safety is
24 properly attended to and we'll try to include our
25 business. So let us go around the room and introduce

1 ourselves.

2 MS. BATTISTI:

3 Sara Battisti, Southwestern Energy.

4 MR. BIONDICH:

5 Curt Biondich, DRC.

6 MR. BOSSERT:

7 Terry Bossert, Range Resources.

8 MS. BROWN:

9 Gladys Brown, Pennsylvania Public Utility
10 Commission.

11 MR. SEIB:

12 Bill Seib, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
13 here representing Colonel Chamberlayne.

14 MS. COZZONE:

15 Cathy Cozzone, Chester County
16 Commissioner.

17 MR. DALENA:

18 Fred Dalena, EQT.

19 MS. BRINLEY:

20 Denise Brinley, Department of Community
21 and Economic Development, here representing Secretary
22 Davin.

23 MS. NICHOLAS:

24 Sara Nicholas, Policy Director of the
25 Department of Conversation and Natural Resources,

1 representing State Forester Dan Devlin.

2 MR. DIMATTEO:

3 Michael DiMatteo, Pennsylvania Game
4 Commission.

5 MR. FINK:

6 Joe Fink, CONE Midstream Partners.

7 MS. GILLET:

8 Angel Gillet, here representing Director
9 --- PEMA Director Richard Flinn.

10 MR. GALLAGHER:

11 Anthony Gallagher, Steamfitters Local 420.

12 MR. GROSS:

13 Mike Gross, Post & Schell.

14 MR. GUTSHALL:

15 Mark Gutshall, Land Studies.

16 MR. ROBINSON:

17 Sam Robinson, here representing Secretary
18 of Policy and Planning, John Hanger.

19 MR. HELBING:

20 Mike Helbing, Citizens for Pennsylvania's
21 Future.

22 MR. HUFFORD:

23 Walt Hufford with Repsol and Talisman.

24 MR. HUTCHINS:

25 Tom Hutchins with Kinder Morgan.

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MS. IVEY:

Cindy Ivey with Williams.

MS. SCHWARZ:

Christina George-Schwarz, APEX Companies.

MR. KIEL:

Don Kiel with the SEDA Council of
Governments.

MR. KIGER:

Bill Kiger with Pennsylvania One Call.

MR. KLEMOW:

Ken Klemow, Wilkes University.

MR. MCGINN:

Joe McGinn, Sunoco Logistics.

MR. MCLEAREN:

Doug McLearn, the PA Historical and
Museum Commission.

MR. MESSERSMITH:

Dave Messersmith, Penn State University
and Penn State Extension.

MR. MATEER:

Marvin Mateer, Wyalusing Township
Supervisor, Bradford County.

MS. PARKER:

Lauren Parker, Civil and Environmental
Consultants.

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MR. PETERS:

Duane Peters, ACEC.

MR. REEVES:

Mark Reeves for Shell.

MR. BAGLEY:

Leo Bagley representing Secretary Richards
for PennDOT.

MS. SMILES:

Heather Smiles, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat
Commission.

MS. RITTER:

Stacia Ritter, Pennsylvania Turnpike
Commission.

MR. SMITH:

Michael Smith, Department of Agriculture.

MR. SWEET:

David Sweet, Senior Advisor to Governor
Wolf.

MR. TAMBINI:

Steve Tambini, Delaware River Basin
Commission.

MR. TRETTEL:

Justin Trettel, Reiss Energy.

MR. WOODWELL:

Davitt Woodwell, Pennsylvania

1 Environmental Council.

2 CHAIR:

3 Thank you very much. All right. Just
4 take a breath here folks. Here's what we want to
5 accomplish today. I want to go over essentially the
6 final steps here. Talk about the results of the
7 voting. We'll put up a spreadsheet in a second. The
8 timeline is that we will be preparing an executive
9 summary of the report and provide it --- provide the
10 report to the Governor on or about the first week of
11 February. That's the timeline that we're on, so we are
12 certainly nearing the end of what I think has been a
13 very productive process.

14 Just to give you an idea of the follow-on
15 work, recall that we have talked, I think, pretty
16 extensively that this is really the start of a
17 conversation about the future buildout of
18 infrastructure in the Commonwealth. And while we have
19 184 recommendations, there is obviously some overlap.
20 There are some things that are already required in law
21 and we can talk about some of those if necessary.

22 But the important thing here is that this
23 is start of the follow-on work. For example, in my
24 agency at least 94, depending on how you slice it, at
25 least 94 of the 184 recommendations have something to

1 do with DEP. So we have created an internal workgroup
2 at the agency. And what we will do is methodically go
3 through every single one of the 94-plus recommendations
4 that are within our purview and will do the kinds of
5 assessments and evaluations and further analysis that
6 we have talked about that really all of these
7 recommendations need to have. So in terms of
8 forward-looking process, it's the responsibility of
9 state agencies, of county governments, industry itself,
10 to assess, further assess, these recommendations and
11 see what can be moved to implementation. And we'll
12 talk about the top tier recommendations.

13 Probably now is the time to turn to the
14 spreadsheet, so if we can get that up. I want to talk
15 about the results of the voting. Recall that we agreed
16 to, at our last meeting, a weighted voting format where
17 five strongly agrees down to one strongly disagree.
18 And here are the results. And I want to go by the
19 Governor's charge. I will say first that 42 of 48
20 members of the Task Force voted, and I thank you all
21 for that. I just want to highlight, for starters
22 anyway, under amplifying and engaging meaningful public
23 participation.

24 The top two recommendations were to
25 establish early coordination with local landowners and

1 lessors, and that's the responsibility of the industry.
2 And secondly, to educate landowners on pipeline
3 development issues. And this actually is a combination
4 of probably a number of agencies from the Department of
5 Agriculture to DEP, and perhaps some others. These
6 were the top two. And you can see for yourselves, and
7 hopefully you can read that. And maybe what I'll do is
8 I'll read the top five because it is kind of small.

9 The third is develop tools to educate the
10 public on pipeline development. Fourth is pipeline
11 developers should engage with private and governmental
12 stakeholder --- government stakeholders engagement and
13 educate landowners. Fifth is establish stateside
14 pipeline information resource center. They're the top
15 tier in terms of the first call of amplifying and
16 engaging in meaningful public participation. And maybe
17 if we could try to increase the zoom on that one, Greg.
18 Let's start with that and see if that's a little bit
19 better. And we can come back to these, but I just want
20 to go over the highlights.

21 The second call of the Governor was
22 developing long-term operations and maintenance plans
23 to ensure pipeline safety and integrity. And here are
24 the top five. First, train emergency responders.
25 Second, enhance emergency response training for

1 responder agencies. Third, provide training to local
2 emergency responders. And here we get in some of the
3 overlap that we talked about. Fourth was minimize
4 methane emissions. And fifth was properly use and
5 maintain pipeline components. And these are the top
6 votes from all of you.

7 The next call from the Governor was
8 employing construction methods that reduce
9 environmental impact. And the top recommendations
10 were, minimize impacts of stream crossings; second, use
11 antidegradation best available combination of
12 technologies to protect EV and HQ waters; third,
13 conduct research to improve revegetation BMPs; fourth,
14 create pipeline erosion and sedimentation control
15 manual; and fifth, stockpile topsoil during
16 construction for use in restoration.

17 Again, we will make all of these tallies
18 available as part of the permanent record here. It'll
19 be included in the report, we'll put it in the website.
20 The next call was maximizing opportunities for
21 predictable and efficient permitting. The top vote
22 getter, ensure adequate agency staffing for reviewing
23 pipeline infrastructure projects. How about I did all
24 that?

25 Allow me a second to just amplify on that.

1 I'm pleased, frankly, that the wisdom folks around the
2 table reflects this. Over the last ten years, the
3 average Commonwealth agency lost six percent of its
4 workforce. DEP however lost 14 percent of its
5 workforce. And in the Chapter 102 and 105 program
6 alone, the folks that do the permitting for pipeline
7 projects, if we were to get back to 2007 staffing
8 levels at DEP, I need to hire 124 people. So in terms
9 of this agency's ability to handle the volume of
10 permits, to turn them around, to respond in a timely
11 way, I will say very frankly you hit the nail right on
12 the head with this recommendation.

13 Second one, implement electronic permits
14 submissions for Chapter 102 and 105. I will just say
15 ditto and vote privilege of the chair, ditto. It is my
16 hope that this year --- well, I can guarantee you that
17 we've already begun work on electronic permitting in
18 the agency. We have developed a strategic plan to
19 reinvest in the agency. Our IT budget in 2004 was \$23
20 million at DEP. We were judged to be the best agency
21 in state government when it comes to IT capacity.
22 Well, here we are now almost 12 years later, and our IT
23 budget is \$16 million, so 40 percent less than it was
24 11 years ago. And it's not just because PCs are
25 cheaper. So there was a disinvestment on the

1 infrastructure of the agency. We at this moment don't
2 have the capacity to do e-permitting. We're going to
3 fix that. The Governor is committed to fixing that.
4 So again, I think these two top recommendations
5 absolutely hit the nail on the head, and I appreciate
6 the wisdom that went into it.

7 The third top vote getter in this
8 category, evaluate erosion and sedimentation control
9 general permit, expedited review. Fourth, establish
10 early partnerships in coordination and relationships
11 with regulatory agencies. And fifth, establish
12 electronic payment for Chapter 102, 105. Preview of
13 coming attractions. That will get done. That will get
14 done.

