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IROQUOIS PIPELINE OPERATING COMPANY
PRESENTATION OF Q & A
08/09 EXPANSION PROJECT OPEN HOUSE
MAY 1, 2007

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1 . . .Verbatim proceedings of a meeting
2 regarding the Iroquois Pipeline Operating Company, 08/09
3 Expansion Project Open House, held at the Whisconier
4 Middle School, 17 W. Whisconier Road, Brookfield,
5 Connecticut, on May 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. . . .

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MR. TODD WHITE: My name is Todd White.
10 I'm the Director of Market Development and Customer
11 Service for Iroquois, and I'm glad to see all you folks
12 out here tonight. We welcome the opportunity to take your
13 comments and questions tonight.

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What we're going to do is we're going to
have about a 15-minute presentation, where we'll go
through and provide you with a lot of information.
Hopefully, that will answer a lot of your questions. If
you still have questions, that's fine. We'll be available
to answer those questions after that.

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Before we get into that, though, I'd like
to introduce your First Selectman, Mr. Jerry Murphy, who'd
like to make a few comments. Jerry?

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MR. JERRY MURPHY: Basically, here we go
again. I do want to get something straight. I saw an e-

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1 mail that said, oh, the people of Town Hall knew about
2 this ahead of time. This is not true. I found out about
3 this at 11:00 on the morning of the 10th of February, and
4 that night was the State of the Town Address, where I
5 announced it, so this came to us the same time it came to
6 everybody else.

7 The last time around, we fought this as
8 best we could, and we intend to fight again this time. As
9 far as I'm concerned, and most of us agree from
10 Brookfield, we gave at the office. We already have done
11 enough, and this is just over the top.

12 There's 65 acres there, and what scares us
13 even more than the second compressor station is what's
14 next? And, if nothing else, we will try like heck to get
15 a commitment that this is it, because, as I said, it's
16 unfortunate for us that the three pipelines meet in
17 Brookfield.

18 Tom Beecher is here. Tom went through the
19 process last time with the Town, and, as you know, we had
20 the Governor, Governor's representative, Senator Roraback,
21 Representative Scribner, and the Attorney General.

22 I had several conversations with the
23 Attorney General last time, and I know he's going to be
24 supportive of us again this time. Before we start, just

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1 say that we, the administration, are against this. We
2 feel we're giving more than we have to.

3 By all means, if you have any questions
4 that I can answer, give me a call at the office, and we
5 need to fight this as a team. I have to leave a little
6 bit early, because we have a Town meeting at the high
7 school, but, again, we're going to do our best. Thank
8 you.

9 MS. MARY ELLEN RICCI: I have a question.
10 Why do they pay one-third of what we pay for taxes? We
11 were reassessed. Can you answer that?

12 MR. MURPHY: They were reassessed by Vision
13 Appraisal, and I'm not sure what -- I haven't looked at
14 the details of what their taxes are.

15 MS. RICCI: One-third of what a taxpayer
16 pays.

17 COURT REPORTER: Excuse me, ma'am. You
18 need to identify yourself.

19 MS. RICCI: My name is Mary Ellen Ricci.

20 COURT REPORTER: To be heard, you need to
21 be on the microphone.

22 MS. RICCI: My name is Mary Ellen Ricci,
23 and when we were reassessed, we investigated what they
24 were paying for their taxable lots. They basically had 10

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1 buildable lots, and their taxes are one-third of what the
2 average Brookfield person pays.

3 Now, you know, they raped us once. Now
4 they're going to rape us again, and FERC looks the other
5 way. I want to know that this is -- this was going to be
6 something positive, they said, for Brookfield. They were
7 going to bring in income to Brookfield. Well how do they
8 get away with paying so much less than everybody else?

9 MR. MURPHY: Well, first of all, the big
10 taxes will come when they put their development up, when
11 they put the compressor station up. As far as the
12 specifics of their taxes, I've not looked into that. I
13 certainly will, but, again, the reevaluation was done by
14 Vision Appraisal. It's a company that did it last time.
15 They're a reputable company, and I can't answer your
16 specific question. Anything else?

17 MR. WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Murphy. So
18 tonight's format, what we're going to do is we put
19 together about a 15-minute presentation that hopefully
20 will answer many of your questions. After that, we'll
21 open it up to questions. I would ask that you please hold
22 your comments and questions until we get to the end of the
23 presentation.

24 MR. GREG GEORGE: How close is this power

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1 point presentation to the one you've already done last
2 year?

3 COURT REPORTER: You need to identify
4 yourself on the record.

5 MR. GEORGE: My name is Greg George. I'd
6 like to know if this presentation is going to be the same
7 or very similar to the one that was already presented,
8 because it's a waste of our time to present the same
9 thing. I presume that this will be the net change from
10 the last time.

11 MR. WHITE: This presentation addresses the
12 expansion that we're proposing for 2009.

13 MR. GEORGE: Only the expansion?

14 MR. WHITE: Only the expansion for 2009.
15 It has nothing to do with the expansion for 2008.

16 MR. GEORGE: May I stop you on a page that
17 you've already presented, and could we have a copy of
18 this?

19 MR. WHITE: We'll have this presentation on
20 our website. You can definitely access it.

21 MR. GEORGE: You don't have a copy of it
22 for us now?

23 MR. WHITE: I don't think we have any
24 tonight, do we? They can be downloaded off of the

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1 website. So, again, I would ask if we could just go
2 through the presentation. Chances are a lot of the
3 questions that you have may be on the next slide.
4 Certainly, if we get to the end, it's only about 15
5 minutes, and if you still have questions, we'll open it up
6 to the floor, and we'll take all your questions and
7 comments at that point in time.

8 When you have a question to ask, please
9 just raise your hand, or, actually, you can just go up to
10 the microphone. We have a microphone out here. You can
11 just go to the microphone. I would ask that you please
12 state your name and address. We do have a stenographer
13 with us here tonight to make sure we get an accurate
14 record of everything that's said, but we would like to be
15 able to have an accurate record of who you are, just in
16 the event there's a question we don't have the answer to,
17 so we can get back in touch with you.

18 I would expect that part of tonight's
19 activities to go on for about half an hour, and then we'll
20 take a little bit of break, in case there's anyone who
21 needs to leave to go take care of kids or other family
22 personal issues.

23 We will remain available after that to
24 answer any questions on an informal basis, and certainly

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1 look forward to your questions. The presentation tonight
2 is going to be given by Mr. Rob Perless. Rob has been
3 with Iroquois for two years now, and, prior to that, he
4 was employed by the Southern Connecticut Gas Company for
5 13 years. He's a Registered Professional Engineer and a
6 licensed Project Management Professional.

7 As we go through the evening, certainly
8 he'll be fielding our questions, and then, after tonight,
9 if you think of additional questions, you can go to our
10 website, and there's a link there for the Ask Rob Link,
11 and you can send him an e-mail directly from our website.

12 At any point in the process if you have
13 questions, we'll get back to you and answer those
14 questions. So, without further ado, I give you Mr. Rob
15 Perless.

16 MR. ROB PERLESS: I'm going to give a
17 quick, 15-minute presentation. There are several terms
18 and acronyms that I'll be throwing out through the
19 presentation. I'll try and stop and define them.

20 The first one is the FERC, which many of
21 you know is the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and
22 they're charged with approving this project. As many of
23 you know from the Market Access Project when we were here
24 a year ago, we spoke about them, but they're in charge of

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1 this project, and, ultimately, we have to get a FERC
2 certificate from them to move forward with this project.

3 As such, part of the process that we're
4 doing this evening is soliciting comments and concerns
5 from residents of Brookfield, and we have these cards on
6 the back tables, which are comment cards, with questions
7 and comments that you can fill out, and you can send them
8 directly to us. The postage is paid. Likewise, you can
9 go to the FERC website and be able to put your comments
10 and concerns that way.