15 Next, planning, citing and routing
16 pipelines to avoid/reduce environmental and community
17 impacts. Top vote getter, expand PA One Call for all
18 classes of pipeline. Number two, identify barriers to
19 sharing rights-of-way. Number three, implement wetland
20 banking and mitigation measures. Fourth, develop an
21 advanced high-quality environmental resources planning
22 tool. And fifth, share rights-of-way.

23 And turning to the last category,
24 workforce and economic development, the top vote
25 getters, number one, attract military veterans to the

1 energy workforce; number two, enhance STEM education;
2 number three, promote apprenticeship and on-the-job
3 training. And number four, enhance workforce training.
4 And five, collaborate to promote downstream shale
5 manufacturing opportunities. So there are the
6 highlights.

7 I am completely open to suggestion if
8 folks want to dive in deeper and want some more ---
9 would like to review this list in more detail. The
10 floor is open. Any questions, comments, suggestions?
11 And please for the record, identify yourself for the
12 stenographer.

13 MR. MCGINN:

14 Joe McGinn, the first question. So the
15 weighted votes, how do we factor it together in terms
16 of how did the scores ---?

17 CHAIR:

18 We add it up. The 42 individual votes, so
19 we did an at-sum function on the Excel spreadsheet.
20 And because we did weighted voting, if you disagreed
21 strongly, it scored lower. But the fairest was to do
22 this is to add up all the votes in each line for each
23 line. And that's how we came up with these scores.

24 MR. MCGINN:

25 Okay.

1 CHAIR:

2 Ken?

3 MR. KLEMOW:

4 So Ken Klemow from Wilkes. I'm absolutely
5 thrilled that the conducting research on BMPs of
6 pipeline right-of-ways came up so high. Again, I think
7 that that's something that we really do need to do and
8 I thank everybody for, I guess, voting for that.

9 I guess the question is, in terms of who,
10 what, when and where I don't know if that's something
11 we can settle today, but that's obviously questions of
12 making funding available to people who do want to do
13 research. Because I think that finding the funding is
14 hard right now.

15 CHAIR:

16 And that gets to the question of, again,
17 this is the start of a conversation. And we have to
18 assess all of these recommendations. And obviously
19 when you talk about research, funding is certainly in
20 the top two in terms of questions that have to be asked
21 on those kinds of recommendations. Other observations,
22 questions, suggestions? Go ahead.

23 MR. MCGINN:

24 Joe McGinn. Just curious, what stood out,
25 I guess, on the other side? Were there any

1 recommendations that scored relatively low?

2 CHAIR:

3 Again, I wouldn't say that --- there's a
4 wide range. I mean, I haven't actually done the
5 statistical analysis on any of these, but there was ---
6 for example in the first one, amplifying and engaging
7 public participation. The top vote getter with some of
8 the weighted scores of 187. The low score on that was
9 113 and that was require publication of intent to apply
10 for DE permits associated with pipeline development.

11 Now, as I look through all of these lists,
12 and I've said it several times, I think there is value
13 in every single one of the recommendations. There is
14 some value to be extracted. So all of these
15 recommendations deserve additional scrutiny, additional
16 evaluation, additional assessment. And certainly when
17 it comes to the environmental protection bucket of
18 work, the stuff that would fall to DEP, we will look at
19 every single one of the recommendations.

20 And if you want to turn to them, for
21 example, employing construction methods that reduce
22 environmental impact. Top vote getter again was
23 minimize impact of stream crossings. The bottom vote
24 getter --- and that was 179. The bottom vote getter
25 with 124 was implement full-time environmental

1 inspections during pipeline construction. Again,
2 valuable goal. Budget constraint, so again to echo
3 Ken, there's a lot of money in that question. But
4 there's value, frankly, in every single one of them.
5 In terms of things like maximizing opportunities for
6 predictable and efficient permitting.

7 The next bucket, the high vote getter
8 again at 183, was ensure adequate agent staffing. Rah,
9 rah. The bottom vote getter was clarify, with 103 ---
10 a somewhat bigger gap, clarify and examine the need for
11 local regulation of surface facilities. That might
12 have been the low score of any of the votes. In fact,
13 that was the low score. So in terms of a reflection of
14 the intensity, the least amount of intensity was
15 directed at the idea of local regulation of surface
16 facilities. And again, we can go through these in any
17 level of detail. A lot to go through, but all of this
18 information is going to be posted. I think at some
19 level the data speaks for itself. I do think the top
20 recommendations are pretty clear and compelling. And
21 in my opinion, I think this is really good work. And
22 you know, we'll say more about that perhaps at the
23 close of the meeting. Denise.

24 MS. BRINLEY:

25 Denise Brinley, Department of Community

1 and Economic Development. Just a quick question on the
2 scoring, if you indicated that 42 people voted, so a
3 score of 126 would indicate on average that most people
4 voted three --- that all people voted three at 126. So
5 if you take that kind of analysis, will you look at
6 doing a cutoff somewhere where people below that number
7 or a number like that generally disagreed with the
8 recommendation in the aggregate?

9 CHAIR:

10 I think there's probably five or six
11 different ways we can slice and dice this. And as we
12 go forwards, again that is its purpose of the follow-on
13 work here, is to be do analysis of, you know, where the
14 intensity was. But I think there is value in every
15 single one of these recommendations. But we all have
16 to prioritize, certainly in terms of the approach that
17 DEP is going to take, we will take into account not
18 only the weighted voting here but the environmental
19 impact of some of these recommendations. So there are
20 a number of ways both statically and I would say
21 programmatically that we can take a look at these kind
22 of recommendations. And for other agencies, there are
23 probably different ways that they may want to look at
24 it, PEMA for example, how they take a look at some of
25 the safety and integrity suggestions here. So it's

1 really up to the agency who's --- where it falls into
2 their purview.

3 Again, there's many different ways to look
4 at this and that's why there is so much value here.
5 This is not something that you can look at and
6 necessary breeze through. We've got to look at the
7 workgroup recommendations, we've got to tease out the
8 value, we've got to --- in many cases the groups did
9 such great work in footnoting and citing sources.
10 There is a treasure-trove of information in this report
11 and in the work that the groups have done. And that's
12 why I think each agency that where responsibility may
13 fall really needs to do a deep dive into this. And
14 certainly it was beyond the time frame that we had in
15 our time together over the last seven months. Lauren?

16 MS. PARKER:

17 Lauren Parker. Secretary, given the
18 amount of work that you said there's some follow-on
19 work that needs to be done as well as determining if
20 there is overlap to the existing regulations and just a
21 lot of work. I'm moving forward just as a consultant
22 who prepares permits and tries to understand
23 expectations, what needs to be included, that the items
24 in the draft --- well, I guess it'll be our final
25 report, they're still just something that needs to be

1 reviewed with follow-on work and shouldn't be enforced
2 by any agency at this point until it's determined where
3 the next step is, just kind of looking for expectations
4 moving forward.

5 CHAIR:

6 We've said this before and I guess it
7 bears repeating. This is the start of a conversation.
8 These are a set of recommendations. They are nothing
9 more or nothing less than a set of recommendations by
10 158 experts and representative stakeholders on a very
11 thorny, complex and interrelated problem. When it
12 comes to translating any of this work into even
13 expectation, let alone requirements, for my agency
14 we've got to look at all of these, some of which we
15 already have in motion. Things like e-permitting which
16 I think will be very well received. But we have got
17 --- if we would determine to turn any specific
18 environmental protection suggestion, recommendation
19 into action, into a requirement, that starts a public
20 process. We would have to go to the appropriate
21 advisory committee with a concept. We'd start at ---
22 we would start a clock and a process that would involve
23 heavy stakeholder engagement, public involvement,
24 public comment, public hearing, drafts, redrafts,
25 revisions. Anyone that is at all familiar with the

1 regulatory process in Pennsylvania knows it does not
2 happen quickly and is not easy and involves a
3 tremendous amount of scrutiny.

4 So again, this is the start of a
5 conversation and it's fertile ground. I really do
6 honestly believe that this is a very fertile document
7 that can generate a lot of positives. There are
8 opportunities in this document to highlight good work
9 that is already being done by best actors. I think
10 there's a wealth of opportunity to do that, so I again
11 think this is a real treasure-trove of information that
12 will serve the Commonwealth very well for many years to
13 come, especially with the follow-on work that's going
14 to be needed. Terry.

15 MR. BOSSERT:

16 Terry Bossert. I just want to kind of
17 comment on the scoring. I mean, I thought it was
18 interesting to see which ones came at the top. But I
19 think to some extent we've shown focus too much on the
20 scoring, because I think people all had different
21 motivations on why they agreed or disagreed. I mean
22 personally, and we've discussed this before, I don't
23 know, I couldn't give you a percentage but a vast
24 majority of the recommendations stated like they're
25 stated right there, I wouldn't find a way to disagree

1 with them. But if you look at some of the detail
2 behind them, I had some trouble with that. The one
3 exception to that category, and one of the reasons I
4 voted to disagree, were things that were already
5 required by law. And I thought it gave a inaccurate
6 impression that these things weren't being done. They
7 can be a start of a conversation, that could be a short
8 conversation which is we're already doing that, you
9 know.