11 There are a couple of brochures in the
12 back, as well, regarding the project, which I would
13 suggest that you take home and refer to. One is entitled
14 The Proposed 08/09 Expansion Project, which we put
15 together, which goes into all the details of the project,
16 and a second one is put out by the New England Gas
17 Association, which is entitled What You Need To Know About
18 Natural Gas Pipeline Safety, two good pieces of documents,
19 and you'll find them on the tables in the rear.

20 Finally, another good source of information
21 is our website, where we will have this presentation in
22 our website, along with a question and answer page that
23 goes into multiple questions, and we're looking for
24 questions from the public that we'll review and put up on

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1 the website and give answers, if I don't give the answer
2 to you this evening.

3 The agenda for this evening, I'd like to
4 start out on a broad area and talk about Iroquois and the
5 natural gas industry, in particular, funnel it down a
6 little bit more to this project, funnel it down even
7 further to Brookfield, and answer the four basic
8 questions, why natural gas, why Iroquois, why compression
9 and why Brookfield?

10 After why Brookfield, I have three more
11 slides that really address, as I took away from the last
12 open house we had approximately a year ago, three points,
13 safety, emissions and noise, which I thought were the
14 three relevant points or the three relevant themes that
15 kept coming up. I'll address those, and then I'll wrap it
16 up and address it to open it up to questions.

17 The natural gas industry, most people don't
18 know much about the natural gas industry, or, in
19 particular, natural gas transmission pipelines, and,
20 primarily, that's because they're underground and not
21 seen, but I liken them to electric transmission lines,
22 which everybody sees along the highways, and, really, they
23 have the same purpose. It's to move energy regionally.

24 Most of the gas that we see here in the

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1 northeast comes from either the Gulf, along the Gulf
2 state, or the Gulf of Mexico, or, in our case, it comes
3 from Western Canada. Iroquois was a pipeline that was
4 developed to bring in Western Canadian gas down to the New
5 England market.

6 There's actually over 275,000 miles of
7 interstate pipelines throughout the United States, and, in
8 Connecticut, we have 550 miles of those pipelines of which
9 Iroquois only has 50 miles. The other transmission lines
10 are Tennessee Pipeline and the Algonquin Pipeline.

11 To move this gas through the pipelines, we
12 need to compress it, and what compression is doing is that
13 we're pressurizing the gas to a higher pressure, because
14 it loses pressure as it moves down the pipeline.

15 Compressor stations are typically seen every 40 to 70
16 miles along a pipeline.

17 In the late '80s, a group of investors got
18 together, and they looked at the New England market, in
19 particular, Connecticut and New York, and they saw that
20 really Algonquin and Tennessee were the only two pipelines
21 delivering gas, so they formulated a plan to put together
22 the Iroquois pipeline. In 1991 or in the early '90s, it
23 was built, and in 1991 we went into operation. Today, we
24 have five compressor stations, and we're moving over 1.2

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1 BCF of gas. Here's another acronym. BCF stands for
2 billion cubic feet.

3 So, on a typical day, we're moving between
4 one and 1.2 BCF of natural gas that is being delivered to
5 local gas utilities, like Southern Connecticut Gas, or
6 Connecticut Natural Gas, to other pipelines, like
7 Tennessee and/or Algonquin, and to power plants.

8 Iroquois is regulated by numerous agencies,
9 FERC being one of them, that approves projects, but once
10 projects move forward and go into operation, there's
11 several other agencies that participate in overseeing the
12 operations, one being the DOT. The Federal Government
13 will monitor the operations. Right here in Connecticut,
14 the Department of Environmental Protection, or the DEP,
15 has a hand in reviewing our air permits at our compressor
16 stations.

17 Talk a little bit about this project. This
18 project is to serve KeySpan, KeySpan Energy, and it's to
19 move 200,000 decatherms, another term. A decatherm is
20 approximately 1,000 cubic feet. So KeySpan is looking for
21 200 million cubic feet a day of natural gas to be
22 delivered to South Commack, Long Island.

23 To give you a little bit of timeline on how
24 we got to this process, in September of 2006, Iroquois

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1 held an open season. Now what an open season is it's a
2 vehicle that Iroquois or pipelines use, where they go out
3 to their customers and they ask them who is interested in
4 more natural gas, or more supply, or more of a -- who has
5 more interest in our services?

6 Basically, KeySpan came back and said we
7 were interested in 200,000 cubic feet to be moved to South
8 Commack. Can you do it? In November and December, we
9 went back to the drawing board, reviewed it, we ran it on
10 our modeling system and reviewed the facilities that would
11 be necessary, to see if we were even able to meet that
12 amount of -- to meet that need to move that amount of
13 natural gas over to South Commack, Long Island.

14 In January, we presented KeySpan with what
15 we thought was a good proposal and a good project, the
16 facilities that were necessary to move this gas, and, in
17 February, we went public with the project. As Mr. Murphy
18 alluded to earlier, we met with him on February 10th to
19 inform him of this project.

20 In March of '07, we met with the FERC, or,
21 actually, in February, we met with the FERC, but, in
22 March, they approved for Iroquois to use the NEPA pre-
23 filing process, and what the NEPA stands for is another
24 acronym for National Environmental Policy Act.

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1 The pre-filing process is what's important
2 here. The pre-filing process is where the FERC asks us to
3 go out and solicit comments and concerns from the public
4 to incorporate into our documents before we make a final
5 filing, and it saves a lot of time for everybody.

6 The facilities that are necessary for this
7 project are a little bit of looping, which is part of
8 phase one. Looping is another term we use in the natural
9 gas or pipeline industry, which pretty much just means
10 putting in parallel pipe to existing pipe.

11 We have a main line that runs from
12 Waddington down to South Commack, Long Island. We're
13 going to place pipe approximately 25-foot offset of the
14 original pipe. We've determined that we need to put 5.8
15 miles of 36-inch pipe along side of our existing pipe in
16 Boonville, another mile in Wright, and 1.6 miles is
17 proposed for Newtown, Connecticut, along the edge of the
18 Paugussett Forest.

19 Phase two of this project, we need to put
20 in a compressor station that will have two compressors,
21 two mainline compressors at 10,300 horsepower each, and
22 that's slated to go on line for January 2009. And,
23 finally, for Brookfield, Connecticut, to put in an
24 additional compressor, with gas cooling. That will be on

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1 line for November 2009.

2 MS. KERRY SWIFT: I'm sorry. Could you
3 repeat the size of the compressors that you're going to
4 put in in Brookfield, Connecticut?

5 MR. PERLESS: It would be one additional
6 10,300 horsepower compressor.

7 MS. SWIFT: And the other --

8 COURT REPORTER: Whoever is speaking needs
9 to come up to the microphone.

10 MR. PERLESS: This is a transcription
11 service. She's transcribing this, so we can give minutes
12 of this meeting to the FERC, and so all the pertinent
13 questions or concerns are documented and given to the
14 FERC.

15 MR. GEORGE: Will a copy of that tape be
16 given to the Town of Brookfield?

17 MR. PERLESS: Well the actual will get
18 transcribed onto paper, a document.

19 MR. GEORGE: And who will get a copy?

20 MR. PERLESS: I believe is the document
21 going to be public, it's going to be given to the FERC,
22 and it will be available for the public?

23 MS. SWIFT: I just missed the size of the
24 compressor stations. I wanted you to repeat. One 10,300,

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1 that's the new one?