10 And I didn't do that for ones that we're
11 doing voluntarily because I realized there would be
12 some skepticism. But ones like review the PNDI
13 inventory, well, we're required to do that. So you
14 know, I didn't think it should be part. So I guess all
15 that I'm saying is whether you got 178 or 168, I don't
16 know that it makes a whole heck of a lot of difference
17 in terms of the validity of looking at these issues
18 down the road. It's just my view.

19 CHAIR:

20 Other questions, comments? And not seeing
21 any, we can at this juncture move on to the public
22 comment period, if there is nothing else the folks want
23 to talk about. And we'll make this data available. We
24 will get you a copy. I mean, this was compiled this
25 morning. We will get this data in your hand for your

1 information. Go ahead.

2 MR. MCGINN:

3 Joe McGinn, one other question in terms of
4 formatting. So at the last meeting, just I wanted to
5 see where we ended up. We talked about reformatting
6 and the way that the survey was and kind of how you
7 presented it here based on the Governor's
8 recommendations. Is that a plan to do that is and then
9 is the scoring --- you know, I tend to agree kind of
10 with what Terry said in terms of a 10 point, 20 point
11 swing, you know, and the recommendations being valid.
12 But is that going to be included as well? You know,
13 will there be highlights in terms of what the --- I
14 guess the overall Task Force view was only the various
15 issues.

16 CHAIR:

17 We are going to present the data, and the
18 data will speak for itself. I, frankly, think it's not
19 necessarily productive to get into a lot of attempts at
20 interpretation, because everybody's interpretation can
21 differ. So I don't want an executive summary, for
22 example, to purport to speak on behalf of the whole
23 Task Force. If we had another year, we could get to
24 something that folks were completely happy with every
25 word and syllable. But we don't have that luxury. So

1 what I think is the fairest is to just present the
2 data, explain the method of voting, identify any
3 limitations that might exist. And this is not
4 something we invented. This kind of scoring is used
5 relatively frequently. So we can certainly identify
6 any caveats that need to be talked about or highlighted
7 together with respect to the methodology. But I think
8 the data speaks for itself.

9 I think the preamble that we have
10 developed appropriately caveats the results that we are
11 not agreeing on every word and syllable. That these
12 are a set of recommendations that need to be further
13 assessed. I think there is a level of expectation here
14 that we are going to gather a set of recommendations
15 and really nothing more. There is not a commitment
16 here to do anything except continue the conversation.
17 And the Governor understands that. We will make sure
18 that the document reflects that. This is good data and
19 good grist to continue the conversation.

20 MR. MCGINN:

21 I would just add the formatting part of
22 it. Are we --- I would make a strong recommendation
23 that we format it similar to how you had here. Just
24 because for somebody that hasn't been involved or
25 that'll, you know, click on it off the internet and

1 read it, I just think it will read a lot better and be
2 clearer, as opposed to, you know, how it worked in the
3 workgroups.

4 CHAIR:

5 This will be included in the report. This
6 spreadsheet will be included in the report, yes. Ken?

7 MR. KLEMOW:

8 So Ken Klemow from Wilkes again. I guess,
9 you know, hearing you discuss the time frame for
10 everything, that everything has to be, you know, hashed
11 out fairly thoroughly. And, you know, I certainly
12 recognize that. I guess my question is, is there
13 something, you know, realizing the pipelines are being
14 built, and is there something --- you know, some set of
15 recommendations that you feel as though, or maybe we
16 collectively feel as though really rise to the top and
17 really deserve to be fast-tracked so we're not talking
18 about the three years, four years down the road. But
19 you know, they might be implemented sometime a little
20 bit sooner. So might we fast-track some of these
21 things?

22 CHAIR:

23 I think, Ken, the intensity of the vote,
24 the weighted voting was --- that was the purpose of
25 using the scale that we did. And we've presented what

1 has fallen out of that process. So you have already
2 identified the top priorities, the things that need
3 attention first and they're in order here. They're
4 ranked in order of the vote. The vote is what it is.
5 The data speaks for itself. Kathi?

6 MS. COZZONE:

7 Kathi Cozzone. I guess I have a comment,
8 maybe more than a question. And I'm not sure if it's
9 something you can address, but maybe something you can
10 keep in mind. And that is in a lot of these
11 incidences, in particular some of the comments about
12 the voting, you know, the title on its surface kind of
13 maybe says or implies one thing, but then when you get
14 into the details, maybe there's something that isn't,
15 you know, quite --- the description isn't quite exactly
16 what the details were. One of our --- the County
17 Government's workgroup's recommendations was that
18 county government continue to be engaged in the
19 implementation process. And I would estimate --- and I
20 don't want to speak for the rest of the Task Force.
21 But I would estimate that of all the folks who
22 participated in the workgroups and the Task Force, that
23 as whatever relevant agency is kind of going through
24 these things and making decisions about if and/or how
25 to implement something, that those of us who were

1 engaged in the development of them remain a resource
2 for those agencies.

3 CHAIR:

4 Right. Very important, and I certainly
5 appreciate that and we'll take you up on it. Gladys?

6 MS. BROWN:

7 Mr. Secretary, Gladys Brown. I think I
8 want to add to the conversation to give more
9 clarification when you talk about the Task Force and
10 our recommendations. Because they are recommendations,
11 as you have stated but also some of the things that I
12 saw here, to give an example, the PA One Call issue.
13 And you know that the Public Utility Commission has
14 been working on that issue with the General Assembly to
15 try to change the statute for almost three years, to
16 bring that under our jurisdiction.

17 So we're very grateful that that
18 recommendation came in very high in terms of the
19 voting. But we also know that it's a recommendation
20 that has to take place in terms of finalizing it with
21 statutory changes, that's with the General Assembly.
22 So it's helpful for us to say, this Task Force, one of
23 their high recommendations was to have the PA One Call
24 transferred over from Labor and Industry under the
25 jurisdiction of the PUC. But it still is in their

1 hand.

2 So I think that people need to understand
3 that with many of these recommendations, you'll see
4 some things that when you talk about e-filing,
5 something that you, the DEP, can do already under your
6 jurisdiction. But many of the things are
7 recommendations that, as you stated, are the first
8 step. And we'll have to take a long road in some cases
9 in terms of finalizing and implementing it.

10 CHAIR:

11 Other questions, comments? Senator?

12 SENATOR DINNIMAN:

13 What has been interesting is that this
14 discussion here takes place totally separate from the
15 legislature. And when I asked my colleagues their
16 awareness of discussion, there is almost none that's
17 there. And so I think you have --- I'm just sort of
18 reasserting what Gladys --- excuse me, what
19 Commissioner Brown has said and she's quite correct, as
20 she usually is, having worked with the legislature for
21 a long time.

22 There is like two parallel discussions
23 going on. There is a discussion that goes on with
24 members of the Environmental and Energy Committee, of
25 which I'm one of the members of. That's chaired by

1 Senator Yaw. And there's a discussion that goes on
2 here. And if the Task Force is going to have some
3 meaning, there's going to have to be an effort to share
4 it with the legislature in a meaningful way.
5 Otherwise, it gets put ---- like all Task Force
6 reports, gets put on a shelf somewhere.

7 I mean, we soon will be dedicating a
8 library of the various Task Forces that either the
9 governor or other institutions have done that simply
10 sit there. So one of the questions I'd urge you to ask
11 is, how do you get that dialogue going, how do you get
12 that question going. And I think, Commissioner Brown's
13 issue is that much of this is going to require
14 legislative action. And that is only going to be done
15 if there --- I mean, simply announcing the Task Force
16 report is one thing, but getting a real legislative
17 dialogue is quite another thing. And so I think there
18 needs to simply be, Secretary Quigley, some thought
19 given either by the Task Force or by DEP how that
20 discussion would take place, because it's not as it's
21 currently structured. It's like this is a world and
22 there's another world over there and the two have not
23 met.

24 There is discussions, a great deal of
25 discussions, going on in the legislature about

1 pipelines and about energy. In fact, it's one of the
2 centers of the whole budget debate, is it not? But
3 that discussion is not the same discussion here. And
4 if all these months of work and the valuable
5 suggestions are going to mean something, then there
6 needs to be a way to transfer this dialogue into the
7 legislative dialogue. And that's simply not going to
8 happen by a Governor's announcement, not matter who the
9 Governor is. And we have a wonderful Governor, but it
10 doesn't take place that way.

11 CHAIR:

12 Other questions, comments. Go ahead.

13 MR. MCGINN:

14 Joe McGinn, one last question. Is the
15 report still set to be finalized next month?

16 CHAIR:

17 Yeah. We will deliver it to the Governor
18 in the first week of February. Denise?

19 MS. BRINLEY:

20 Denise Brinley. Just a clarification
21 question. Going back to Terry's comments. Will there
22 be an identification in these recommendations of what
23 is already required by regulation?

24 CHAIR:

25 No. That's follow-on work. Other

1 questions? All right. Let us move to the public
2 comment period. There are a number of folks that have
3 signed up, some of whom are probably no longer with us.
4 So I will go through that list. And if you are here
5 and I call your name, please step to the podium. As we
6 have in all of our meetings, we're asking folks to
7 limit their comments to two minutes. The first person
8 who signed up is Tim Spiese. Is Tim here? Please
9 raise your hand. Okay, Tim. Followed by Richard
10 Stern, followed by Jane Popko.