2 MR. PERLESS: Yes.

3 MS. SWIFT: And how big the old ones were,
4 because I don't have my old notes.

5 MR. PERLESS: Well there are no old ones in
6 Brookfield.

7 MS. SWIFT: The ones you were already
8 approved for.

9 MR. PERLESS: The one that's already
10 approved is 7,700 horsepower.

11 MS. SWIFT: Seven thousand, seven hundred.
12 That was the size of the turbines, right?

13 MR. PERLESS: Yes.

14 MS. SWIFT: Okay.

15 COURT REPORTER: Your name, Miss?

16 MS. SWIFT: Kerry Swift.

17 MR. PERLESS: To give you an idea where
18 these facilities are located, Boonville is a town just
19 north of Utica, where we're going to put in a little under
20 six miles of looping, a mile in Wright, which is just
21 outside of Albany, Brookfield you're obviously familiar
22 with, 1.6 miles in the Newtown forest, or in Newtown in
23 the Paugussett Forest, and two compressors at 10,300
24 horsepower in Milford, all to deliver gas to the terminus,

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1 one of the terminuses of the Iroquois pipeline in South
2 Commack, New York.

3 Basically, the four basic questions, why
4 natural gas, why Iroquois, why compression and why
5 Brookfield? Natural gas is the fuel of choice in today's
6 market. Residential builders prefer to build with it.
7 More homes are heated with natural gas than any other type
8 of fuel throughout the United States.

9 Commercial businesses like the versatility,
10 and industrial business, or industry prefers the
11 environmental cleanliness of the fuel, but, really, it's
12 the first bullet point is what's really driving this
13 project. It's the demand that KeySpan is seeing on Long
14 Island.

15 They're predicting growth of Long Island in
16 their service sector, especially in Suffolk County, of two
17 to three times what they're seeing in the rest of the
18 state, and, as such, they need to move more gas to that
19 area to meet the fueling demand or the growing demand.

20 MR. GEORGE: I've got a question. Greg
21 George again. On the supply side, what has Canada been
22 doing recently to change that supply? I think you need to
23 research that, because about two months ago I think there
24 were articles out that Canada was reducing its supply,

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1 because the demand was getting low.

2 MR. PERLESS: What Iroquois does is we
3 transport natural gas. We don't procure the supply.
4 That's done by KeySpan or another entity on KeySpan's
5 behalf.

6 MR. GEORGE: KeySpan is part of you, right?

7 MR. PERLESS: No. Yes, they are an owner
8 of us.

9 MR. GEORGE: Yes.

10 MR. PERLESS: Yes, but, for this project,
11 they go out and they procure their own gas. What we do is
12 transport it from point A to point B, point B being South
13 Commack, Long Island.

14 MR. GEORGE: Can you tell me why Canada is
15 starting to reduce the supply?

16 MR. PERLESS: I can't talk -- I don't have
17 an answer to that.

18 MR. GEORGE: I think that needs to be
19 answered.

20 MR. PERLESS: Really, again, we transport
21 the fuel. We don't procure the fuel. We just move the
22 gas from one point to another. It's up to the third
23 entity or KeySpan to go out and procure the fuel. We
24 provide a transportation service. We're like the

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1 Teamsters. We move it from one point to the other, which
2 leads me to the next point, why Iroquois?

3 Well we're the supply piece, and the supply
4 I don't mean gas supply, but I mean transportation to the
5 facility, or to the area that they're seeing the most
6 growth in, but we're the only, right now, the only
7 pipeline that's serving Suffolk County, Long Island. We
8 have a direct access to their market.

9 We're the pipeline that's serving the
10 market. It's going right into the middle of their market,
11 so it makes sense that they would come to Iroquois to seek
12 the transportation services to move the natural gas to
13 meet their growing demand.

14 Why compression? In Brookfield, the
15 Algonquin pipeline, which they're going to be moving the
16 gas on for the initial part of this project, but
17 delivering it to Iroquois, operates at a lower pressure,
18 and, as such, we need to put in transfer compression that
19 will take the pressure from Algonquin, raise it to that of
20 Iroquois, and ultimately move it down Iroquois pipeline.
21 It's the only feasible and viable alternative for boosting
22 the gas pressure at this location.

23 Why Brookfield? Well, as Mr. Murphy said
24 earlier, it's the interconnect of the Algonquin and

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1 Iroquois pipelines. The two pipelines meet at that 65-
2 acre parcel that Iroquois owns at the bottom of High
3 Meadow Road, but it's also a site of a previously FERC
4 approved compressor site.

5 The Market Access, the project has been
6 approved, and the Eli Project before that, which was never
7 built, was approved, so it makes sense to utilize existing
8 facilities that have already been approved for compressor
9 sites.

10 This is an artistic rendering that was in
11 the back, and many of you have seen it. The building on
12 the right is associated with the Market Access Project,
13 and the building on the left is associated with the
14 project we're speaking about this evening, but a little
15 bit about the Market Access Project.

16 I just wanted to fill you in on what has
17 developed on that project since we originally spoke and
18 what has changed, and I think for the better from
19 Brookfield's point of view. Originally, we were looking
20 to develop 6.62 acres of the site. Today, we're only
21 developing 1.37 acres. It's an 80 percent reduction in
22 the amount of acreage that we're going to utilize at that
23 facility.

24 As such, we've reduced the tree removal

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1 necessary at that site. We've also removed some of the
2 buildings from this project. We've removed the control
3 building and an office building, and we put them off on a
4 separate project that doesn't have a timeline at this
5 point.

6 And, finally, we've reduced -- two other
7 issues. We've reduced the size of the compressor
8 building. Originally, we were proposing 55 by 75 feet.
9 Today, it's roughly 35 by 55 feet, which is a 50 percent
10 reduction in the size of the building, and the coolers
11 have been reduced from eight fans, or eight cooling, or
12 eight, four bays, or eight fans down to two bays, or four
13 fans, so the cooler sizes have been reduced by 50 percent.

14 These are all issues that we put forth to
15 the FERC, and we've discussed with Jerry Murphy about how
16 we're changing the site. One question I've heard over and
17 over this evening are what are the plans for the future,
18 and Mr. Murphy alluded to it earlier.

19 The plans we do have for the future are
20 potentially to put an office building and a warehouse on
21 the site at the top of the hill on High Meadow Road that
22 would act as a visual buffer to the rest of the site.
23 However, I will caveat that by saying that there's no
24 timeline associated with that project.

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1 Being that we have several projects in hand
2 right now, we put that project on hold and plan to address
3 it at a later date and then have them put a timeline on
4 it. As far as future gas facilities are concerned,
5 compressor stations at the site, at this time, I cannot
6 say that there will or will not be additional compressors
7 at the site.

8 It really depends on how the market
9 develops. At this time, there's nothing on the drawing
10 board, but that doesn't mean in the next open season
11 another KeySpan, or a Con Ed, or some other entity won't
12 step forward and say that they need additional gas in the
13 New York/Long Island market. So I can't say that we will,
14 but I can't say that we won't develop the site anymore
15 down at that site.

16 Another artistic rendering of what the
17 facilities will look like, the two turbine buildings and
18 their motor control centers just in front of them, taken
19 from the Algonquin, the right of way on the
20 Algonquin/Iroquois right of way.

21 Construction for this facility is planned
22 for April through October of 2009, and, as I said earlier,
23 in a few slides earlier, it's scheduled to be on line by
24 November of 2009. Anybody and everybody who works on this

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1 project will go through Iroquois environmental training,
2 and they will have stickers on their hardhats, stating the
3 fact that they've gone through our environmental training.

4 Likewise, we'll have environmental
5 inspectors on site to make sure that environmental
6 compliance and environmental issues are being adhered to.
7 Finally, we will be putting, or we have a communications
8 plans together. We're developing a website that will be
9 more extensive than what it's been in the past.

10 We're in communication with Mr. Murphy and
11 his office about our time schedules. We'll take out
12 newspaper notices when we plan to do construction and keep
13 the community informed of all of our plans going forward.

14 Looking back on my notes from the previous
15 open house, the three reoccurring themes that I heard from
16 the residents of Brookfield were safety, noise and
17 emissions, and I've put together three quick slides on
18 those, and we'll go into those.

19 The safety features are no different than
20 what we've talked about in the past. All of our stations
21 have fire and gas detection and suppression systems
22 incorporated with the compressor and closure. In the
23 event of an upset condition, there's an emergency
24 shutdown, which will shut down and isolate the station

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1 from the rest of the system.

2 Auxiliary power, if we lose power and
3 there's a power failure, we have emergency backup power
4 that will come on and be able to provide electricity to
5 the facilities, and we have air handling capabilities. If
6 a natural gas alarm goes off inside the building,
7 ventilation increases in the building in trying to
8 disburse the natural gas.

9 Security, we have perimeter fencing around
10 the site -- alarms, and we have a 24-hour video that takes
11 place in Shelton that's viewable by our Shelton gas
12 dispatchers.

13 All the pipe that's put in the ground is
14 inspected. Prior to it being put in the ground, it's
15 either x-rayed or some other form of non-destructive
16 testing to insure that we have quality wells. Prior to
17 the pipe being put in the ground, it's coated and then
18 eventually pressure tested, and we cathodically protect
19 all the pipe to insure that corrosion isn't an issue.

20 We have emergency procedures that we meet
21 with the local authority and meet with the emergency
22 responders and go over. We have a plan in place with
23 them. We maintain a buffer zone around the compression
24 facility. Finally, natural gas being lighter than air

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1 naturally dissipates into the atmosphere, so in the event
2 of a gas leak, gas being lighter than air just dissipates
3 into the atmosphere.

4 The noise requirements, the FERC has a
5 noise requirement of 55 dBA, which we were planning to
6 meet at this location. Currently, the noise levels at the
7 site are between 40 and 60 dBA. We'll be within that
8 range. We've had a noise level test done prior to
9 construction.

10 As part of the Market Access, we had a
11 baseline noise study, where we developed the 40 to 60 dBA
12 level, and we'll review it after startup with the unit in
13 operation to insure that we meet that 55 dBA level, and
14 we'll do it periodically during operation. If equipment
15 is changed out or added to the site, we do an additional
16 noise test to insure that we're still meeting those FERC
17 guidelines.

18 Air emissions. So we'll be able to operate
19 the station, we are required to have an air permit from
20 the Connecticut DEP. They will review this. Our
21 consultant will sit down and model the existing criteria
22 that's presently at the site, and the application will go
23 into the DEP, and they'll review it, and, ultimately, they
24 will grant, hopefully grant us a permit to operate the

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1 station.

2 If, for some reason, they don't, we cannot
3 operate the station. We need a DEP air permit to be able
4 to build and operate the station. As such, we'll be using
5 what's called BACT, or Best Available Emissions Control
6 Technology, which is essentially a low NOx turbine
7 compressor, which limits the amount of NOx being emitted
8 to the atmosphere.

9 And while the unit is in operation, we will
10 have periodic testing of the unit to insure that we're
11 still in compliance with the air permit.

12 MS. SWIFT: Do you have a copy of that?

13 MR. PERLESS: It will be available on the
14 website. We should have the website up and running within
15 the next one to two weeks. That permit has gone in either
16 today, or tomorrow it's going in, so imminently, yeah.

17 Finally, all this information that I've
18 given you this evening will be available on our website,
19 Iroquois.com. We put together a more comprehensive
20 project webpage that will go into much greater detail than
21 what we've done in the past.

22 This will be available on the website.
23 There will be a question and answer section that will be
24 available talking to safety and emissions and different

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1 criteria, and there will be something called Rob's Corner,
2 so if somebody has a question regarding the project that
3 maybe I didn't answer this evening, or going down the line
4 a question comes up, they can send me an e-mail, and I'll
5 either respond to it and/or put it on our website.

6 But, prior to us doing any construction, we
7 contact impacted landowners and public officials to let
8 them know what we've been doing. We've been in constant
9 contact with Mr. Murphy and his office about this project
10 and the previous project. Newspaper notices will go in
11 the local newspapers prior to us starting construction,
12 and we'll develop a landowner hotline, so if landowners
13 have issues, they can call this 1-800 line.

14 Finally, we've been dealing with the Town
15 recently in helping them update their emergency plan to
16 incorporate our facilities. A meeting was held
17 approximately a month ago, and we're providing a grant to
18 the Town to hire a consultant to put together a plan that
19 we will be part of in writing a plan, but that will become
20 part of the Town of Brookfield's emergency plan to
21 incorporate not only the Market Access Project, but this
22 08/09 expansion project.

23 And, finally, I'll open it up to questions.

24 All this information is available, as I stated earlier,

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1 on the website, and if you would, please just come up to
2 the microphone and state your name. I have a panel of
3 experts with me, so the degree that I can't answer a
4 question, or I don't answer it adequately --

5 MR. ART CURLY: I've got a question. It's
6 a statement. My name is Art Curly, 13 Obtuse Rocks Road.
7 I'm on the Board of Selectmen. I look around tonight and
8 I see that there's probably as many people from Iroquois
9 as there are from the Town, and earlier in the evening it
10 was almost, you know, it was a striking difference.
11 That's not because people of Brookfield are not interested
12 in this. I think they're disillusioned, they're
13 frustrated, as the way that Iroquois and, quite frankly,
14 the Federal Government, via FERC, has acted in this
15 regard.

16 There's been a total disregard for the
17 concern of this community, but more troubling than that is
18 the fact that when this was going through the first round,
19 people noted that this is a fairly large piece of land
20 that you folks had, and asked at that time were there any
21 plans for any additional facilities? Oh, no, no. That's
22 our buffer.

23 You used that land to present that as a
24 buffer for the community. As we know, this school is

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1 within close proximity to that facility. We have homes,
2 and, right now, some of those homes are experiencing a
3 significant market loss because of this, which we're very,
4 very, very much concerned about, but it's the, and I'll
5 use the term unhesitatingly, the dishonesty of Iroquois,
6 quite frankly.

7 I will admit tonight you're saying, maybe
8 because you know that you have to say this, when you're
9 asked if any other plans are in the future, we just don't
10 know, whereas, in earlier days, you more or less
11 categorically maybe that's too strong, but I don't think
12 so, ruled them out.

13 Let me just say a few more things, please.
14 I have to run to the Town meeting. When I went up to the
15 Athens facility with a townsperson, who I believe is still
16 here tonight, and we had a representative from Shelton, I
17 believe, with us, they admitted pretty much that in the
18 best of all worlds, it was the Athens type environment
19 that they would like to have for a gas compression
20 facility, and, quite frankly, Brookfield, Connecticut, or
21 this setting in Brookfield, Connecticut, is a world apart
22 from the setting in Athens.

23 It's a very rural area. It's a former
24 airport, what have you. We looked around. You could not

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1 see a house if you tried. Here, we have this facility in
2 close proximity to a school and to a residential area.

3 And I want to say something to FERC, too,
4 that they're here tonight, whatever, and I think that when
5 you have -- this is not a case of NIMBY. This is not a
6 case of Not In My Backyard. This is a question of safety.

7 By your own statements, that you would prefer to put a
8 facility like this in an area that was not in close
9 proximity to homes and schools, but, yet, we're going down
10 that road again now and whatever, and then we can hide
11 under the cover of FERC.

12 What's concerning Brookfield people is that
13 they've learned a lesson here. We have no control over
14 this, okay? But, yet, I want to go back to the start of
15 this project, and people should be aware there's no
16 benefit here to Connecticut. This pipeline comes down
17 from Canada, hugs New York State line, but, all the
18 sudden, it comes into Connecticut. Now why do you suppose
19 that is? Because money people, quite frankly, the horsy
20 set in Northern Dutchess County were successful. What's the
21 name of the town? Amenia, I guess, they were able to push
22 this over into Connecticut.

23 Look at your map, and, quite frankly, it's
24 going to cost you more, so this was not an economic

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1 decision, because now you look at your terminus in
2 Connecticut is Milford. You have to then go back to the
3 west to go to South Commack. Had you come down New York
4 State, who is benefiting from this, and exited New York
5 State through Port Chester or Rye, you would have had a
6 much shorter trip across the sound.