11 MR. SPIESE:

12 Thank you, Secretary Quigley. My name is
13 Tim Spiese, and I'm here representing a group called
14 Lancaster Against Pipelines. And I feel as though I'm
15 here representing everyone who is fighting against
16 corporate influence, corporate and political corruption
17 and the destruction of our communities, our state, our
18 nation and our world in regards to fossil fuel use.
19 And let me say, Secretary Quigley, I'm a pretty good
20 judge of character and I really look at you and I
21 believe that you personally believe that what you're
22 doing is good, that you personally are concerned about
23 the environment, as your Department's name implies.
24 But you also know that you're part of a machine that
25 you have no control over.

1 And again, in addressing you, I'd just
2 like to remind you that Lancaster Against Pipelines did
3 extend an invitation to you personally, you and your
4 staff, to come to Lancaster County and visit with us,
5 have dinner with us, meet some of the farmers and
6 particularly the Amish farmers who have been lied to by
7 the land agents to manipulate and coerce them into
8 signing over easements to them, to see what's going to
9 be destroyed by a pipeline that Dr. Dennis Whitmer has
10 submitted information on to FERC and to this Task Force
11 showing unequivocally that there is no future
12 economically for the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline, or
13 indeed any of these pipelines. That liquified natural
14 gas at this point with the overseas market and prices
15 does not make sense.

16 We have this proof and we've submitted it
17 and you have ignored it. Many of us had submitted
18 questions for the Town Hall Meeting yesterday, and none
19 of those questions were answered by the Governor. And
20 that's very frustrating because they were a lot of very
21 good questions. And I'm just here today to let
22 everyone know that the people that were here this
23 morning and got arrested, I decided to not get arrested
24 today. My time will come when the Atlantic Sunrise
25 Pipeline comes to Lancaster County. That's scary as

1 hell. That's scary as hell. I don't think everyone
2 together in this room, your courage today added up does
3 not equal the courage of one person that's willing to
4 get arrested for what they believe in.

5 So you have to ask yourself why are these
6 people doing this? I'm a construction superintendent,
7 I'm not a political activist. I'm just a regular
8 person. I am going to get arrested when this pipeline
9 comes through Lancaster County. You have to ask
10 yourself what's going on. You must look around the
11 entire region and indeed the entire world and ask
12 yourself, what's going on here. Because a lot of the
13 people around this table are on the wrong side of the
14 issue.

15 You are wrong, what you're doing is bad,
16 and we will stop you. You will be stopped. And I know
17 this because every major --- I addressed this two
18 months ago. Every major change in our Nation's history
19 has come about through direct --- non-violent direct
20 action. Whether it was civil rights, women's right to
21 vote, revolutionary war, non-violent direct action.
22 That one became violent but that's not what I intend to
23 do. I intend to do everything I can with non-violent
24 direct action to stop this.

25 And FERC is on notice. I'm sorry, Cindy

1 Ivey and Williams, but the Attorney General in New York
2 is going to put his foot down and not let you cut down
3 trees in the Constitution Pipeline. And if FERC gives
4 that permission, then FERC is going to be starting to
5 step on the toes of the state. And I don't now why
6 Pennsylvania can't have the same courage, Secretary
7 Quigley, and take the same position when New York's
8 figured it out. Well the reason is, is they're not
9 extracting that state, and they are here. We need to
10 have the same courage here.

11 CHAIR:

12 Wrap up, please.

13 MR. SPIESE:

14 I didn't hear a tone. I thought there was
15 a tone to let me know when two minutes was up.

16 CHAIR:

17 Actually you're at 2:53.

18 MR. SPIESE:

19 Okay. I'll say one more thing and I'll
20 get off the podium. We're not going away, we will win
21 because we always do. You're going to lose, and you
22 need to accept that. Thank you.

23 CHAIR:

24 Thanks, Tim. Next Richard Stern. Are you
25 here? Okay. Richard, followed by Jane Popko, followed

1 by Ted. I'm not sure, Ted, it looks like G-L-I-N-K,
2 but I'm not sure. I can't read your writing.

3 MR. STERN:

4 I want to thank you, Mr. Secretary and the
5 Task Force, for giving me this opportunity to speak on
6 behalf of pipeline infrastructure construction. I'm
7 Richard Stern, I'm with the Teamsters National Pipeline
8 Labor Management Cooperation Trust. When you went
9 through your list on some of the items I'd like to
10 address, you talked about --- read up about veterans.
11 The Teamsters have a program for veterans to employ
12 them called Helmets to Hardhats. The other unions all
13 have them, the welders have Veterans in Piping called
14 VIP. So we do try to work and transition veterans into
15 pipeline construction. And we have done that.

16 The other things I want to talk about is
17 training, that was another one of the items on your
18 list. Within the last few weeks we trained, right here
19 in York, Teamster members in pipeline construction.
20 We've done multiple trainings in this state so the
21 people are well qualified and can do the work. Some of
22 the training we do, besides skills training, we do also
23 PowerPoint with DOT regulations like CSA, which is
24 compliance, safety and accountability where we do
25 PowerPoint presentations on the DOT regs and also on

1 defensive driving. So I just wanted to hit those two
2 things that were on your list.

3 We believe that the economic impact of the
4 pipeline is tremendous. You have what you call these
5 people that are working here. We use a lot of people.
6 Almost a hundred percent of the people in our
7 construction for pipeline come within the state. The
8 contract allows the contractors to bring in half the
9 people. But because there's been so much pipeline
10 construction and we've done so much training, there's
11 very little work that is not done by local Pennsylvania
12 people. So I just wanted to bring that out.

13 And some of the economic benefits of some
14 of the jobs we've done. In Elko, Nevada the newspaper
15 in 2012 had a statement when we did the Ruby Project
16 that the tax collections were up 16.3 percent last year
17 when the Ruby Pipeline was under construction.

18 CHAIR:

19 Could you wrap up, please. You're over
20 time.

21 MR. STERN:

22 So just I want to say the other thing
23 about the economics, you have what they call a
24 multiplier effect. So when they come in here and they
25 build the pipelines --- and the people that work in

1 this state, the average hours of work in a week is 60
2 as an average. And it provides good benefits, they
3 collect --- they get paid for the health insurance for
4 all the hours worked, their pension. So I just wanted
5 to say, you know, it would be real good for your
6 people, for the working class, so they can get the
7 wages and benefits.

8 CHAIR:

9 Thank you. Next, Jane Popko. Jane, are
10 you here? Okay. Followed by Ted, I think it's Glink
11 or Glick, followed by Greg Lotorto, I believe, if he's
12 here.

13 MS. POPKO:

14 I assume that any government official on
15 this Task Force has a legal and moral obligation to
16 uphold the PA Constitution Article 1, Section 27. And
17 I'm sure you all know what is it. That being said,
18 your first obligation is to the citizens of PA, not to
19 the industrial --- industry representatives on this
20 Task Force. This obligation requires you to minimize,
21 if not completely stop, the anticipated miles of
22 pipeline being imposed on Pennsylvania.

23 If the health, environmental and safety
24 affects resulting from fracking and subsequent
25 pipelines were thoroughly studied prior to formation of

1 this Task Force, none of us would be here now. This
2 Task Force's primary directive seems to be supporting
3 --- to support the overbuilding of pipelines.
4 Overbuilding could bring its own problems by inflating
5 rates and locking states into reliance on gas-fired
6 generation and discouraging the development of
7 renewable energy.

8 In a decreasing market, the objectives of
9 building this vast infrastructure is becoming
10 unnecessary as well as environmentally and economically
11 prohibitive. We have natural gas storage facilities in
12 Pennsylvania, similar to those in Porter Ranch in
13 California. How safe are these? Let the natural gas
14 industry and the DEP focus on existing safety issues
15 before being allowed to create more environmental
16 disasters. Let the DEP build the regulatory structure
17 to be able to regulate an industry that is creating
18 toxic waste sites in the fracking areas by contaminated
19 --- contaminating groundwater and polluting the air
20 with methane.

21 How can you regulate an industry that is
22 devoid of standards? The PA legislature is apparently
23 voting on HB 1327 to rob \$12 million earmarked to
24 encourage investment in alternative energy and
25 redirecting it to the natural gas infrastructure

1 development and delaying much needed new gas drilling
2 regulations.

3 It's time to stop this insanity and focus
4 all efforts on climate change, the Clean Power Plan and
5 the direct investment in renewable energy, not to
6 continue to subsidize the natural gas industry. It's
7 time to stop subsidizing the past and invest in the
8 future. You are trying to solve a 20th century problem
9 with 20th century fixes.

10 Why would we want to pass up an
11 opportunity to invest and be a leader in renewable
12 energy. If we could put a man on the moon, we do have
13 the capability to develop renewable energy solutions.
14 There is a reason why fossil fuels are in the ground
15 and renewables are at our fingertips. If we can be
16 part of the solution to climb --- to solve climate
17 change, we can secure the future for Pennsylvania.

18 CHAIR:

19 Could you wrap up please, Jane?

20 MS. POPKO:

21 If we continue down this path of
22 instructure (phonetic) --- destruction, we are
23 absolutely digging our own ecological graves. Thank
24 you.

25 CHAIR:

1 Thank you. Ted Glink, I'm going to say.
2 Ted. Okay. Greg Lotorto? Michael Bagdes-Canning?
3 And if I call your name and you're here, please raise
4 your hand. Betsy Conover? Donald --- can't read it,
5 begins with a W. Wrightman, perhaps. Ellie Salahub?
6 Ellie, please step to the microphone.