7 So no one can tell me that this was done
8 for economic reasons, and no one can tell me, or we should
9 tell FERC, that things can change. Maybe we will not be
10 successful here in Brookfield, I hope we will, but people
11 are watching this across the country and saying, wait a
12 minute now. You've got the Governor of the State of
13 Connecticut, you have the State Attorney General, you have
14 the Senate Delegation, the Congressional Delegation, or
15 House person, or State Senate person. There is unanimity
16 on this, and it's just like nobody is listening.

17 So, please, do not take this poor turnout
18 tonight as an indication that Brookfield does not oppose
19 this. Brookfield is totally opposed to this. In fact, I
20 had suggested sort of, you know, offhand that maybe the
21 best thing to do is for no one to show up, because we
22 think it's a flawed process. It's a dishonest process.
23 Thank you very much.

24 MS. SWIFT: And to have this on the same

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1 night as a Town meeting, too. Kerry Swift.

2 COURT REPORTER: Can you spell your last
3 name for me?

4 MS. SWIFT: I'll spell my first name. K-E-
5 R-R-Y, Swift, S-W-I-F-T. It's 25 Pocono Ridge Road. And
6 it is appalling that this is the same night as a Town
7 meeting. I mean our form of government is a Town meeting
8 form of government.

9 MR. PERLESS: We set this up with Mr.
10 Murphy four or five weeks ago, and this is the date that
11 we were given.

12 MS. SWIFT: Okay, well, it's a poor date to
13 begin with. And I'd also like to point out those fields
14 back there I want you all to walk by that window and take
15 a look out at those fields and note how full they are, and
16 those are the children you are putting at risk, and my
17 children have spent a lot of time on those fields. My
18 children attend this school. I live down the road, and,
19 frankly, I'm appalled, and I'm appalled that FERC would
20 allow this, too.

21 And, also, thank you, Mr. Curly, for his
22 comments, that you told us. I was at that meeting. We
23 were all at that meeting. No, no more compressor
24 stations. This is it. That 7/7 turbines, that those were

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1 it. That was all the pollution my children were going to
2 be inhaling in this school, and how you're pumping -- now
3 you've got a bigger one, pumping more particulates, and
4 particulate matter I will again tell you it gets through
5 these walls, it goes through the cracks and the mortars.
6 My children in this school will be breathing that in, and
7 I'm appalled.

8 And I also am disappointed that you're
9 getting the website up -- the slide I asked you about on
10 the website, it's going up after you already have the
11 permit in. That should have been up before, so that we
12 could -- you know, we should have been told about this a
13 long time ago, because I would have written earlier to the
14 DEP about your permit.

15 MR. PERLESS: The permit is physically -- I
16 believe it's probably still in our offices and will be
17 going out the door tomorrow.

18 MS. SWIFT: Well, but you told me the
19 website is going up a week after, so it's tough for me to
20 put together a letter before. Anyways, I have some
21 questions from what you asked for tonight. You said that
22 there's going to be no controller office building on that
23 site, but you're going to put them elsewhere. Where are
24 you planning on putting those, and where are the plans for

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1 them to go?

2 MR. PERLESS: Are you familiar with the
3 site as you go down High Meadow Road?

4 MS. SWIFT: Unfortunately.

5 MR. PERLESS: There's a small berm here,
6 and it can't be seen through the trees, but, as you come
7 down High Meadow Road, if you look into the gate prior to
8 the main gate going into the existing meter facility,
9 there's a small berm. The office building would go up in
10 that location. It's roughly 200 feet in front of this
11 building and act as a visual buffer to this building.

12 MS. SWIFT: So we're going to be looking at
13 an office building?

14 MR. PERLESS: Well, again, we're working
15 with Fletcher Thompson to architecturally enhance the
16 building, so it fits in with the rest of the community.

17 MS. SWIFT: Okay, which is houses, just so
18 you know, okay? Just so we're clear on the record, it's
19 houses, not office buildings. Okay. The environmental
20 inspectors, who are going to be inspecting while you're
21 building, who do they come from?

22 MR. PERLESS: It's a third party that we
23 will hire.

24 MS. SWIFT: So they're employed by you?

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1 They're not an outside?

2 MR. PERLESS: No. They're an outside firm,
3 and we will also --

4 MS. SWIFT: But you're paying them?

5 MR. PERLESS: Yes.

6 MS. SWIFT: Okay, so, they are your
7 employees?

8 MR. PERLESS: No. They're contractors to
9 the company.

10 MS. SWIFT: But they're not independent, is
11 what I'm asking.

12 COURT REPORTER: I can't hear you on the
13 record.

14 MS. SWIFT: Oh. He's exactly right, that
15 they're not independent. They're paid by you. Is there
16 any way that Brookfield -- what I would ask is that
17 Brookfield -- you said you're going to be paying us to
18 have a grant to the Town for the consultant about our
19 emergency plan, which I cannot even believe, another
20 comment for FERC, that this was approved without an
21 emergency plan, without an evacuation plan in the first
22 place.

23 I would like for Brookfield to be able to
24 hire a consultant, an environmental consultant to watch

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1 this construction, our choice, answers only to Brookfield,
2 but paid for by Iroquois, so we just mail you the bill. I
3 think that's the fair way of doing it. I think that has
4 to be done, so we are protected, because when this pipe
5 was put in before, we know you were fined, we know that
6 there were huge problems, so we don't believe you. We
7 don't believe.

8 And this second compressor station. We
9 don't believe you anymore, so whatever you tell us, we're
10 not going to believe. We need to have our own consultant,
11 hired by Brookfield, except for you should pay the bill,
12 because our taxes shouldn't have to pay for this. As Mr.
13 Curly pointed out, we're not getting any benefit, so
14 that's what I'm asking for, is that we have an independent
15 consultant and a team of people to inspect and to go
16 through this. And I'd also like to have, after these are
17 built, and I asked for this the first time, too, to have
18 environmental consultants of our own, who can run testing
19 and air testing, because, as I said, our children are in
20 this building, our children are on those fields, we're
21 living around this, we're breathing this air.

22 And when that vents, it doesn't just
23 dissipate into the atmosphere. It dissipates into our
24 lungs, so we should also be able to have our own

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1 independent testing at, you know, once a year, twice a
2 year, on Brookfield, separate from yours, but paid for by
3 Iroquois, and that's what I'm asking for.

4 And do you have a full evacuation plan yet?
5 Not yet? Evacuation plan in the event of a catastrophe.

6

7 MR. PERLESS: -- part of the emergency plan
8 that the Town has.

9 MS. SWIFT: Okay, so, there is one on file
10 now?

11 MR. PERLESS: I believe so. Ruth, for the
12 existing facilities, as they exist today, there is an
13 evacuation plan.

14 MS. SWIFT: Because were told last time
15 there was none.

16 MR. PERLESS: That's the Town's plan, and I
17 can't speak to what is in that emergency plan. A lot of
18 times, the towns will keep that confidential, so I can't -
19 -

20 MS. SWIFT: No. It's public record.

21 MR. PERLESS: Certain towns will keep it
22 confidential.

23 MS. SWIFT: They can't.

24 MR. PERLESS: Well, for obvious reasons,

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1 security reasons, some towns keep it confidential. I
2 don't know what the Town of Brookfield has done.

3 MS. SWIFT: Okay. All right. And, as I
4 said, we're going to push for that independent consultant,
5 because we deserve that. We're being stuck with this, you
6 know?

7 COURT REPORTER: One moment, please.

8 MR. FRED STANDT: My name is Fred Standt. I
9 signed in. This is my first meeting. I haven't come to
10 any of the others, because I didn't know that much about
11 it, and I didn't think we were going to win the case. But
12 now that it appears that you're coming here, I came,
13 looking for maybe a better outcome to this whole situation
14 than there appears to be now. I have some questions.

15 All of these compressors and things that
16 you're using are going to be using electricity, is that
17 correct?

18 MR. PERLESS: Well they'll be fueled by
19 natural gas, but they will be using electricity for
20 certain parts of the operation, yes.

21 MR. STANDT: Will you have your own
22 generating capacity?

23 MR. PERLESS: No. We will be buying power
24 from the electric, the local electric utility, however, we

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1 will have backup power in the event of a blackout or power
2 interruption.

3 MR. STANDT: Now I understood that from
4 your presentation, but do you realize that this is a
5 problem in this area, that the State is looking to expand
6 generating power, and that we're very low on as much as we
7 need, and our needs are greatly increasing on a regular
8 basis? How much electricity will you be using relative to
9 that, and have you checked with the electric company?

10 MR. PERLESS: Yes, we have.

11 MR. STANDT: That there's enough?

12 MR. PERLESS: Yes. There's adequate power
13 on the lines that come down to the facility to be able to
14 meet the needs of the facility.

15 MR. STANDT: I have a question. How did
16 you get to Commack, Long Island?

17 MR. PERLESS: It's via, on the original
18 mainline construction in the early '90s, it's via a
19 crossing of the Long Island Sound that begins in Milford
20 and crosses the Long Island Sound and comes ashore on Long
21 Island in Northport, Long Island, and then travels on a
22 LIPA, Long Island Power Authority, right of way
23 approximately 10 miles to South Commack.

24 MR. STANDT: That's a preexisting pipeline

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1 there.

2 MR. PERLESS: That's been in place since
3 1992.

4 MR. STANDT: Is that sufficient size, or
5 are you going to have to increase the size of that?

6 MR. PERLESS: To be able to meet the needs
7 of KeySpan for the additional 200,000 decatherms a day, we
8 will need to put in the facilities that I outlined in
9 this. That line going to South Commack will not need to
10 be increased.

11 MR. STANDT: The reason why I ask that is
12 because it's clear that this is not a static thing. This
13 is going to be expanded as the need expands, and,
14 hopefully, the need is going to expand. I mean,
15 certainly, you're not here because you expect it to quiet
16 down, or slow down, or anything like that. I'm sure that
17 the demand will increase, and I'm sure you're sure.

18 As a matter of fact, we're looking at
19 billions and billions of dollars in costs, in revenues,
20 and probably in profits for Iroquois with this question.
21 Some of the things that were said here tonight, Mr.
22 Murphy, he wants to know what's next, because that's what
23 I want to know, too.

24 I would like you to think about this for

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1 just a second for my next question. Do you think that the
2 parents in this town or the town, itself, would have ever
3 built Whisconier School if your proposal was a preexisting
4 thing on this property? Do you think Whisconier School
5 would have been built? Just a question. Did you think
6 about it? Yes, no, you didn't think about it?

7 Well I've thought about it, and it strikes
8 me that either you wouldn't be there, you wouldn't be
9 there, or Whisconier School shouldn't be there. And if
10 you're going to be making billions and billions of
11 dollars, one of the things you can make this town feel
12 better about all of this is buying Whisconier School, and
13 let us build a school elsewhere. Is that a good idea?
14 You work for them. You're not working for us. Okay.

15 You've got to do something. You can't go
16 on the cheek, which is what you've done so far. You
17 started out a little project, and now you're doubling up
18 on it. There's no end to it. God knows what's going to
19 be there 20 years from now, but I won't be there.

20 I don't have to worry about that, but I
21 would like to know that whoever is coming in is
22 recognizing the needs of Brookfield, as well as they're
23 recognizing their own needs, and their capacities to
24 assuage this number one problem, is the school, because I

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1 can tell you this, the parents would have never allowed
2 this school to be built if you were here.

3 That's all I have to say. Thank you very
4 much.

5 MR. GEORGE: My name is Greg George.
6 Question for you.

7 MR. PERLESS: Yes.

8 MR. GEORGE: What's the arc of danger?

9 MR. PERLESS: The potential impact radius.

10 MR. GEORGE: Give me the distance.

11 MR. PERLESS: The potential impact radius
12 is 624 feet, has not changed with the addition of a second
13 compressor.

14 MR. GEORGE: That I find difficult to
15 believe.

16 MR. PERLESS: What has changed is the
17 probability of an event. If an event were to occur, the
18 potential impact radius would be 624 feet.

19 MR. GEORGE: The potential? What was the
20 increase?

21 MR. PERLESS: The probability increased by
22 two-fold, because you're adding a second compressor.
23 However, I will add that on the original report from
24 Keefner and Associates that we had done, and you may have

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1 remembered Mike Rosenfeld speaking about this at the last
2 open house, the -- I just want to look at my notes.

3 MR. GEORGE: I don't think the arc of
4 danger was 650 feet.

5 MR. PERLESS: Six hundred and twenty-four.
6 Yes, it was.

7 MR. GEORGE: It was closer to over 1,000
8 plus. Pardon?

9 A MALE VOICE: That was the Siting
10 Council's expert.

11 MR. GEORGE: The thousand plus? Okay, so,
12 you're saying now -- you're only saying 650, but whatever,
13 so it's even closer and closer, and the probability gets
14 greater and greater.

15 MR. PERLESS: The probability is greater,
16 however, the original probability was an event occurring
17 between one event between 22 hundred years and 6,000
18 years. Cut that in half and it's roughly between 11
19 hundred and 3,000 years. So, yes, the probability is
20 increased by two, however, the --

21 MR. GEORGE: Two percent? Two?

22 MR. PERLESS: I'm sorry?

23 MR. GEORGE: Is it two percent?

24 MR. PERLESS: Well by two-fold.

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1 MR. GEORGE: It doubled?
2 MR. PERLESS: Yeah.
3 MR. GEORGE: Okay.
4 MR. PERLESS: The probability.
5 MR. GEORGE: Now the distance between the
6 two compressors is how much?
7 MR. PERLESS: Between the two stacks it's
8 approximately 150 feet.
9 MR. GEORGE: And from the road?
10 MR. PERLESS: It's on the same plain, so
11 it's the same distance from the road.
12 MR. GEORGE: So it goes to the left or the
13 right? When you're facing, when you're on that road and
14 you're facing that fence that you --
15 MR. PERLESS: There's one to the left and
16 one to the right, but they're both equal distance from the
17 road.
18 MR. GEORGE: Okay, but it's closer to one
19 side or the other?
20 MR. PERLESS: It's further away from the
21 school.
22 MR. GEORGE: It's now closer to carriage
23 homes?
24 MR. PERLESS: Yes.

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1 MR. GEORGE: Okay, so, the arc of danger
2 has changed a little bit?

3 MR. PERLESS: Still outside that 624.
4 Roughly, to the property line at the carriage homes is
5 approximately 800 feet. We're at 624, and it's still the
6 same distance.

7 MR. GEORGE: Okay and this is more to the
8 FERC. I don't know if they're here or who they are. In
9 California, there was abuse of discretion or power placed
10 on you guys. I think this might be a similar situation,
11 and we might pursue that. This is an abuse of their power
12 to say they've already approved the project before it even
13 was on the board. We know that. It's evident, very
14 evident. You got a lot of money from your partners.
15 They're all the oil and the gas companies.

16 There are companies that quite often do not
17 pay their tax bill, so I don't think we're going to get
18 any money in Brookfield. KeySpan owes money to New York.

19 I don't know how much now, but I'm pretty uncomfortable
20 about the credibility, as I said the last time around.

21 I'd like that question answered about the
22 FERC. Why have they said yes? Are you from the FERC?
23 Who is from the FERC? You weren't here the last time,
24 were you? Okay. Do you have your notes? Have you been

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1 adding notes, or have you been scribbling, like the other
2 ones did?

3 A MALE VOICE: I'm taking notes.

4 MR. GEORGE: Thank you.

5 MR. JERRY FREDRICK: Good evening. My name
6 is Jerry Fredrick. I have two relatively simple
7 questions. The first one is what changed in the last year
8 that allowed you to consolidate or shrink down the size of
9 the project?