7 MS. SALAHUB:

8 My name is Ellie Salahub. And once again,
9 I am here on behalf of Lebanon Pipeline Awareness. I
10 want to say first, I stand in support of the direct
11 action that took place at the beginning of this
12 meeting. This is what happens when the public is
13 marginalized and excluded.

14 And now I will start my remarks. It was
15 extremely discouraging and frustrating to listen to
16 Governor's Wolf's Facebook Town Hall Meeting yesterday.
17 While the Governor and Secretaries Quigley and Dunn
18 affirmed anthropogenic climate change, the initiatives
19 of increased regulations on the gas industry and the
20 preservation of coal development are completely
21 divorced from what is needed to control global warming.

22 Fossil fuels must remain in the ground.
23 That is the science. Regulations are not a panacea
24 and, in fact, they are not the issue. Fossil fuels are
25 unequivocally the culprit. There are absolutely no

1 reassurances or guarantees in relying on regulations,
2 especially when Secretary Quigley stated yesterday that
3 Governor Wolf's meager proposal to add 50 employees to
4 DEP was not passed by the legislature. This document
5 will only add to the illusion that Pennsylvania is
6 addressing global warming and protecting our health and
7 environment.

8 We oppose this report and the plan to
9 integrate methane into Pennsylvania's Energy Plan.
10 Methane is a potent greenhouse gas and it is not a
11 sustainable resource. This report and the proposed
12 Clean Power Plan amount to an adaptation of Hans
13 Christian Andersen's The Emperor's New Clothes. We
14 need a moonshot initiative to development innovative
15 sustainable energy sources. And a revenue-neutral
16 carbon tax would be an effective tool to accelerate
17 this transition. Thank you.

18 CHAIR:

19 Thank you. Elise Gerhart? Ellen Gerhart?
20 Okay. Steven Norris? Kendall Hole? Faith Fertig?
21 Faith, please step up.

22 MS. FERTIG:

23 Hi. My name's Faith and I would rather be
24 at home with my kids. But this past summer has taught
25 me a lot. We have a farm in Cumberland County and

1 seven children ages 1 to 16. When we bought the farm
2 we knew there were --- actually there are two pipelines
3 that go through, there's Sunoco and there's also
4 Buckeye. We've had no problems until the past spring.
5 We were told they were coming to do --- that Sunoco was
6 coming to do survey work. We asked, please stay in
7 your right-of-way to enter the farm and do your work.
8 They said no, we cannot.

9 We were taken to court and we were told
10 that the Judge awarded them full access to the full
11 farm anytime they wanted to do anything, including the
12 biosecurity area around our turkey farms where we raise
13 30,000 plus turkeys at a time. And you know, this past
14 year avian flu has been a big problem. They would move
15 our biosecurity warnings and drive around them.
16 Whereas even the truck drivers who bring our feed and
17 bring our birds and take our birds have to wash tires
18 and have all the things they have to do. They would
19 ignore that.

20 They also told us this full access, per
21 the judge, applied to a repair that needed fixed, which
22 we had shown them earlier in the year and were told it
23 was not big deal. All of a sudden it was a big deal,
24 that pipe sticking out and wet land had to be repaired.
25 On June 4th, they came to start, what I was told by one

1 of the overseers, a two-week project. The constable
2 escorted them down my lane in front of my children and
3 myself. There were 60-plus trips a day up and down my
4 narrow farm lane, in front of my house, ten feet in
5 front of my house. Anytime I asked why they could not
6 stay on the right-of-way, I was given various answers.
7 They never were the same.

8 They were told they were driving over
9 wetland, we asked can we please see the maps were this
10 wetland is. Never produced a map for us. We were told
11 that their equipment was too heavy to drive over it.
12 We asked what they do when they put in new pipelines.
13 Never were told anything. We were threatened with
14 jail. My husband was threatened with jail with
15 \$100,000 a day fines if he blocked his own driveway to
16 do his own work. My children could not ride their
17 bikes in the driveway.

18 Two-week project was 11-plus weeks. They
19 left our driveway in disrepair. My children could not
20 play the whole summer. We are waiting for the driveway
21 to be fixed. They dumped stone. We are still waiting
22 for the end where they accessed the area to be fixed.
23 It is now creating gutters in my driveway. My husband
24 would have to ask permission to do work out of our own
25 lane. I could not park to empty groceries into my own

1 house. They said they would take pictures and send
2 them to their lawyers of us. And now we have the new
3 pipeline coming through and we are scared to death,
4 physically ill, emotionally scared for my children and
5 for our own safety. Thank you.

6 CHAIR:

7 Ralph Bloom? Bloom. Okay. Ralph?

8 MR. BLUME:

9 I'm Ralph Blume. I'm neighbor of Faith.
10 We put up with the same kind of garbage when they did a
11 repair on me. They lied on me. They ran over my
12 crops. They still have not --- they did not repair
13 their damage. They're supposed to pay me to do it, but
14 they don't want to pay me. They did damages where I
15 broke some machinery almost two years ago. I still
16 have not gotten paid for that. I have future crops
17 that are not going to grow because they tore up all of
18 my hayfields. And the danger on this stuff is if they
19 put this pipeline and it had a explosion or something,
20 it's probably going to take out 15 houses plus a lot of
21 livestock. And people don't realize that the danger
22 zone of this new pipeline is a thousand feet.

23 There's also a school involved that it
24 would go under. You know, it would be blowed (sic) up.
25 And we have pictures at home, probably couldn't show

1 them here, but if you get on the internet you can find
2 this terrible explosion when this ethane goes through,
3 and there's no real stopping it. They're claiming
4 eminent domain, they threatened me with jail twice
5 because they were wandering around my barn in the
6 evening and they had no business being there. It was
7 not anywhere near anything. But to ask them what they
8 were doing, we're just walking around. And this was
9 Sunoco. And I have nothing but trouble with them. And
10 we don't realize what it's going to do to the future
11 generation of kids to put up with this, to live near
12 it.

13 If it does go through, I'm going to have
14 to go on welfare to get enough money to pay my taxes.
15 Because right now I'm making money off of these fields
16 that they want to tear up. They're going right through
17 the center of my farm, and it will just totally destroy
18 it. Plus they also want to go through a building and
19 there's a septic system, they want to go right through
20 that. I don't know how they're going to do it, because
21 I can't do anything with the septic system. But
22 evidently they're going to just do it. And I have a
23 building lot staked out for the last 20 years for my
24 retirement and my wife's retirement, it's going right
25 through that. And our plans are completely shot.

1 I'm 75 years old, and I've had enough of
2 it. I can't sleep at night. And it's just not a good
3 thing going on. And it's all going to overseas and
4 Norway, Sweden and Austria. And they're building the
5 ships which are making jobs. They're building six
6 ships to transport this stuff in China. The ships are
7 all being built in China. Nothing is here.

8 And all the people that worked on our
9 property this summer, there was only one Pennsylvania
10 tag on the truck and that guy came --- he was sort of
11 the lead guy. I said, why do you have a Pennsylvania
12 tag on your truck? He said, well I bought it here.
13 I'm from Colorado. And there was not another
14 Pennsylvania tag or truck involved in any other repairs
15 in that area. I could go on for hours, but I guess
16 I've said enough. Thank you.

17 CHAIR:

18 Thank you. Harvey Nickey?

19 MR. NICKEY:

20 Thank you. My name's Harvey Nickey. I'm
21 landowner in Cumberland County. Pennsylvania needs to
22 focus on renewable energy. I understand this will take
23 time to develop but until this happens natural gas is
24 needed. The question is, do we need a drastic
25 expansion of infrastructure and fracking. The Penn

1 East Pipeline in New Jersey, is it really needed?
2 According to New Jersey, they have ample supplies of
3 natural gas. Then there is Mariner East 2 and 3. Yes,
4 3. They're proposing to install two 24-inch pipes
5 across Pennsylvania for the purpose of the export of
6 ethane, propane and butane to foreign markets strictly
7 for profit. This does not benefit Pennsylvania or its
8 residents. Sunoco claims public utility status for the
9 Mariner East 2 and 3 project. That is being challenged
10 by many property owners across the state.

11 The Public Utility Commission should not
12 allow public utility status for this interstate
13 project. Sunoco's strong-arm tactics and total
14 disregard to landowners' property rights is appalling.
15 We have worked 28 years to finally own our property.
16 Now that we are retired we have to fight and spend a
17 lot of money to protect our home from a company that
18 their only concern is their profit. This should not be
19 allowed. This panel and the PUC need to look at this.
20 If Sunoco wants to put in their pipes, they need to buy
21 the easement from property owners or go around the
22 property. Eminent domain should never be granted for
23 projects to export our resources for private gain.

24 There is 350 miles of trees, water and
25 other natural resource being destroyed for this project

1 with no public convenience. Do not be fooled by their
2 slick talk and shady maneuvering to get around law and
3 regulations. They are not to be trusted. Do the right
4 thing for Pennsylvania's property owners and residents,
5 stop the expansion of fracking and pipelines for
6 private gain. Thank you.

7 CHAIR:

8 Ed Braukus, is it? Okay.

9 MR. BRAUKUS:

10 Good afternoon. My name's Ed Braukus.
11 I'm with the International Brotherhood of Electrical
12 Works, Local 743. I represent hundreds of Pennsylvania
13 workers, taxpayers in Berks, Lancaster, Montgomery,
14 Chester and Schuylkill Counties. First off, I'd like
15 to thank the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental
16 Protection and members of the Governor's Pipeline
17 Infrastructure Task Force for convening this meeting.
18 I also want to thank the administration for putting
19 this Task Force together and commend its members for
20 the work you've done in what is a series of complicated
21 issues, obviously.