10 MR. PERLESS: I think we looked at it, at
11 the project from a different perspective. Listening to
12 the concerns of the residents at the last open house, we
13 sat down, the Engineering Department and I, and said how
14 could we minimize the impact of these facilities? How
15 could we reduce the footprint of this facility?

16 We took a proactive approach at looking at
17 that, and we came up with what we think is a great
18 solution to minimize the impact of that facility, that
19 parcel of land.

20 MR. FREDRICK: So there's no technological
21 change?

22 MR. PERLESS: You have 65 acres. You can
23 put the buildings just about in any position. We just sat
24 down with a fresh piece of paper and said how can we

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1 minimize the facilities, and, collectively, we came up
2 with what you've seen here this evening for both the
3 Market Access and the 08/09 project.

4 MR. FREDRICK: Now I'm not an expert, an
5 engineer at all, and I have a little knowledge of
6 compression, and I know what it is. That's about what my
7 knowledge is, but follow my thought here. You have a line
8 coming in from Algonquin, which is at a lower pressure
9 than your Iroquois line, and you're going to take these
10 two lines, and you're going to increase the compression to
11 get them down to Milford. Now based on that logic, and
12 correct me if I'm wrong, since the Algonquin gas doesn't
13 flow in at the same rate and the compression is basically
14 fitting more gas into a smaller space, these units will go
15 on and off, I assume, or the other option is is that
16 you're going to store a certain amount of gas and then run
17 them, and you'll pull from the gas as it's being
18 backfilled in by Algonquin line.

19 Do you have plans to actually store gas on
20 this property?

21 MR. PERLESS: No. What you do is, what you
22 can do is called pack the line, is a term that's used in
23 the gas transmission industry, where you can put gas on
24 the pipeline and put it at a greater pressure and then

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1 turn off your compressors to use it at a later date, or,
2 conversely, if a customer doesn't take his full
3 requirements on any day, they leave more gas on the
4 pipeline and your pressure builds.

5 That's why it's a dynamic system, in the
6 sense that our gas operators have to look at the system on
7 a daily basis and really an hourly basis and see what's
8 happening in the system, where your pressure is
9 increasing, where are they decreasing, because really it's
10 not KeySpan that's dictating how our pipeline operates,
11 but all of the receipt points collectively have to be
12 looked at. And that may mean turning on compressors or
13 off during different time periods, or it may mean simply
14 running them flat out for the 24-hour period or gas day.

15 It really depends how the gas is flowing,
16 where the gas is going to on any given day, and it's not -
17 - there's no set answer for that. There's a multitude of
18 variations that can take place on how that would
19 transpire.

20 MR. FREDRICK: I understand that. I lack
21 the ability to understand how you can run them constantly
22 if your incoming is slower than your outgoing, your
23 pressure, so you have to wait for the gas to get there, so
24 you can compress it, so you can push it out.

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1 MR. PERLESS: Generally, you move it over a
2 24-hour period, so if it's 200,000, it's 200,000 divided
3 by 24, and you're looking at it on an hourly basis, and
4 that's how you're moving the gas. In actuality, there's
5 peaks and demands given throughout the day. A residential
6 homeowner comes home and turns on his furnace.

7 I worked for Southern Connecticut Gas in
8 their Gas Control Department for many years, and,
9 typically, you'll see your peak periods from 5:00 a.m. to
10 8:00 a.m. and then, again, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., as
11 people come home and turn on their furnaces. So it's sort
12 of like a sign wave.

13 The gas operator has to look at what's
14 happening in the market, what's happening in the pipeline,
15 and match our facilities to be able to meet the needs and
16 deliver the requirements to all of our end users.

17 MR. FREDERICK: Then hopefully alleviate
18 some concerns of people here. During the period of, say,
19 8:00 in the morning to 4:00 in the afternoon, how much?

20 MR. PERLESS: It could run during that time
21 period. It could run for 24 hours. It could run for two
22 hours. I really can't say, because the market conditions
23 would dictate.

24 MR. FREDERICK: So it depends the time of

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1 year.

2 MR. PERLESS: It could be all peaking, or
3 you'd see it only in the winter. You may see nothing in
4 the summer, or it could be 365 days a year. That's how
5 KeySpan, or, in the Market Access Project, Con Edison,
6 wants to utilize this contract. They have a multitude of
7 contracts and a multitude of ways to move gas into their
8 regional markets.

9 They may decide to move gas on another
10 pipeline that day, because the gas from the Gulf is
11 cheaper than the gas from Canada, so it's really a dynamic
12 system. There's no set answer. It's really what the
13 market is doing on any given day on how our system is
14 going to operate.

15 MR. FREDERICK: Thank you.

16 MR. PERLESS: You're welcome.

17 MR. JOHN GARVEY: Hi. My name is John
18 Garvey. One of the questions I certainly have is the
19 evacuation plan for the school. If there were a gas leak,
20 is there something here at the school where they would
21 know first that there's a leak, because those are the most
22 people that would be in harm, harm's way. So that's
23 something that needs to be resolved.

24 I realize you have this land, you're able

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1 to do whatever you want with it, basically, if it's
2 approved by the FERC, and I see you can put as many of
3 these things in as you want. I don't know what's limiting
4 you guys from doing that, so it's a real problem.

5 Personally, I think the Town has totally
6 missed the boat here, because what the Town needs to do is
7 go after the FERC, if they're acting irrational and
8 continuing to allow these type of facilities to go in near
9 a school.

10 As Fred Standt said before, maybe we should
11 move the school, because this doesn't fit. This is not a
12 fit, a school next to this type of facility. Now,
13 personally, I have nothing against Iroquois. I think you
14 guys are in business to make money. That's what you're
15 looking to do, or else you wouldn't be in business, and
16 the problem here in Brookfield is you guys can keep
17 expanding.

18 I know you guys were here last year. I was
19 at the meeting last year. My first question was how many
20 facilities can you put here? We don't know. We don't
21 know what our time frame. Other people said you guys came
22 out and said, oh, we're not going to be doing anything.

23 What I heard was you guys you don't have a
24 time frame. You just don't know, based on market

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1 conditions. So there's a lot of issues, and I think the
2 big issue is, if the FERC is going to go out and approve
3 these things and keep approving, then, one, there better
4 be a good evacuation system in place for the kids here,
5 because one of the problems, too, is I don't know if
6 there's enough buses here to get kids out of here. There
7 should be something directly hooked with the school, where
8 if there's just a small amount of gas leak that it's not
9 acceptable, that the kids can be taken out of harm's way.

10 MR. PERLESS: And we're working with the
11 Town right now on that.

12 MR. GARVEY: Well that needs to be
13 resolved. It even needs to be resolved right now. It's
14 not something for the future. You already have a facility
15 here, and if there's a potential gas leak, I think the
16 Town should know and the kids should know what the
17 evacuation procedure is to get out of harm's way.

18 My daughter goes here to school, and
19 there's other children that go here, and I know she hasn't
20 done anything for an evacuation plan if there's a gas
21 leak. I haven't heard anything from her or other people
22 related to that. I think that's something your company
23 should definitely be -- shouldn't be a problem for you if
24 you want to resolve some of the Town's issues.

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1 You have this facility, and the FERC seems
2 to want to approve any project you want to put in. Thank
3 you.

4 MR. TOM BEECHER: Mr. Perless, Tom Beecher
5 for the record. Just one question, if you could answer
6 it, so that I, a non-engineer, can understand. You've got
7 this junction of Iroquois and Algonquin. You have
8 approval for a 77 hundred horsepower compressor station
9 already. Why do you need the second compressor station to
10 compress the same gas from the Algonquin line into your
11 line heading south?

12 MR. PERLESS: The Market Access or the
13 recently approved project for Con Edison is to move
14 100,000 decatherms a day for Con Edison. That compressor
15 was sized appropriately for that project, for the 100,000.
16 Subsequently, KeySpan came to us and said we need
17 200,000. That existing facility would not meet the needs
18 of both of those, Con Edison and KeySpan combined, of a
19 total combination of 300,000 decatherms.

20 As such, you need more compression to
21 transfer more gas from Algonquin to the Iroquois
22 facilities.

23 MR. BEECHER: Well if the 10,300 is
24 sufficient for 200 decatherms, is there a one-size

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1 compression that would take care of the transportation of
2 300 decatherms?

3 MR. PERLESS: It would be a combination of
4 the two, so approximately 17, 18,000 horsepower.

5 MR. BEECHER: Well I'm just curious from a
6 safety standpoint, as to whether we have one compressor
7 station with a slightly larger turbine set, as opposed to
8 the two that you proposed, because, originally, you were
9 going to have the 10,300-size unit, which was then reduced
10 to the 77 hundred-unit.

11 MR. PERLESS: That's correct.

12 COURT REPORTER: Could you just spell your
13 last name for me, sir?

14 MR. BEECHER: Yes. It's B-E-E-C-H-E-R.

15 MR. GEORGE: Greg George again. Just one
16 question. Are we going to be able to -- one last
17 question. Will we be able to go on the land again and you
18 do your presentation, as to where the layout is, or
19 approximate layout?

20 MR. PERLESS: Yes. I believe that will be
21 part of -- that was with the Connecticut Siting Council,
22 and they're planning to hold scoping sessions. A
23 timetable hasn't been set, but that will be part of their
24 hearings. I believe, last time, we did a field visit to

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1 both.

2 MR. GEORGE: Both locations.

3 MR. PERLESS: Now the Vale Road site isn't
4 on the drawing plate, so it would be just to the High
5 Meadow Road site, and then I believe, later that evening,
6 they had a scoping session in the Brookfield High School.

7 MR. GEORGE: Yes. Will we be having
8 another one like that?

9 MR. PERLESS: The Connecticut Siting
10 Council has said, yes, that they want to hold a scoping
11 session.

12 MR. GEORGE: Can we define the day that
13 happens?

14 MR. PERLESS: That hasn't been set yet.

15 MR. GEORGE: Can we set the date?

16 MR. PERLESS: That's the Connecticut Siting
17 Council runs. That's their avenue for this project, and
18 they set the dates on that.

19 MR. GEORGE: So we have no say in when we
20 set the date?

21 MR. PERLESS: You can contact the
22 Connecticut Siting Council and ask them.

23 MR. GEORGE: Connecticut Siting Council,
24 okay.

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1 MR. PERLESS: Additionally, the FERC will
2 hold a scoping session, and those dates should be
3 available in the coming weeks.

4 MR. GEORGE: Does the FERC know when that's
5 going to happen?

6 MR. PERLESS: I don't believe they do.

7 MR. GEORGE: I'd like them to talk.

8 MR. RICH MCGUIRE: My name is Rich McGuire.
9 I'm from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. I'm a
10 Project Manager with the Commission. We are in the
11 process of -- this is early in our review of this project.
12 We have not set a scoping meeting, but we do intend on
13 having a scoping meeting for this particular compressor
14 station expansion.

15 MR. GEORGE: Can we be given at least two
16 months' notice to organize?

17 MR. MCGUIRE: We anticipate having the
18 notice go out this month, and we anticipate a scoping
19 meeting in June.

20 MR. GEORGE: Thank you.

21 MS. RICCI: Mary Ellen Ricci.

22 COURT REPORTER: Can you spell your last
23 name for me, please?

24 MS. RICCI: R-I-C-C-I. Since Mr. Murphy

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1 didn't know, do you know why you're not paying your tax
2 burden?

3 MR. PERLESS: That's the first I heard of
4 that issue.

5 MS. RICCI: FERC, is there something that
6 happens with when you have somebody that's in a gas
7 company? Do they get a tax break? Is there somebody that
8 can answer that in the company?

9 MR. PERLESS: I think we pay the taxes that
10 are set by the --

11 MS. RICCI: You don't. You don't.

12 MR. PERLESS: Have we not paid the taxes?

13 MS. RICCI: You don't.

14 MR. PERLESS: To tell you the truth, this
15 is the first I've heard of that issue.

16 MS. RICCI: Who is going to man the
17 security surveillance camera? Who's going to watch?

18 MR. PERLESS: Our gas controllers in
19 Shelton.

20 MS. RICCI: There's nobody going to be on
21 site?

22 MR. PERLESS: All of our facilities are
23 built to be unmanned facilities, and so there will be no
24 one on site, however, we will have people reporting to

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1 this two to three times a week during operations, and, if
2 we move our Oxford facility to this facility and build the
3 office building and warehouse, we will have people
4 reporting there every day, however, a timetable for that
5 project has not been established.

6 MS. RICCI: Thank you.

7 MR. PERLESS: You're welcome.

8 MR. STEVE KOHLHASE: Hi. My name is Steve
9 Kohlhase. Just for the record, I've been involved with
10 the project right from the beginning. I want to make sure
11 that all the comments that the Town and neighbors and
12 school children are put into FERC and to the different
13 submittals, all are carried over into this phase, and
14 they're all on record.

15 I'm really not going to be submitting it
16 for the third time, so I'd like to make sure that that
17 occurs.

18 Secondly, Mr. Curly did mention that there
19 is no benefit to the Town of Brookfield. Assuming we do
20 get a fair share on taxes, maybe that's about the only
21 thing, but road systems and other things are not going to
22 be improved because of this project, other than the roads
23 that go down into the plant. Maybe they're destroyed by,
24 you know, construction equipment and things.

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1 One of the things that was mentioned today
2 is the grant that Iroquois is going to give the Town of
3 Brookfield to do the emergency evacuation planning. My
4 concern is that could be a very small part of the cost of
5 what comes out of the planning. If the Town needs to
6 incur costs for additional means of access to the site
7 because the Emergency Preparedness Plan requires that,
8 let's say a fire truck, or emergency equipment, or
9 emergency services, who is going to bear the cost of that?

10 That could be far outweighing any of the
11 costs, any of the recovery of taxes for a few years. I'd
12 like to have an answer on that somewhere along the way. I
13 don't know if, Rob, you have it tonight.

14 MR. PERLESS: I don't have it.

15 MR. KOHLHASE: But I would like an answer
16 and response on that from the team, some of the folks back
17 here I've known for awhile. I'd really like to get a
18 response on that. Thank you.

19 COURT REPORTER: Spell your last name for
20 me, please?

21 MR. KOHLHASE: Sure. K-O-H-L-H-A-S-E, 19
22 Dairy Farm.

23 MR. MATTHEW GRIMES: Hi. My name is
24 Matthew Grimes. Can you show me where the backup

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1 electrical facility is located on the site? Since
2 failures can occur at all different levels, does it make
3 any sense from a design standpoint to put that outside of
4 that 620-foot range, so that the site will always have
5 electrical available if they have to go in there and
6 repair something because of a failure?

7 MR. PERLESS: I'm not sure I understand
8 your question.

9 MR. GRIMES: You talked about a 620-foot
10 arc, a failure, and since that's a maximum arc and
11 failures can happen at all different ranges, does it make
12 any sense from a design standpoint to move that facility
13 further away?

14 MR. PERLESS: No. Typically, a gas
15 compressor station everything is located within that
16 potential impact radius. You don't spread out your
17 facilities.

18 MR. GRIMES: But since that's supposed to
19 be a backup facility in case of a failure, wouldn't it
20 make sense from a design standpoint to move that further
21 away? You might want to think about it.

22 MR. PERLESS: Well, if there's no further
23 questions, we'll be around for a little bit longer, and I
24 thank you for your questions. All this is transcribed.

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1 The transcriptions will be given to the FERC, and we'll be
2 around a little longer to answer any questions you may
3 have. Thank you.

4 (Whereupon, the meeting was concluded at
5 8:00 p.m.)