22 You can see from the attendance here that
23 this affects a lot of people. As you all know, in
24 recent years Pennsylvania has seen a resurgence of its
25 manufacturing sector, thanks to continued development

1 of the Marcellus and Utica Shale regions. We all know
2 that with these resources we have vast potential to
3 boost domestic energy production, revitalize local
4 economies and create new opportunities for businesses
5 and manufactures. But that progress has slowed and
6 we're not reaching our full potential. That's because
7 we lack the necessary infrastructure to grow.

8 There are a number of pipeline projects in
9 the works in Pennsylvania, and there's a demand for the
10 safe development of infrastructure. These projects
11 safely and efficiently carry products that are
12 essential to heating and power, powering our homes and
13 businesses. They're essential to our national economy
14 and economy in Pennsylvania. The fact is, when built
15 safely and managed responsibly pipelines will create
16 thousands of jobs and generate millions in annual
17 estimated tax revenue both locally and statewide.
18 These pipelines will also bring recurring benefits to
19 manufacturing and consumers that rely on affordable,
20 reliable energy supplies.

21 Beyond the economics, safety is really the
22 reason we're here. Because beyond the development of
23 the energy resource, their safe movement from the
24 fields to market is critical. We believe that using
25 local trains on pipeline infrastructure ensures that

1 the most qualified and best-trained professionals are
2 hired to safely build a pipeline. It also ensures that
3 the pipeline will meet and exceed all regulated safety
4 requirements. We've been safely building pipelines in
5 Pennsylvania for decades and in order to continue to
6 develop our energy resources, it's essential we
7 continue building them so our state can realize its
8 fullest potential. Thank you.

9 CHAIR:

10 Thank you. Next, David Butterworth?

11 MR. BUTTERWORTH:

12 Thank you. My name's David Butterworth.
13 I'm from Pipeliners Local 798 out of Tulsa, Oklahoma.
14 My experience as of November of this year, I just came
15 from the field, I was working on a 36-inch. I'm a
16 welder, I worked on 55 miles of 36-inch from Frametown,
17 West Virginia all the way to Clarksburg. I've worked
18 in Pennsylvania a lot. I see both sides of this. But
19 I just want to tell my story to where you can
20 understand what I have to go through to weld on these
21 pipelines.

22 Every job, I take a test. Every job. I
23 have x-ray that comes behind to make sure the weld's
24 good, and all kinds of different quality control. I
25 just want to speak for myself and the welding side of

1 this business. It's been great for my family. I
2 understand both sides of this, but I just wanted to
3 say, pipelines have been good for me and my family.
4 And that's about all I got. Thank you.

5 CHAIR:

6 Thank you. Terry Langley?

7 MR LANGLEY:

8 Good evening. I want to thank you all for
9 bringing this Task Force together and listing all the
10 concerns. My name's Terry Langley. I'm with
11 Pipeliners Local 798 out of Tulsa, Oklahoma. I'm not
12 from here. I'm from Arkansas, but I represent a lot of
13 the members that live up in this area that works out of
14 our local union. What I'd like to talk about is the
15 --- I'm a 40-year veteran in the pipeline industry.

16 I'm a welder and, you know, in the last
17 40 years I've seen changes in the industry that a lot
18 of people that's never been around it probably don't
19 understand. We used to not have no environmental
20 studies or anything that we knew of. They proposed a
21 pipeline, the gas company did, I assume that they got
22 their permits from the Federal Government. They hired
23 the contractors to do the work, we would go, sign up
24 with the contractor and go to work the same day. But
25 now it's a different animal. Today when you go to work

1 on one of these pipelines, you have to go through
2 rigorous environmental training. You have to go
3 through safety training.

4 Things have changed so much over the last
5 40 years that it's for the better. The pipeline
6 industry is a lot safer than the rails, the trucks.
7 The industry is a whole lot better with pipelines. We
8 have a lot of old pipelines that are in the ground, and
9 these new pipelines I hope is going to replace a lot of
10 those that are damaged, that leak, that cause
11 greenhouse gas. And if we built the infrastructure
12 that we need to replace these old pipelines, I think
13 it's better for our country. We have cut emissions
14 tremendously over the years. And I think we're going
15 to continue. Do I think that there's climate change?
16 Yes. Do I think that we need renewable? Yes. Can we
17 do it next week? No. It's years down the road before
18 we would do it.

19 We use so many things, cell phones,
20 computers, water bottles, that petroleum touches. It's
21 all made out of petroleum products, byproducts. I
22 don't know that we'll ever get away from petroleum, but
23 we ain't going to get away from it overnight. I think
24 that as we go through this, I think interchanging it as
25 we go will develop it and get better. We haven't

1 stopped trying to do things better, and I think we
2 continue every day to do things better. But it cannot
3 happen in a week, a year. It takes years to do what
4 we've done and it's going to take years to get away
5 from what we are --- what these folks are trying to get
6 away from that's against this pipeline.

7 I share a lot of their concerns, I have
8 sympathy for the landowners. But I think we're doing
9 everything that we can. And this Task Force here I
10 think is a good idea because it does listen to the
11 people and then they do make a common decision. So I
12 want to thank you again for giving me an opportunity to
13 speak. Thank you.

14 CHAIR:

15 Thank you. Maggie Henry?

16 MS. HENRY:

17 My name's Maggie Henry, and I've been here
18 before. And it definitely won't be the last time. I
19 stand in direct support of what went on here in the
20 beginning. As a matter of fact, the only reason that I
21 was not an integral part of it is because I intend to
22 have my say with you people. Public participation,
23 public comment, really? Two minutes? Woohoo. You are
24 a farce. Every single one of you is earning a special
25 place in hell. Every single one of you is an industry

1 shale or in support of industry shales. Fracking has
2 destroyed my life, my business. 100 years we've paid
3 the taxes on this farm as a family and now my
4 grandchildren can't walk on the soil. In February, I
5 had three animals just drop dead for no reason
6 whatsoever. In a hundred years nothing like that has
7 ever happened on this farm before, nothing.

8 In March of 2014 Hilcorp Energy caused 77
9 earthquakes in Poland Township, Ohio, unfortunately
10 less than two miles from my home. Seventy-seven (77)
11 earthquakes around a previously unknown fault. Woohoo.
12 The integrity of my basement foundation was destroyed,
13 water rains down the walls of my basement when it ---
14 in a rainstorm now. My chimney flue pipe is cracked
15 and lays in waste down at the bottom of the cleanout
16 hole. My drywall is all cracked. We replaced a roof
17 in my home with 40 year singles in 2008, it leaks. It
18 never did before.

19 My husband and I borrowed a half a million
20 dollars and invested it in this farm. We have
21 stewarded this soil for the 35 years that we've been
22 married. What would every single one of you do if the
23 industry had laid waste to your personal property like
24 they have done mine. I can't even sell my house to
25 some fool that would want to live in this disgusting,

1 toxic, environment because it won't qualify for a bank
2 loan through no fault of ours. Absolutely nothing we
3 did, not one person has responded.

4 As a matter of fact, ODNR issues a cease
5 and desist order on Hilcorp. And you know what Hilcorp
6 did? They stepped over the state line. You know what
7 DEP did? Absolutely nothing, earning the title Don't
8 Expect Protection, or the Department of Energy
9 Production. Every tear I shed steels my spine from
10 what is to come. You people have absolutely no idea of
11 what you have wrought upon yourselves. I want to know
12 who's going to take care of the losses I've suffered.
13 I want to know, I want an answer from you people today
14 of who is going to replace what I have lost. Because I
15 have no intention of going away at all. None.

16 It's the one-year anniversary of the first
17 time I've ever been arrested, and that was for standing
18 up and shouting ban fracking now at Wolf's
19 inauguration. I won't stop and neither will the rest
20 of my friends. May the wrath of an angry god rain down
21 on all of you.

22 CHAIR:

23 Next Dale Henry. Dale Henry?

24 MS. HENRY:

25 That would be my husband, and I intended

1 to just stand here and ramble on, and you can forget
2 Stanley Henry too and a bunch of the rest of the Henrys
3 on here because they're not here today, they went to
4 work.

5 CHAIR:

6 Thank you. Tom Church?

7 MR. CHURCH:

8 Thank you for the opportunity to speak.
9 My name'S Tom Church. I live over in Easton. I'm
10 involved in a situation having to do with a compressor
11 station there. But I would like to say, you know, I
12 end up all the time trying to figure out what to say at
13 these meetings and I end up rewriting it as I hear
14 people's stories. It's, you know, mind boggling the
15 different ramifications.

16 Right now market pressures and judicial
17 pressures and all these different pressures are making
18 it a situation where for people to sit around and think
19 that they're going to compete with Iran and with Ohio
20 and with West Virginia and, you know, to be the ones
21 who actually win the lottery by having economic
22 development, you know, when they're competing in all
23 these different directions, by putting in all these
24 pipelines. You know, I worked putting in pipelines 45
25 --- you know, I've worked in the business for 45 years.

1 I've been out of the gas business for the last 20.

2 But the Environmental Amendment, you know,
3 it was sponsored by Democrats and Republicans 45 years
4 ago. It passed unanimously in both Houses twice and it
5 was passed by a four to one margin by the public. Now
6 why were they so outraged? You know, why did they
7 allow that --- why were they in that position where
8 they actually made that decision? It was because
9 everything had been torn up. You know, because
10 industry had like torn everything up. So this is where
11 we're going again. This is why the civil disobedience,
12 this is why --- and it's going to be more that way.

13 The amendment in the Air Pollution Control
14 Act were the DEP's guides as they issue plan approvals.
15 But having exceptional constitutional protection and
16 laws and guidelines doesn't help much if the
17 enforcement agency misunderstands its mission. We are
18 in a wonderful position as people in this state to live
19 in a state that has incredible water, to live in a
20 place that's so beautiful and to have the
21 Constitutional amendment to help us protect this. But
22 the mission of the DEP at this point is to promote
23 these pipelines, to put more of them in and therefore
24 promote fracking.

25 There are so many wells that are already

1 drilled over in Ohio that are not in production yet.
2 You know, they're Utica wells. I had a \$163,000 waived
3 in front of my face to have a Utica well drilled on my
4 place in West Virginia, which I still own mineral
5 rights on. Which I got \$32 this year in royalty.
6 Okay. I got \$10,000 a year for a while, you know.

7 A little anecdote, the Sheriff came up to
8 me down there one time and said oh, Warren Hotz's
9 (phonetic) going to be back here reclaiming your
10 property. Billie Joe Keets told me he was going to
11 shoot him if he didn't come back and fix his place and
12 he's coming and fixing yours while he's out. You know,
13 this is just --- it's just outrageous. Okay.

14 The Environmental Hearing Board recently
15 denied a Columbia Gas motion to dismiss our appeal of
16 an air qualify plan approval by the DEP on a compressor
17 station in Milford. The DEP may actually have more
18 authority to get Columbia to install the safest
19 equipment than they even think they have.

20 CHAIR:

21 Tom, could you wrap up, please?

22 MR. CHURCH:

23 Yes. So whose health and welfare --- you
24 know, in both Milford and Easton, the question is
25 whether the DEP can ignore publically-stated concerns.

1 You know, whether the municipal leaders, they were told
2 that they weren't appropriate --- you know, that they
3 didn't have any say in this. The judge is going to
4 hear whether the municipal leaders, whether our
5 township actually --- the resolution that they passed
6 that asked these people to put in permits. Whether
7 they actually had to put in the permits, I really
8 appreciate it.

9 Oil and gas companies acted irresponsibly
10 drilling wells with no way to transport their product
11 to market. We the people who respect the
12 democratically expressed will of the people, the rule
13 of law and the Constitution hope that the courts will
14 agree that the citizens of Pennsylvania are under no
15 obligation to sacrifice their water for fracking, their
16 air to compressor stations, their wildlife and farms
17 and beauty we have left to protect wealthy private
18 investors who make bad decisions. You know, thinking
19 that you may win the economic race is like thinking
20 you'll win the lottery. Thank you.

21 CHAIR:

22 Thank you. That's the last folks who have
23 signed up. Is there anyone here who has not signed up
24 but would like to speak? Okay. I'm seeing none.
25 Anything else from Task Force members?

1 SENATOR DINNIMAN:

2 Secretary, I have to report back to my
3 colleagues, that's why we're appointed by our caucus,
4 and I'm the only legislator here. The other gentleman
5 had not been able to attend from the House. When I
6 report back, I just want to make sure I got this right.
7 There's no list of laws in the report of matters that
8 are under consideration, which the Task Force has any
9 comment on; is that correct?

10 CHAIR:

11 There will be a list in the report of
12 pending legislation, but we haven't ---.

13 SENATOR DINNIMAN:

14 All right. So there is a list of pending
15 legislation then. There is, but there's no comment one
16 way or the other from the Task Force on any of this
17 legislature; correct?

18 CHAIR:

19 Correct.

20 SENATOR DINNIMAN:

21 There is no list of current regulations?
22 Someone had asked that question previously and I
23 believe you said no.

24 CHAIR:

25 That would take volumes, if not libraries.

1 SENATOR DINNIMAN:

2 All right. There's no signature on the
3 report, so thus it's not --- there is --- the names are
4 listed, but there's not the signature of personal
5 responsibility. In essence, to say there's no
6 signatures on the report?

7 CHAIR:

8 No, we have agreed to that, that there
9 wouldn't be signature on the actual document.

10 SENATOR DINNIMAN:

11 All right. So there's no signatures that
12 traditionally would be on any report that's issued, at
13 least in my experience being on at least a dozen task
14 forces. This is the first one I've ever been on where
15 there's no signatures.

16 There's no section in the report then, I
17 should report back, that directly indicates our
18 response to public comment?

19 CHAIR:

20 There is a public comment document in the
21 report.

22 SENATOR DINNIMAN:

23 That says what the public says. But
24 there's not response from the Commission in terms of
25 public comment?

1 CHAIR:

2 No.

3 SENATOR DINNIMAN:

4 All right. And there's no plan in the
5 report --- and again, I'm just trying to understand
6 this. There's no plan in the report as to how we plan
7 to utilize this, other than to give it to the Governor,
8 in terms of a dialogue with the legislature, with the
9 counties, since the counties had one Task Force, or our
10 Townships where the real issues hit the road, so to
11 speak?

12 CHAIR:

13 No, I wouldn't say that's accurate,
14 Senator. There is a preamble ---

15 SENATOR DINNIMAN:

16 There's a preamble.

17 CHAIR:

18 --- that clearly states the purpose and
19 uses of the report.

20 SENATOR DINNIMAN:

21 But there is no plan in the document of
22 the report --- again, I just want to --- you know, I'm
23 not criticizing. Though I suppose in some ways you
24 could take it that way. I just want to know what I'm
25 to report back since that's my obligation. There is no

1 specific step-by-step plan to say, here's a report,
2 here's what the legislature might want to do or not do,
3 here's what the Township Supervisor Association, for
4 example, the County Commissioners Association have all
5 taken up this issue, as they should. But there's no
6 specific plan to enter into a dialogue, a plan of
7 action to enter into that dialogue.

8 CHAIR:

9 First, Senator, that was not the charge of
10 the Task Force.

11 SENATOR DINNIMAN:

12 Okay.

13 CHAIR:

14 But, as we stated in the report, this
15 document is something that all engaged stakeholders,
16 whether it be county governments, township governments,
17 the General Assembly can use to continue the dialogue.
18 That is the purpose of the report.

19 SENATOR DINNIMAN:

20 All right. Again, to just get the answer,
21 you see most members of this Task Force can walk away
22 when it's over. All right. Unfortunately, we in the
23 legislature cannot. And the comments that you hear
24 from the public is only the tip of the iceberg I'm
25 trying to tell you. All right. And I don't agree with

1 most of the comments, not that I disagree. I think
2 that is absolutely essential that the natural gas
3 industry be developed. But the way it's --- but it's
4 also essential that the citizens' rights and vis-a-vis
5 eminent domain, that the citizens' property rights,
6 that the citizens' rights to state how they feel, that
7 the safety --- and by the way, I believe from my union
8 friends that you're the best one to build them because
9 at least you're trained to do so, so I defend that.

10 But let me just say one thing so you
11 understand this. That I live in a place called Chester
12 County. There's not going to be one cent of profit
13 from this unless it gets to market. And I want it to
14 get to market, jobs depend on that. That's all
15 economic development. But until we all enter a
16 dialogue with our citizens and show some respect to the
17 citizens, you're going to have continual protest and
18 some of them will be like you experienced in the
19 beginning.

20 I ask these questions because the thing
21 that frustrates me the most --- and I'm going to be
22 direct, that frustrates me the most is that no one is
23 willing to enter that middle ground. Whether it's the
24 companies, whether it's the citizens, the middle
25 ground, if we enter it, we can have our cake and eat it

1 too. You have to, if necessary, if you're going
2 through a suburban development maybe you have to spend
3 another hundred million to make a T-turn around it.
4 Maybe we have to have the type of discussion where
5 direct one-on-one with the people who've come here.

6 There's an economic potential. I want it
7 to come about, but I and other members of the
8 legislature, especially in the southeast, cannot keep a
9 silent ear, cannot have a tin ear to our constituents.
10 The township supervisors can't have that, the county
11 commissioners can't have that. So my appeal is it's
12 nice we have a Task Force, hopefully it will be of use.
13 But the central thing that's missing in this Task Force
14 report, in my judgment, whether it was in the call of
15 the governor or not --- and I support our Governor, I
16 love our Governor. He's a decent, good person. But
17 what's not here is the urging that that dialogue take
18 place with everyone being respectful for each other.
19 Because the only thing my constituents have when they
20 don't have the dialogue is to hold up the gas lines or
21 to engage in the type of civil protest.

22 And until we get that discussion going,
23 until the companies and the citizens and the county and
24 the supervisors --- and I took an oath for the
25 Constitution and there's no question that Article 1,

1 Section 27 is there. And the courts have never ruled
2 on it, but they're going to have to now with this court
3 case of the Clean Air Council.

4 All I'm saying to you and then I'm ending
5 is this, I want this economically to work. All right.
6 I want Marcus Hook to thrive. But I cannot do this,
7 but it cannot happen. You're not going to get through
8 the Chester Counties, the Montgomery Counties. And I
9 want it to be union work because it'll be done well.
10 But you're not going to do that until the companies,
11 until all of us figure out how to have a discussion
12 together. And I'm disappointed that we suggest all
13 these ideas but there's no urging and there's no plan
14 and no recommendation how to have that discussion.
15 Because right now all you have is you have the
16 legislature in one discussion, you have the Township
17 Supervisors through their association in one, the
18 counties and the leadership, Commissioner Cozzone and
19 others, in their discussion and no one --- and the
20 people in their discussion. And no one is bringing
21 people together, and there's nothing in that Task Force
22 report, their ideas, that is going to bring people
23 together.

24 So I've had my say, I'm telling you my
25 frustration because you could walk away, but anyone who

1 serves in the Senate of Pennsylvania and the House, and
2 those who have served know what I'm talking about,
3 Mr. Sweet, they know that we have to listen to these
4 voices. And ultimately there has to be a compromise
5 here, a way to achieve economic development and still
6 be respectful to the property rights of the citizens.
7 And nothing gets people madder in this Commonwealth
8 than the use of eminent domain. Because property
9 rights have always been the foundation of government
10 here or anywhere else. This is a conservative state,
11 but eminent domain is a conservative policy. And if
12 you're going to solve this, then it's about time for
13 the Governor's Office, for DEP and for all of us to
14 figure out how to do it.

15 And unfortunately, the report offers good
16 ideas but there is no mechanisms to come to the
17 solution. And so I guess the report will sit there,
18 people will get ideas and ultimately the good thing
19 that I have to report to you is those of us in the
20 legislature are beginning to talk. Because if the
21 wells are --- if there's only one well left that's
22 operating in Lycoming County today and there's no ---
23 and the pipelines are going through and there's no oil
24 --- excuse me, gas to get there and other products are
25 going through, then Marcus Hook won't be the realty.

1 But if we work together, if we figure out
2 a way to be respectful to our citizens, we will have
3 the economic development, we'll have the safety, we'll
4 preserve the health, we'll observe the constitutional
5 amendment and we can have our cake and eat it too. So
6 I hope that everyone here, if you're representing
7 companies and corporations, that you'll work on this,
8 that you'll do this.

9 And as compliment, I've seen companies
10 that had been hard nosed at first change, and I thank
11 them for that, by the way. They've changed in the way
12 they've approached us as a community, as citizens. And
13 that's what's required. I'm afraid we're not Oklahoma
14 and Texas. And the middle of the state might be one
15 thing, but when you go underneath people's house and
16 swimming pools and go through what used to be farmland
17 and is now suburban residents, they're not going to
18 just sit there. Understand that. And we have to find
19 a way to resolve this. And I'm disappointed that we
20 have a document, and my hope is that the
21 administration, that DEP, that the companies can
22 continue to dialogue together, even if it's not a
23 formal way, so we can figure this out, we can have our
24 economic success and respect the rights of our
25 citizens. Thank you for listening.

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CHAIR:

Thank you.

MR. GALLAGHER:

Secretary, Anthony Gallagher from Steamfitters Local 420. I just want to go on the record of addressing some of the public comments. I feel it's important that I do that for myself and for the members I represent. I want to be crystal clear, I live 50 yards for six pipelines. I live 500 yards from a tank field. I live three and half miles from Marcus Hook. I am in direct impact of this. I have three children that go to state schools. I work, I live, I play in this state. I have nothing to gain, I have no financial gain here from any company. I will be here with the Senator doing what we need to do to protect Pennsylvania, whether it be safety points of views or economic points of views. So I have a lot invested in this. And I find it very important that we have this dialogue.

I will say this, a couple facts. I am a believer in sticking to the facts, keeping emotions out of it, being respectful of people's opinions that are different than me. I've been in numerous Town Hall Meetings with these companies that are in this room, numerous, where the public's had a chance to voice

1 their opinion, their concerns. Every meeting at the
2 end of these meetings, the public has plenty of time of
3 voice their concerns and tell us what their thoughts
4 and fears are, tell us some of the tragedies that we're
5 hearing. It's been numerous times, it's documented in
6 the report public comments.

7 To say the public hasn't had access or
8 their voice heard or their concerns recognized, am I
9 going to tell you I find that to be an insult to me and
10 to my members. And the reason that is, is because I
11 listen closely and I am concerned. I'm as concerned as
12 everybody in here about climate change, about safety of
13 my children. Someday maybe, God willing,
14 grandchildren.

15 I'm also believer in facts, like I said,
16 and I can tell you this much, economically this is the
17 way to go. No matter how we dice up the world we live
18 in, we need energy. We need clean, reliable energy.
19 Fossil fuels have done plenty of good to drive the
20 country in our success, whether we like it or not. I
21 know it makes some people's skin curl, but I want you
22 to think about it. The lights that are on right now,
23 the research that is being done, the studies that are
24 being done in climate change is all driven by the power
25 from fossil fuels. It's not all bad. It's not all

1 bad.

2 I made a living out of fossil fuels with
3 my family. My union brothers, they earn a good living.
4 Some logistics. Yeah, you're going to make a profit
5 but they also are creating economy, a tax base.
6 There's a lot of good use out of fossil fuels, out of
7 the gas industry. I want to think about the hospitals
8 that are powered. Right now there's not enough wind
9 and solar, whether we like it or not. We use studies
10 from Germany. We're told 50 percent of their sources
11 come from wind and solar. That is not true. It is not
12 true.

13 I am a believer in factual information and
14 there's a lot of facts that are misrepresented. We can
15 simply look back to the '70s and the '80s when we were
16 told --- we were told by the leading experts, James
17 Hansen being one of them, he said if we continue to use
18 the fossil fuels --- in 1986 he made a prediction that
19 if we continue the use that we were at, that we would
20 be up --- by the end of '90s we would be up a half to a
21 degree. By the end of 2000, we would be up two to four
22 degrees. Well, I'm here to tell you fossil fuels have
23 doubled, they have doubled. And the fact is the
24 temperature has risen by .27. That's the facts.

25 We really need to look at this long and

1 hard. I understand the concerns of people, but fossil
2 fuels has done more good for this country and its
3 people that we can ever dream of. And I just want to
4 say, I listen to people's concerns. And I personally
5 believe that you do believe it. Someone stated about
6 character earlier. I do believe you believe it in the
7 pit of your soul where you're at. But believe in the
8 pit of my soul that I believe that it's not that bad.
9 I really don't. And I believe it's done more good than
10 harm. That's all.

11 CHAIR:

12 Thank you. Anyone else on the Task Force?
13 All right. I'm going to invoke the privilege of the
14 Chair for just a few minutes. I want to reflect with
15 you on our work together since last summer as we close.
16 I want to start first on behalf of Governor Wolf by
17 saying, thank you. And thank you, all, for your
18 service to the Commonwealth.

19 Our shared task is critically important
20 and it's been complex and nuanced. But we've
21 approached it with unprecedented transparency. Thank
22 you, Commonwealth Media Services. We've approached it
23 with integrity, we've been diverse in our
24 representative group. The Task Force members and
25 workgroup participants, over 150 of us, dug in and

1 worked hard to craft a list of recommendations that
2 have many common elements. And that in the words of
3 our preamble are purposely challenging and long-term.
4 And some of them perhaps impractical as current
5 government policy.

6 It's true to say that some of the
7 recommendations in our report are already required by
8 law or regulation. The fact that they bubbled up from
9 workgroups shows first that the additional education
10 and engagement we've talked about is necessary. But
11 it's also accurate to say that just because something
12 is already required by law or regulation does not mean
13 that it's always done, as even a causal perusal of
14 DEP's enforcement actions on pipeline development would
15 make plain. So including in our report recommendations
16 that cover things that industry is already required to
17 do is fair.

18 Many of the recommendations in our report
19 are already being embraced and practiced by leading
20 companies, leading counties, Commissioner Cozzone, and
21 even in State and Federal agencies, my own included.
22 Reminders in my view are okay, but high levels of
23 practice are not universal. And raising the bar for
24 all of us, industry, government agencies, communities
25 and stakeholders is the vision that Governor Wolf had

1 in convening us. That's what we must strive for and
2 that work must continue after this Task Force completes
3 its work.

4 I also want to thank the 1,500-plus
5 citizens who submitted comments online, those who
6 watched us on the web and those who joined us at our
7 meetings. We listened respectfully. Some of their
8 messages underscored, in dramatic ways, some of the
9 reasons that Governor Wolf convened this Task Force in
10 the first place. And I thank everyone for their input
11 and participation, and for giving Task Force members a
12 glimpse of everyday life at DEP.

13 As we noted in our preamble, our report
14 will be a success if it promotes sustained
15 collaboration of stakeholders and facilitates the
16 responsible development of pipeline infrastructure in
17 the Commonwealth. It's not meant to be the final word,
18 but the start of a longer conversations, and the start
19 of follow-on work across state and local governments
20 and in company boardrooms and in communities to assess
21 and hopefully implement recommendations that we've
22 developed together.

23 I also want to thank all of the
24 professionals at DEP who were involved in our
25 workgroups, in DEP's internal agency workgroup and

1 especially my great, hard working, professional and
2 extremely patient staff. Again, I want to thank you
3 all for your service to the Commonwealth. We are
4 adjourned.

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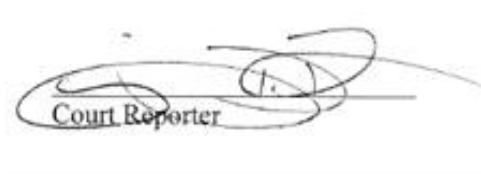
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